

September 8, 2026

# WISE ACADEMY NEWS



## IXL DIAGNOSTIC WINDOW

IXL fall benchmark window is now open!!!!

**September 8 - October 2**

Please have your student(s) log in to complete their math & ELA levels by "Stepping into the arena" (see pic 1)

You will know they are done when there are stars at the end of each of the strands on the assessment graphic & a score at the bottom of it rather than a range. (See pic 2)

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Discover your math and ELA levels!

The Diagnostic shows you what you know and what to work on next.

Step into the arena >

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### Math



### FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

\*Remember to spread it out so students aren't spending too much time per day on it.

\*Please make sure your student(s) take it seriously as we look at this data as a school.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September

18<sup>th</sup> - State Fish Hatchery @ Wild Rose 9:00 - 12:00

23<sup>rd</sup> - Hispanic Heritage Month @ Milwaukee Public Museum 11:00  
**RSVP by Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**

23<sup>rd</sup> - Industry Tour = PBS Station @ Milwaukee 2:00 - 3:00  
**RSVP by Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**

24<sup>th</sup> - Hearthstone Historic Museum @ Appleton 10:00 - 12:00

### October

2<sup>nd</sup> - World Dairy Expo @ Madison  
**RSVP by Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**

8<sup>th</sup> - Bushell & a Peck Apple Orchard @ Chippewa Falls

13<sup>th</sup> - Learn Build Fly @ Wausau Airport 10:00 - 2:00

15<sup>th</sup> - Team Building/Nature Hike @ McKenzie Center Poynette 10:00 - 1:00  
**RSVP by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**

20<sup>th</sup> - Sugar Skull! Musical @ Appleton 12:30 - 2:30

27<sup>th</sup> - Annie @ Madison 10:00 - 12:45  
**RSVP by Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Sign up here**

## CELEBRATING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

In honor of America's 250th anniversary since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, let's celebrate the U.S. Constitution—one of the world's most enduring governing documents. Students will explore how the Constitution serves as America's social contract, uniting people around shared ideals of liberty, justice, equality, and the rule of law. Below are some free lesson plans for students of all ages.

### Our Class Constitution: The Rules That Unite Us

[Grades K - 2](#)

Students learn that the Constitution is an important document with rules that is a shared agreement about how Americans are to treat each other. (May need to be adapted for in-home use.)

### We the People: Constitution Day & the Social Contract That Unites Us

[Grades 3-5](#)

Students learn why Constitution Day is observed on September 17th and how the U.S. Constitution helps organize government, protect rights, and unite people under shared rules.

### The U.S. Constitution & Bill of Rights

[Grades 6-12](#)

Introduces students to the origins of the U.S. Constitution, why it was written, and how it created the framework for the United States government.

### We the People & the Constitution's Preamble

[Grades 6-12](#)

Interesting and essential ideas about the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution.

### RESPONSE NEEDED

Reminder to read & fill out the [WISE Academy Family Contract form](#). Please fill out electronically (link in 1 paragraph) or print & sign and send a picture to your teacher by September 18, 2026.

### ORDERING UPDATE

In case you ordered Math-U-See curriculum & it hasn't arrived, you are not alone. We are experiencing delays of this product through multiple vendors.



### ROBERTO CLEMENTE ART CONTEST

Reminder about the Brewers sponsored student art contest.

Artwork **must be submitted by September 16<sup>th</sup>** to be officially entered. Submit artwork by [clicking here](#).

More info on [last week's newsletter](#).



### CONTACT INFO

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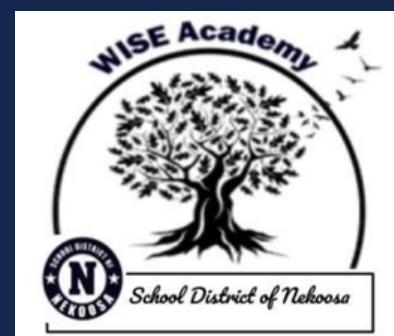
[Madison Skusevich](#)

[Jeremy Radtke](#)

[Mandy Tuttle, Student Services Secretary](#)

### [WISE Year at a Glance](#)

### [WISE Webpage](#)



# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



## Independent Phy Ed

 Still looking for a **Physical Education** option for your high school student? WISE has you covered! WISE teacher Madison Skusevich is offering an independent PE course through **Google Classroom** this semester—giving students the flexibility to stay active while learning about their overall health and wellness. Each week, students will complete an **activity log** and **reflect on the 8 Dimensions of Wellness**, building healthy habits and meaningful self-awareness along the way. The semester will wrap up with a **final wellness project** that makes a great addition to a high school portfolio!

 **Interested? Reach out to your WISE teacher to learn more and get signed up!**

 **Class begins Tuesday, September 8!**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Warren's Cranberry Fest is in need of volunteers to help with **CranFest Marsh Tours!**  
(9/25-9/27)

How Your High School Student Can Help

- Sign up for a shift: [CranFest Marsh Tour Sign-Up 2026](#)
- Include their T-shirt size in the sign-up for a **FREE T-shirt!**
- No need to be an expert! They will provide information and guidance before the event, and there will be plenty of people available to help with questions.



## CAREER EXPLORATION - AGRICULTURE

### World Dairy Expo

 **Step Into the World of Dairy!** Join WISE at World Dairy Expo in Madison on October 2nd for an exciting day exploring dairy cattle, innovative technology, equipment, and the many careers connecting agriculture, science, business, engineering, and skilled trades. 🌐 🐮

**RSVP [HERE](#) by 9/25 to reserve your spot!**

### Fall Harvest Day - Career Development Opportunity

Get an **up-close look** at how some of Wisconsin's most recognized crops make their way from the field to market - and **discover the people, technology, and careers that make it happen!**

*Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-1 pm in Hancock. Lunch provided. 11th & 12th graders only*

[See Event Flyer Here](#)

**Email your teacher for info on how to register for this event!**



# SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Durable Skill of the Month:

## COMMUNICATION

Each month, WISE is going to highlight a "Durable Skill" for students and families to focus on! These durable skills come from *America Succeeds*' skill wheel and represent the essential skills that help students thrive in school, careers, and life. Through activities, field trips, and family connections, students will have opportunities to practice and strengthen these skills throughout the month!

Click [Here](#) to visit *America Succeeds* to learn more!

This month's focus is **Communication**! Communication is one of the most valuable skills students can develop for both school and the workplace. Whether they are sharing an idea, collaborating with a team, or listening to understand others, students use communication skills every day!

### FIELD TRIP CONNECTIONS

#### Communication:

Join us on our field trip to the **PBS Studio** in Milwaukee to explore the world of television production, discover how educational media is created, and experience behind-the-scenes broadcasting in action! (Ages 12+)

#### Hispanic Heritage Month:

Travel with WISE to the **Milwaukee Public Museum** for a guided tour, highlighting the rich histories, cultures, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month! (All ages welcome)

[Sign up here](#)

This month is

## Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 - October 15

#### Hispanic Heritage Month

celebrates the histories, cultures, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities. It is an opportunity to learn from the stories and experiences of others.

### WAYS TO LEARN AT HOME

#### Communication:

- **Share Your Day** - Take turns sharing a highlight and a challenge while practicing active listening.
- **Read & Discuss** - Read together and talk about the main ideas, characters, or lessons.
- **Write with Purpose** - Encourage thank-you notes, letters, emails, or journaling.

#### Hispanic Heritage Month:

- **Visit** - Click [here](#) for a virtual field trip to the Smithsonian Latino Center
- **Read and Watch** - Enjoy books, poetry, or films created by Hispanic and Latino artists and writers. Click [here](#) for a recommended book list from MPM
- **Create** - Cook traditional recipes: Make dishes like empanadas, tacos, or tres leches cake. Click [here](#) for easy recipes!

**CHALLENGE:** Snap a photo of your student learning about these spotlights & send it to their teacher to be featured in a future newsletter!