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# BADGER BUZZ

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## July Updates & Events for UW Parents

Summertime is in full swing! ☀️ In this edition of Badger Buzz, we're sharing exciting news about the expansion of the UW-Madison Child Care & Education System, providing resources for free school supplies, and giving an update on open spots with our network child care centers. As always, make sure to check out the fun summertime craft, snack and family events at the bottom of the email. 🍉🎇

**Important Reminders:**

- **Monday, July 21** - Fall 2025 Child Care Tuition Assistance Program (CCTAP) application available
- **Monday, August 4** - Fall 2025 KidsKare application available

## That's So Punny!

**What do you call an ice cream cone's temper tantrum?**

*Scroll to the end to find out!*

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### Three new child care centers added to UW-Madison Child Care Network!

We're excited to welcome three high-quality programs to the UW–Madison Child Care Network: **Isthmus Montessori Academy**, **Middleton Early Childhood Center**, and **The Playing Field – Eastside**. As of July 1, 2025, these centers now offer priority enrollment for UW–Madison families and accept Child Care Tuition Assistance Program (CCTAP) funding.

Learn more!

### Lussier School Supplies Drive and Backpack Giveaway

For more than 15 years, staff and volunteers at the Lussier Community Education Center have organized a school supplies drive. Volunteers collect donations, pack backpacks of school supply staples, and provide those backpacks to more than 300 young students from nearby neighborhoods.

Learn about donating

Register for a backpack

## Child Care Center Openings

## Little Chicks Learning Academy

Fall Openings **(Starting September 2)**

- 2 openings for children born in 2025
- 2 openings for children born Sept-Dec 2024
- 1 opening for a child born Jan-Aug 2024
- 2 openings for children born May-Dec 2023
- 2 openings for children born 2021-April 2023

**Contact Little Chicks**

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## The Playing Field Midtown

Fall Openings **(Starting September)**

- 2 openings for 2-3 year old children

**Contact The Playing Field Midtown**

# UPCOMING FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

### Recurring Events

**Baby & Toddler Storytime (0-3 years)**
Wednesdays
9:30-10:15 AM
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Central Library

**Multi-Age Storytime**
Wednesdays
10:30-11:15 AM
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Central Library

**True Play**
Thursdays
9:30-11:30 AM
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Neighborhood House

**Toddler Music with Corey Matthew Hart**
Thursdays
10:00-10:30 AM
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Sequoya Library

**Art Lab**
Saturdays
9:00-12:00 PM

### Special Events

**Learning Together Family Class: Animal Clues**
July 1, 10:00-11:30 AM
UW-Madison Arboretum (Visitor Center)

**Free Family Fun Night**
July 3, 4:00-8:00 PM
Madison Children's Museum

**WaunaBoom**
July 4, 2:00-10:30 PM
Ripp Park, Waunakee

**Fourth Fest**
July 4, 2:00-8:00 PM
Edgewater Hotel

**DMNA 4th of July Celebration**
July 4, 9:30-12:30 PM
Wingra Park

**Family Fun Day @ Progress Center for Black Women**
July 5, 11:00-1:00 PM
Progress Center for Black Women

**Family Nature Walk**
July 6, 1:30-2:30 PM
UW-Madison Arboretum (Visitor Center)

**La Fête de Marquette**
July 10 - July 13, times vary by day
McPike Park

July 5, 12, 19, 26
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

**Storytime for the Very Young (0-3 years)**
Tuesdays
10:00-10:30 AM
July 8, 15, 22, 29
Sequoya Library

**Storytime (ages 5 & under)**
Tuesdays
10:30-11:15 AM
July 8, 15, 22, 29
Monroe Street Library

**Preschool Storytime**
Fridays
10:00-10:30 AM
July 11, 18, 25
Sequoya Library

**Toddler Art (ages 18-36 months)**
Every other Monday
10:00-10:45 AM
July 14, 28
Central Library

**Lakeside Kids**
Tuesdays
10:00-11:00 AM
Monona Terrace
**July 8: Bubble Wonders**
**July 15: Power Dance Kids**
**July 22: Hip Hop for Kids with L.E.X.**
**July 29: Mad Science - Fire and Ice**

**Family Fun Night**
July 11, 5:30-8:00 PM
Warner Park Community Recreation Center

**Family Day at the Chazen: Assemblage**
July 12, 11:00-1:00 PM
Chazen Museum of Art (Mead Witter Lobby)

**Dane County Fair**
July 17-July 20, times vary by day
Alliant Energy Center

**Kids Fest @ Fitchburg Farmer's Market**
July 17, 3:00-6:00 PM
Fitchburg Agora Pavillion

**Family Nature Program: Flowers and Friends**
July 20, 1:30-3:30 PM
UW-Madison Arboretum (Visitor Center)

**Pajama Party Storytime & Family Fort Night**
July 24, 6:30-7:30 PM
Central Library

**Sensory-Friendly Hours**
July 25, 4:30-7:00 PM
Madison Children's Museum

**Disability Pride Festival**
July 26, 12:00-5:00 PM
Warner Park

**Atwood Fest**
July 26-July 27, times vary by day
Atwood Neighborhood

**Art Cart 50th Birthday Party**
July 27, 9:00-12:00 PM
Vilas Park

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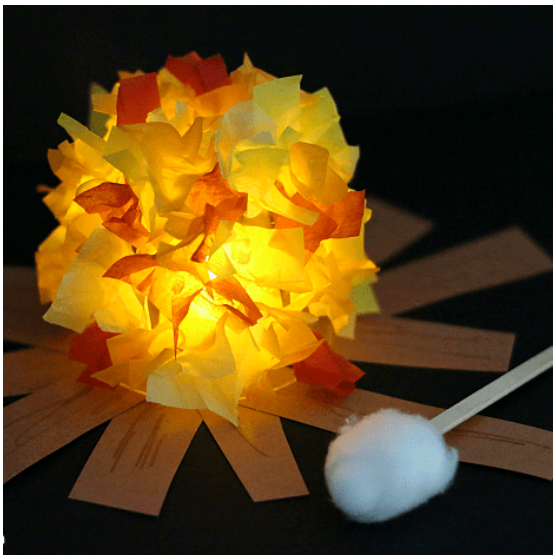
## Book of the Month: The Day the Crayons Made Friends

After convincing one group of crayons to go back to work after they wanted to quit and rescuing another group who got lost in the most inconvenient places, Duncan's crayons have disappeared once more. But this time they've gone out into his room to make friends. Each crayon has an exciting



## Craft of the Month: Glowing Campfire Craft

Kids love making and playing with this glowing campfire craft. It's super easy to make and perfect for summertime imaginative play! All it takes is a clear plastic cup, a few sheets of paper, some tape or glue, and of course, a stick and a cotton ball for the marshmallow! For older children, you

story to share about the new objects they've met and the new adventures they've had.

Read Aloud Storytime

can even place an LED tea light under the cup to watch the "fire" glow!

Learn More

# Chef's Corner

**Strawberry Watermelon Slush**

Beat the heat with this cooling, hydrating watermelon strawberry slush!

Place first 4 ingredients in a blender; cover and process until smooth. Add ice; process, covered, until slushy. Serve immediately and enjoy!

**Ingredients:**
1/3 cup lemon juice
1/3 cup sugar
2 cups cubed seedless watermelon
2 cups fresh strawberries, halved
2 cups ice cubes

Recipe from [tasteofhome.com](tasteofhome.com)

## Answer:

What do you call an ice cream cone's temper tantrum?

# A MELT down!

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