

September 1, 2026

WISE ACADEMY NEWS

WELCOME OR WELCOME BACK!!!!

Welcome to the official start of the 2026/27 school year!

Welcome back to all of our returning families & welcome to WISE to all of our new families!

This newsletter comes out every Monday that we have school. It is filled with information, resources, & fun!

WELCOME

PARENT SQUARE



Watch your email for an invitation from ParentSquare. This is the platform we use to send communications to your email, text, and/or in the app. You may set your notification preferences when you create your account. We do not recommend using the Digest setting because communications are more readily missed. Using immediate notifications means that you will receive messages when they are sent out, rather than digested once a week. You can reset this preference anytime.

STUDENT ART CONTEST: CELEBRATE ROBERTO CLEMENTE'S LEGACY

The Milwaukee Brewers are inviting Wisconsin students to participate in an art contest celebrating the legacy and core values of Roberto Clemente.

Students are encouraged to create an original piece of artwork that demonstrates Clemente's commitment to:

- Understanding the value of helping others
- Sportsmanship
- Community involvement

Three student winners will have the opportunity to be recognized on-field at a Brewers game on Friday, September 25, with the first-place winner also getting the chance to throw out the ceremonial first pitch!

Artwork **must be submitted by Wednesday, September 16**, to be officially entered into the contest. You can submit artwork by [clicking here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

18th - State Fish Hatchery @ Wild Rose 9:00 - 12:00

23rd - Hispanic Heritage Month @ Milwaukee Public Museum 11:00
RSVP by Sept. 9th

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

24th - Hearthstone Historic Museum @ Appleton 10:00 - 12:00

[Sign up here](#)





IXL

Our IXL Benchmark diagnostic window will be open **September 8 - October 2**.

IXL can be a valuable tool to support your student's learning and help build confidence in math and reading/language arts. One of the biggest benefits is that students can practice skills at their own pace and receive immediate feedback, allowing them to learn from mistakes and try again right away.

Regular practice on IXL can help students strengthen skills they have already learned while also identifying areas where they may need additional practice. Because students receive questions that adjust to their level, they can work on skills that are appropriately challenging without feeling overwhelmed.

Consistent practice helps students build fluency, develop problem-solving skills, and become more confident in their abilities. IXL is not meant to replace instruction, but rather to reinforce learning, provide additional practice, and give students another opportunity to build the skills they need for success.

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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.

AMAZON ORDERS



Just a friendly reminder that our educational Amazon doesn't work like the 2 day delivery you're used to with a personal account. We have an approval process to go through before we can even order. So, please be patient with Amazon (really any) orders!

CALENDARS



Here's a link to the [26/27 school calendar](#) for the Nekoosa school district.

Here's a link to [WISE's Year at a Glance calendar](#). This calendar will always be linked to this newsletter.



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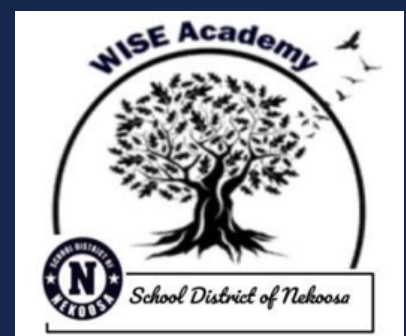
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SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

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!