

March 2, 2026

WISE ACADEMY NEWS

FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

On Thursday, February 26, students attended Pirate School - The Science of Pirates at the PAC in Appleton. They set sail on a STEAM-filled voyage at a place where pirates and science collide. Captain David Engel turned atmospheric pressure, simple machines, and the physics of sailing into a swashbuckling adventure. Who better to expand students' horizons than a pirate? This adventure was part science class, part pirate play, and 100% fun!



UPCOMING EVENTS

March

4th - Maple Syrup Class @ Poynette

~~5th - GROW greenhouse @ LaCrosse~~
Canceled due to lack of interest

13th - Drum Tao @ Appleton

24th - Geology Museum @ Madison

27th - Jurustic Park & Wildwood Zoo @ Marshfield

April

16th - Brewer Game - History Day @ Milwaukee

May

29th - End of Year Celebration @ Manitowoc

BREAKING NEWS

April events went live March 1st!

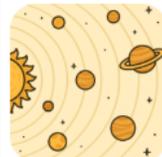
[Sign up here](#)

CHAT GPT IMAGES

Not only can Chat GPT be used to help create or differentiate curriculum & materials for you, you can also use it for fun with images! Here's some ideas:



Put a mini me in my hand



My child loves space. Make a cartoon-style map of the solar system for them.

WISE Teacher Stacey Hahn used a picture of her dog & had Chat GPT turn him into a king in front of a castle! She uploaded his pic & told it to "Make my dog look like a king & change the background to make it look like he's at a castle."

You can use this for fun or to personalize any story!



[Click here](#) to try it.



EVERYDAY PRACTICE

Forward Test Prep

IXL has Forward Test prep plans to help your student prepare!

Even if your student is working **above grade level**, working on grade level plans for the next month are a good idea.

Why? The prep plans have concepts & questions that are aligned to what they will see on the test. For example - if your 7th grader is working on 8th grade Pre-Algebra, then they probably haven't worked much with the big 7th grade concepts such as Proportional Relationships, Rational Numbers, & Data/Probability as of late. This will allow them to practice & refresh on the concepts that they'll be seeing.

The DPI also has Forward Practice Tests that provides students the opportunity to interact and become familiar with the testing system. Students practice using the tools available on the Forward Exam and familiarize themselves with how to maneuver in the system and work the different types of questions they will encounter.

[Click here to access the online portal.](#)



Book It!

Book It! Reminder:



Students who read 30 minutes each day of the month are eligible to earn a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut!

Be sure you are filling out your February forms and getting them into mandy_tuttle@nekoosa.k12.wi.us by the 5th of March!

For those interested in the BOOK IT! Reading Program, [click here](#) for more information.



SPRING BREAK REMINDER

*March 13 is teacher inservice - therefore teachers may not be responsive to emails.

*Spring Break is March 16-20

[Click here for the school calendar.](#)



FORWARD TESTING



Remember to let your teacher know if you are interested in virtual Forward testing at home.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Parents: Please fill out this [WISE Academy 26/27 Enrollment planning form](#) by April 3rd.

Adding siblings to WISE? If you live outside the district, don't forget to complete Open Enrollment! The application window is open until April 30th.

[Click here for a link to the enrollment application](#) on the DPI website.



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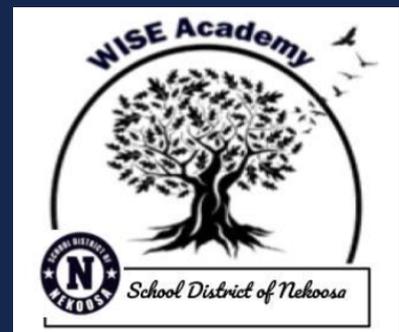
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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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 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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+ UW Help
and more!



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

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