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August Updates & Events for UW Parents

As we soak up the last few weeks of summer and begin preparing for back-to-school time, we're highlighting summer family events, upcoming conferences, and announcing the recipients of the 2025 OCCFR Award for Outstanding Student Parent Support! New in this issue of Badger Buzz, check out parent and child research participation opportunities going on at UW-Madison.

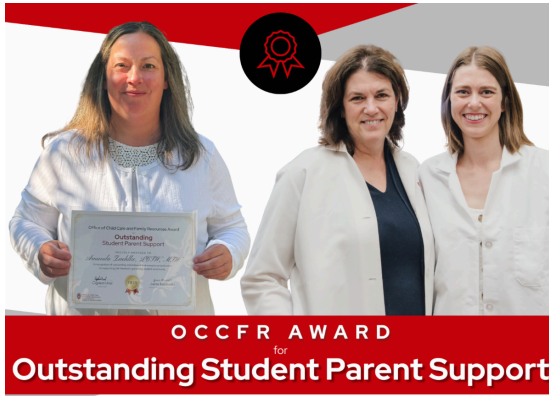
Important Reminders:

- **OPEN NOW** - Fall [Child Care Tuition Assistance Program \(CCTAP\)](#) application
- **Monday, August 4** - Fall 2025 [KidsKare application](#) available
- **Friday, August 8** - Summer 2025 CCTAP invoice deadline

That's So Punny!

Why do pirates love swimming so much?

Scroll to the end to find out!



OCCFR Award for Outstanding Student Parent Support: 2025 Recipients

We're thrilled to announce the recipients of the 2025 [OCCFR Award for Outstanding Student Parent Support](#): Amanda Zuehlke, LCSW, and Susan Thibeault, Ph.D! This year, there was a pool of incredible nominees from nine schools and colleges across the university, and it was too challenging to pick just one recipient. Read more about Amanda and Susan below!

[Read more here!](#)



Fathers in Focus Conference Registration Open!

Registration is open for the free 2025 [Fathers in Focus conference](#). A free conference where fathers, mentors, coaches, and allies from across Wisconsin gather to learn, support each other and strengthen their roles in their families and communities. This all-day event will be held **Saturday, Oct. 18, at Madison College**. Find an oasis in a supportive community as you strengthen your roles in your families and beyond.

[Register here!](#)

Child Care Openings



[Little Chicks Learning Academy](#)

- 2 spots for children born in 2025
- 2 spots for children born Sept-Dec 2024
- 2 spots for children born Feb-Aug 2024
- 2 spots for children born 2023-Jan 2024
- 2 spots for children born 2021-2022

[Contact LCLA to inquire about enrollment](#)

UW Research Studies Seeking Children & Families

Help UW-Madison researchers explore child development, family well-being, and more. Opportunities vary and may involve surveys, activities, or visits, often with compensation for your time.

[Development of Intergroup Social Cognition Project](#)

Dates: Ongoing

Time Commitment: A 30-35 minute research visit with the DISC lab (including parking, consent, and participating in the study itself)

Compensation: All children who participate will receive a prize (teddy bear, t-shirt, frisbee)

Eligibility: Infants and children ages 2-12

Description: The DISC lab aims to understand how children think about different social groups. For example, how do children think about different social identities? How do preferences for social groups develop? How do children develop concepts of social categories? We approach each of these questions in somewhat different ways, but our study is always set up like a fun game involving pictures, videos, and/or stories that we show and tell children and then ask them questions about. Children typically enjoy participating, but they are free to stop at any time for any reason.

[Fill out interest form](#)

[The HEALthy Brain and Child Development Study \(HBCD Study\)](#)

Dates: Ongoing

Time Commitment: About 37 hours over 5 years

Compensation: Up to \$1,660 over 5 years

Eligibility: Currently in the 2nd or 3rd trimester of pregnancy, age 18 or above, English or Spanish as primary language

Description: The HEALthy Brain and Child Development (HBCD) study, funded through the National Institutes of Health, is enrolling approximately 7,000 participating families from across the United States and following them from pregnancy through early childhood. Our long-term goal is to better understand how child development is affected by exposure to social and environmental experiences and conditions. Results from the HBCD Study will provide information that parents, caregivers, and health professionals can use to enhance the well-being of children.

[Fill out interest form](#)

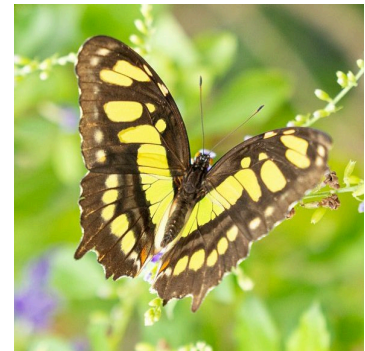
Upcoming Family-Friendly Events

[Blooming Butterflies is back at Olbrich!](#)

Step into the tropical Bolz Conservatory, where up to 19 species of butterflies flutter freely among lush greenery. Blooming Butterflies offers a chance to observe these colorful creatures up close and learn about their fascinating life cycle. Don't miss the chrysalis cases—if you're lucky, you might catch the moment a butterfly spreads its wings for the very first time!

Wed, Jul 16, 2025 – Sun, Aug 10, 2025

10:00 am – 4:00 pm daily



Recurring/Series Events

[Preschool Storytime](#)

Fridays

10:00-10:30 AM

August 1, 8*

Sequoia Library

* with Pogie the Yogie

Special Events

[Music by the Water](#)

8/1/2025, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Wingra Park

[Family Nature Walk](#)

8/3/2025, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

UW Arboretum

[Mad-City 2025 Free Ski Show](#)

8/3/2025, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Law Park

[Hilldale Hijinks: Mini Maestros with the Badger Band](#)

8/5/2025, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Hilldale Mall



Above: Pogie the Yogie

[Art Lab](#)

Saturdays
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

[Storytime for the Very Young \(0-3 years\)](#)

Tuesdays
10:00-10:30 AM
August 5, 12
Sequoia Library

[Little Sprouts](#)

Tuesdays & Fridays
9:00-10:00 AM
August 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22
Olbrich Botanical Gardens



Above: Little Sprouts

[Multi-Age Storytime](#)

Wednesdays
10:30-11:15 AM
August 6, 13, 20, 27
Central Library

[Social Game Night at Roll Play](#)

Wednesdays
6:00-9:00 PM
August 6, 13, 20, 27
Garver Feed Mill

[True Play](#)

Thursdays
9:30-11:30 AM
August 7, 14, 21, 28
Neighborhood House

[Learning Together Family Class](#)

8/5/2025, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
UW Arboretum

[Storytime \(ages 5 and under\)](#)

8/5/2025, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Monroe Street Library

[Baby Gym](#)

8/7/2025, 10:00 AM - 10:45 PM
Sequoia Library

[Madison Mini Marathon Kids Run](#)

8/9/2025, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Memorial Union

[WE READ Bubbler Artist in Residence](#)

8/9/2025, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Monroe Street Library

[The Art of Junk Journaling](#)

8/9/2025, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Central Library

[Kids on the Prairie: Butterflies & Bugs](#)

8/10/2025, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Holy Wisdom Monastery

[Family Afternoon Paddle Games with Outdoor UW](#)

8/10/2025, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Memorial Union

[Toddler Art](#)

8/11/2025, 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Central Library

[Kids in the Rotunda: Jeanie B](#)

8/13/2025, 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Olbrich Botanical Gardens

[Open Play at 4-C](#)

8/13/2025, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4-C (5 Odana Ct)

[Schenks Corners Block Party](#)

8/15-16/25, 5 PM - 10 PM, 3 PM - 10 PM
1980 Atwood Ave

[Middleton Kids Triathlon](#)

8/16/2025, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Bauman Aquatic Center (Middleton)

[Saturday Family Storytime](#)

8/16/2025, 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Central Library

[Eken Park Festival 2025](#)

8/16/2025, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Eken Park

[Family Nature Program: Summer Explorations](#)

8/17/2025, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
UW Arboretum

[Ice Cream Boat Float @ Wingra 2025](#)

8/17/2025, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Wingra Park

[Play and Learn at 4-C](#)

8/20/2025, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
4-C (5 Odana Ct)

[Free Thursday Evenings](#)

Thursdays

4:00-8:00 PM

August 7, 14, 21, 28

Madison Children's Museum



Above: Madison Children's Museum

[Burgers on the Bay](#)

Fridays

5:00 PM-9:00 PM

August 1, 8

Brittingham Boats

[Tiny Diners](#)

8/20/2025, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Hilldale Mall

[Middleton Good Neighbor Fest](#)

8/22-24/25, All Day

2100 Bristol St, Middleton

[Storytime at 4-C](#)

8/27/2025, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

4-C (5 Odana Ct)

[UW Football vs Miami \(OH\)](#)

8/28/2025, 8:00 PM

Camp Randall

[Orton Park Festival](#)

8/29/2025, All Day

Orton Park

[Taste of Madison 2025](#)

8/30-31/25, 2 pm - 9 PM, 11 AM - 7 PM

Capitol Square

Book of the Month



A Flicker of Hope: A Story of Migration

Lucía loves to watch the monarchs' migration from her home in Mexico with Papá. But this year, the monarchs' are joined by Papá who is heading north to look for work. He promises to come home when "the weather turns cold and the monarchs return." So while he spends the summer months harvesting produce on faraway farms, Lucía watches the skies for signs of the monarchs—and her papá's—return.

[Read Aloud Storytime](#)

Craft of the Month



Handprint Butterfly Craft

This handprint butterfly craft fits along with this month's book, and it's so simple to make. Hold the popsicle stick to turn your butterfly into a puppet – watch how the wings flutter as you move it through the air! Decorate the wings to make your butterfly unique. All you need are a few simple craft supplies like paper, glue, a popsicle stick and markers, and you can make this simple butterfly craft in less than 10 minutes.

[Learn More](#)



Chef's Corner

Fluffy Marshmallow Fruit Dip

This fluffy, sweet marshmallow dip is sure to get even the pickiest eaters to finish every last piece of fruit on their plate!

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and yogurt until blended. Fold in whipped topping and marshmallow creme. Serve with fruit.

Ingredients:

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup cherry yogurt
1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow creme
Assorted fresh fruit

Recipe from tasteofhome.com

Answer:

Why do pirates love swimming so much?

**They love doing
cannonballs!**

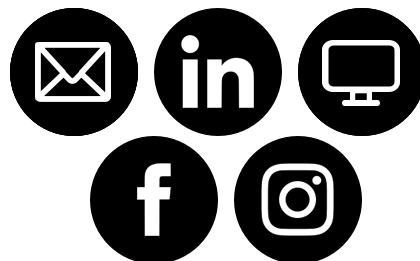


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