November 23, 2026

WISE ACADEMY NEWS

FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

On November 16th, WISE families saw the 360 All-Star Urban Circus at the Performing Arts Center in Appleton. Performances included singing/rapping, drumming, breakdancing, BMX biking, basketball juggling/dribbling, & Cyr wheel (acrobatics). They had students clapping, laughing, & amazed!

Check out this video (50 sec) that shows the performers.



On November 17th, WISE families visited the HH Bennett Studio & Museum in Wisconsin Dells. It offered WISE a great program that taught students about local Wisconsin Dells history, how photography has changed over time, and Native American influences in Wisconsin history! Students created art using the contrast of dark and light, completed a scavenger hunt of primary and secondary sources, and learned about different Native American tribes and their use of animal hides.

Did you miss this trip but want to learn more about Wisconsin Dells history, the evolution of photography, and Native American influences? HH Bennett offers a great lesson for students in grades 2-12 on "Understanding Sources through Photographic Analysis." Check it out here to print and try at home!



UPCOMING EVENTS

December

1st - WI Herd Basketball @ Oshkosh 11:30 **CLOSED**

2nd - Internet Safety for Students & Parents with Detective Blanke @ Virtual 10:00

4th - Native American Heritage Celebration @ Nekoosa 10:00

5th - Nutcracker Ballet @ Wausau 1:30 **CLOSED**

15th - Christmas Carol @ Madison 10:00 **CLOSED**

16th - Nutcracker Ballet @ Oshkosh 1:00 **RSVP by Dec. 1st**

January

28th - Bill Blagg - The Science of Magic @ Appleton 12:30
RSVP by Dec. 3rd

May

14th - Year End Celebration @ Dells

Sign up here

E-SPORTS

High schoolers - are you interested in joining an Esports team? WISE is partnering with Nekoosa High School to bring this exciting opportunity to us.

Games offered are:

- Fortnite (Trios)
- Rocket league (3v3)
- Marvel Rivals (5v5)

Teams will need alternates and substitutes, so its okay if the team sizes don't line up exactly.

The details will be determined as the teams are formed. As of now, Fortnite competitions are planned for Tuesdays or Wednesdays (we won't know what day we have until after registration closes). Start times would be anywhere between 3:45 to 4:30.

Please indicate your interest by filling out this Esports Interest form **by November 30** so we can answer any questions before the registration closes on Wednesday, December 2nd at 5 PM.

MID-YEAR LITERACY & REFLECTION MTGS.

It's getting to be that time of year...

As we approach December & January, teachers will be sending out email sign-ups for

- mid-year literacy screening for students in K - 3rd grade to be done in December
- mid-year student reflection meetings

Watch your emails for these in the next weeks.

INTERNET REIMBURSEMENT

Just a reminder that WISE will reimburse up to $450 per family through family expenditures to subsidize the cost of remote learning.

You need to have 3 months of internet bills. Complete the google form & upload pictures of the bills **by Dec. 11th**.

Click here for more info & for a link to the form.

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WISE Year at a Glance

WISE Webpage

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY

WISE is partnering with Nekoosa High School to bring a dual credit opportunity to our high schoolers. **Introduction to Business** will run 2nd semester (January 19 - May 27). Successful completion of this course will earn you 3 credits for the Introduction to Business course at Mid-State Technical College.

Course description

Introduction to Business	9-12	No Prerequisite	¾ Credit

Interested in how businesses actually run—and what it takes to be successful in today's world? This course provides an overview of how businesses operate and are managed in a modern economy. Students will explore different forms of business ownership and examine key business functions, including production, marketing, finance, human resources, and management. Emphasis is placed on understanding how these areas work together to support business success. This course is ideal for students considering a future in business or anyone looking to build real-world knowledge and skills that apply to almost any career path.

This course is offered as dual credit through MSTC if taken as a freshman*, sophomore, junior or senior. Successful completion of this course will earn you 3 credits for the Introduction to Business course.

*Freshmen must receive permission from the Business Teacher in order to sign up for this class.

Business Management & Administration **Finance** MID-STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Interested? Want more information? Fill out this quick Google Form to help us gather information. One of the WISE staff members will reach out to you with more information.



NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Durable skills are the essential skills that help us succeed in school, work, and everyday life. They include skills like communication, critical thinking, collaboration, adaptability, and problem-solving. Unlike skills tied to one specific job or subject, durable skills can be used anywhere, anytime, and throughout life.
At WISE, we focus on giving students real-world opportunities to practice, strengthen, and apply these skills through learning, activities, field trips, and everyday experiences.

Durable Skill of the Month:

CRITICAL THINKING

Critical Thinking is the ability to ask questions, analyze information, consider different perspectives, and make thoughtful decisions. For WISE students, this might look like **solving a challenging problem, evaluating information, exploring new ideas, or figuring out how to approach a task when there isn't just one right answer.** Through everyday learning and real-world experiences, students build confidence in their ability to think independently and make informed choices.

VIDEO RESOURCES:

Critical Thinking: 4 Ways to Think Like a Detective (2:47 video) - any age
Critical Thinking Activity for Kids: Mystery Riddles (6:44 video) - elementary
Critical Thinking Riddles for Kids (5:07 video) - middle/high school
5 Tips to Improve Your Critical Thinking (4:29 video) - middle/high school
What is Critical Thinking? (2:29 video) - middle/high school



WISE celebrates **Native American Heritage Month!**

Here's an amazing video resource for you to include Native American studies into your homes this month:

Tribal Histories - a PBS Wisconsin video collection featuring different tribal storytellers sharing the culture and oral traditions that have shaped their communities across generations. The series of half-hour programs presents the histories of **all eleven** federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands located in Wisconsin, plus one tribe that is seeking to regain its federal status.

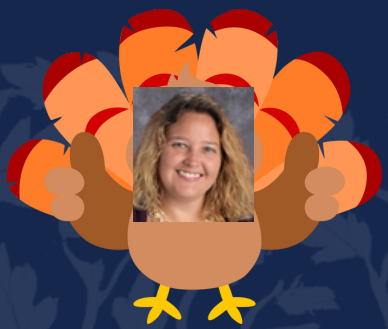
The 11 federally recognized American Indian tribes in WI are:

1. Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
2. Forest County Potawatomi Community
3. Ho-Chunk Nation
4. Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
5. Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
6. Sokaogon Chippewa Community (Mole Lake Band)
7. Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
8. Oneida Nation
9. Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
10. St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
11. Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

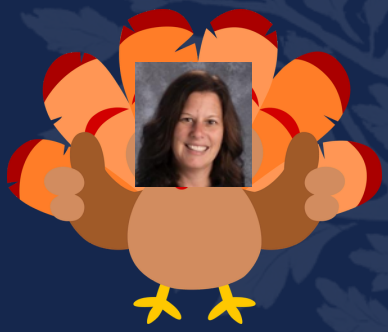
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The WISE Academy is very thankful that you are a part of our WISE family! We appreciate your partnership & dedication to your child's/children's education.

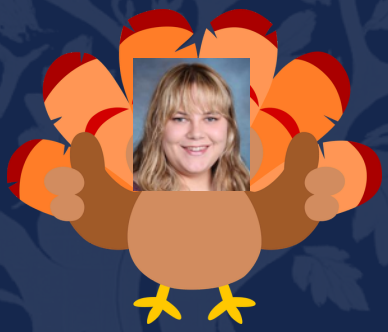
Happy Thanksgiving from the WISE staff!



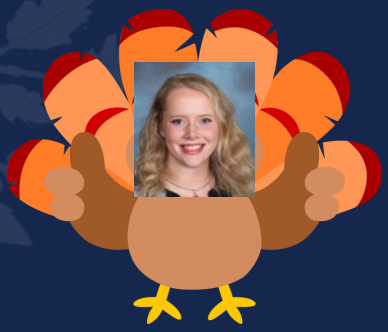
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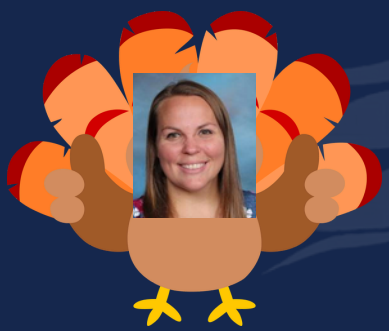
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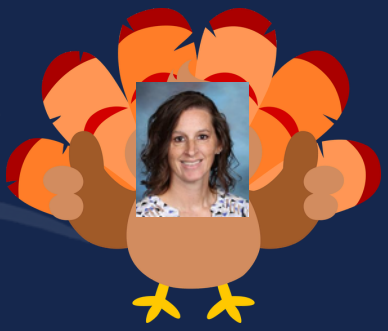
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