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April Updates & Events for UW Parents

Welcome back from Spring Break! In this issue you'll find resources to finish the semester strong, including our upcoming class on intergenerational parenting, where to request diaper donations, and how to celebrate Earth Day with your little ones.

Important Dates:

April 6-12: Week of the Young Child

April 12: Deadline for students to submit a nomination for an outstanding faculty or staff member who created a welcoming and inclusive parenting student experience.

April 15: Summer 2024 CCTAP application available. Summer camp funding is

available for children up to 12 years old (minimum 6-week attendance).

That's So Punny!

What makes the Earth so great?
Scroll to the end to see answer.

Intergenerational Parenting Parts 1 & 2

Wednesday, April 17 & 24
Attend In-person or Virtually

Are you navigating the path of intergenerational change in parenting?

Explore the challenges of **parenting differently than how you were raised,** especially within multigenerational homes in this new, two-part workshop. Engage in open conversations, share experiences, and discover practical strategies to navigate the unique dynamics of forging a new path for your family.

Open to UW student, faculty, and staff parents and spouses/partners.

Sign-up Today!

Seeking officers for the Wisconsin Student Parents Organization (WISPO)!

Are you a parenting student at UW? Do you have ideas about how campus or classrooms could better support parenting students?

Make your voice heard and help advocate for a more parenting student-friendly campus by joining the WISPO leadership team!

As a WISPO officer, you will join a supportive leadership team to advocate for parenting student needs, co-host family events, and connect student parents with resources. Time commitment is flexible, from as little as a few hours a month.

Email WISPO to learn more!

Call for Nominations! OCCFR Outstanding Faculty & Staff Award

Recognize a **faculty or staff member who creates a welcoming and inclusive experience for parenting students** in their classroom, lab, or other learning environment! Email a (maximum) one page narrative sharing why your nominee qualifies by April 12.

Submit Your Nomination

Diaper Donations to UW Graduate Students

Did you know the UW-Madison Teaching Assistants Association (TAA) provides diapers for approximately 50-80 graduate student families each month? All UW-Madison graduate students with children can request diapers. *If you're not a graduate student you can request diapers from the Dane Country Diaper Bank*.

Learn More

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

Join UHS Survivor Services and Violence Prevention for a series of connection events for survivors of sexual violence and allies to reclaim campus, find community, and reduce the stigma around survivorship. See all Survivor Services including reporting, medical, and legal assistance.

Learn More

America Saves Week Provides Resources for Financial Well-being

Universities of WI invites you to learn about financial well-being during America Saves Week. Live and on-demand webinars will be offered on topics such as **budgeting, saving, paying down debt, student loan repayment, home buying and** teaching children about money. Credit check-ups and individual counseling sessions are available by appointment.

Learn More

Student Parent SPOTLIGHT

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About Me: When I'm not in the lab, I love reading fiction, playing bluegrass music, and cooking with my kids!

Favorite activity to do with my kids: We love going to the public library together and then getting ice cream at the Chocolate Shoppe next door.

What is one takeaway from an OCCFR parenting class?: During one OCCFR parenting class over Zoom, Dr. Froyen suggested keeping a tally of different types of interactions I have with my kids over the course of a day (e.g. positive, connection-building interactions vs. negative/neutral interactions) and thinking about my parenting in that light has been a really helpful lens - it helped me shift the focus away from whether or not my daughters are always doing what we tell them to and shifted the focus instead onto how our relationships have been developing.

UPCOMING FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

UW-Madison 175th Community Open House
April 5-7, multiple events
Family-friendly fun, interactive science and art activities, Bucky Badger and much more — all on campus, all open to the public and all free, even the 175 S'more Years ice cream.

Science Expeditions
April 5-7
Various UW Buildings

Union South “Backyard” Party
April 6, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
Union South, Welcome Desk

Children’s African Story Hour
April 6, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM
Ingraham Hall - 206

Free Art-Making with Wheelhouse Studios
April 6, 12:00-3:00 PM
Memorial Union, Paul Bunyan Room

UW-Madison in Motion
April 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Lot 131

Family Fun Fair
April 7, 1:00-3:00 PM
UW Field House

Maple Fest
April 6, 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM
MacKenzie Center, Poynette

Family Nature Walk
April 7, 1:30-2:30 PM
UW Arboretum, Visitor Center

Opera for the Young
April 7, 1:30-2:30 PM
Stoughton Opera House

Family Fun Night
April 12, 5:30-8:00 PM
Warner Park Community Recreation Center, $5/family

Kids on the Prairie - Signs of Spring
April 14, 10:30 AM- 12:00 PM
Holy Wisdom Monastery, Middleton

UW-Madison EarthFest
April 19-26
Multiple events

Half-Pint Children’s Resale
April 19-21
Mandt Center, Stoughton

UW Engineering Expo
April 20, 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM
UW Engineering Hall

Earth Day Celebration
April 20, 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM
Forest Products Laboratory

Family Nature Program - Fabulous Frogs
April 21, 1:30-3:30 PM
UW Arboretum, Visitor Center

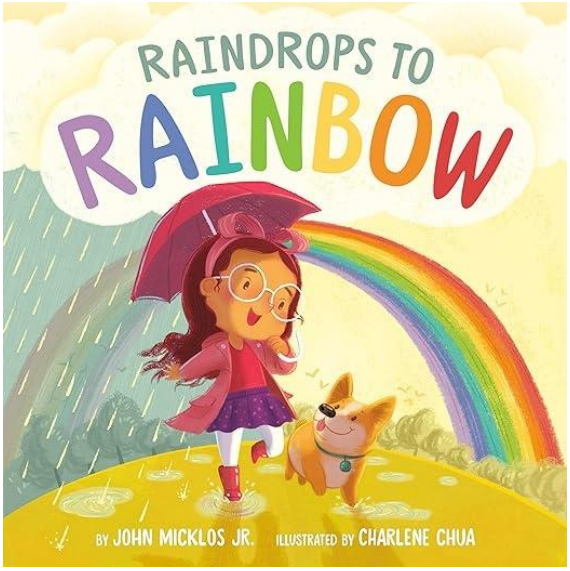
Mars: The Ultimate Voyage
April 23 and 25
MMSD Planetarium, $6/person

Spring Wildflower and Bird Hike
April 27, 1:00-2:30 PM
Aldo Leopold Nature Center, Monona

Bird & Nature Festival
April 28, 12:00-4:00 PM
Warner Park

Spring on the Farm

April 28, 1:00-3:00 PM
Schumacher Farm Park, Waunakee



Book of the Month: *Raindrops to Rainbow*

Raindrops are falling outside, but there's still a world of color to experience! Delightful rhymes and brilliant illustrations detail how a gloomy, rainy day might not actually be so gloomy after all when you get to spend time with Mom, Brown Bear, and the colors around you.

And when a "beaming rainbow, bold and bright" cuts through the sky, everyone gets to experience the joy of all the colors that can only come after the rain.

Read Aloud Storytime

Shaving Cream Painting

As Earth Day approaches on April 22nd, this craft provides a wonderful opportunity to initiate discussions about the importance of caring for our planet.

Using common household items such as shaving cream, food coloring, and paper plants, children can engage their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination while creating a colorful masterpiece! Alternatively, placing the paper plate in a ziplock bag offers a mess free craft experience.

Learn More

Chef's Corner

Peanut Butter & Cheerio Bars

Melt the peanut butter and honey together in a microwave-safe dish. Add in Cheerios and mix well. Place mixture in an 8x8 or 9x9 dish lined with parchment paper or flatten out on a cookie sheet. Refrigerate until hardened and slice into bars. Enjoy!

Ingredients:
½ cup peanut butter
½ cup honey
4 cups plain Cheerios

Recipe from twinmomrefreshed.com

Answer:

What makes the Earth so great?

It's well-rounded.

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