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# WISE ACADEMY NEWS

## FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

On Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, WISE families traveled to Bruce Mound for a day of fun in the snow - tubing, snowboarding, & skiing. It was a beautiful day with excellent conditions. Everyone had a great time!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February

10<sup>th</sup> - The Hobbit @ Madison

10<sup>th</sup> - Antarctic Science @ virtual

16<sup>th</sup> - Tommy Bartlett Exploratory  
@ Wisconsin Dells

26<sup>th</sup> - Pirate School @ Appleton

### March

4<sup>th</sup> - Maple Syrup Class @ Poynette

5<sup>th</sup> - GROW greenhouse @ LaCrosse

13<sup>th</sup> - Drum Tao @ Appleton

24<sup>th</sup> - Geology Museum @ Madison

27<sup>th</sup> - Jurustic Park & Wildwood  
Zoo @ Marshfield

[Sign up here](#)

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is a time for us to honor the, often overlooked, contributions, struggles, and achievements of African Americans throughout U.S. history.

Vel Phillips was a prominent figure in Wisconsin. She was the:

- first woman & first Black person elected to Milwaukee's Common Council
- first Black woman judge in Wisconsin
- first Black person to serve as Secretary of State

In 2024 a statue of her was unveiled at the WI State Capitol.

Check out this [PBS documentary on Vel Phillips](#)



## Literacy

Here are some fun ways to celebrate:

**100 Days Smarter** – Students have been learning for 100 days, so encourage them to write down how they're 100 days smarter than they were when school started.

**100 Words** – Challenge kids to write 100 words with a particular theme (words about school, words that start with the letter A, words about family, etc.).

Also, check out [this book list](#) for some fun reads about the 100th Day!

[Click here](#) for some other fun ideas.



IXL MID-YEAR BENCHMARK

The mid-year benchmark window in IXL is open

now - February 16th

- Get started now so it can be spaced out.
- Please remind students to take their time & do their best as we look at this data as a school.

## Math

**Graphing & Sorting** – Have kids graph a set of 100 items, such as pom-poms, Skittles, acrylic gems or any other colorful items. Count out batches of 100 and have kids sort them by color and graph their findings.

**100-Item Necklaces** – Kids count out 100 Fruit Loops or colorful beads to string onto a necklace, creating a unique (and even edible) treasure.

**Guessing Game** – Fill jars and containers (of various sizes and shapes) with different items. Some should contain 100 items, while others contain more or fewer. Students try to figure out which jars have 100 items in them.

Have older learners? [Here's some](#) geared for middle school or high school.



WISE FACEBOOK PAGE

If you haven't checked it out yet, go to the

[WISE Facebook Group](#)

We are using this as a marketplace to get inventory moved around to different families.

This is a private group, so only members can see or post. Please request to join if interested.

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# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Looking for help to build a resume? Utilizing YouScience technology, students will form a resume fit for any job, scholarship, or college application they desire!

Upon booking, students will receive a login to YouScience's aptitude discovery portal and interest inventory to help drive our work together. It is asked that students complete these activities (amounting to 90 minutes or less) prior to our meeting.

Please reach out to your family's WISE teacher with questions. [Click here to sign up](#) to meet with one of our WISE Teachers, Madison Skusevich, for a 1-on-1 resume workshop.

Have questions about college or want to hear directly from current students and admissions representatives?

Meet representatives from a wide range of colleges and universities, including public, private, in-state, and out-of-state schools.

Rural Peer Advisors, who are current college students from rural Wisconsin, will also be available to share their experiences and answer questions.

## COLLEGE 2 U ROADSHOW

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4  
4-6 PM

@Nekoosa High School  
500 S Cedar St, Nekoosa

### Attending Colleges & Universities

Bellin College  
Carroll University  
Northern Michigan University  
Notre Dame  
Ripon College

University of Chicago  
UW-Eau Claire  
UW-Green Bay  
UW-Madison  
UW-Oshkosh  
UW-River Falls  
UW-Stevens Point

**FREE  
EVENT!**

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and more!



- ✓ College-going info session
- ✓ Meet current rural college students
- ✓ Talk to admissions representatives

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