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March Updates for UW Families

March is here, and with it comes longer days, a hint of spring, and plenty of important updates for our UW–Madison family community. This month, we're sharing timely health information and measles resources to help families stay informed, along with a call for nominations for the Outstanding Student Parent Support Award. We're also highlighting several free learning opportunities for parents, including upcoming classes on parenting in the digital age and Positive Parenting Program sessions designed specifically for parents of teens. Now's the time to start thinking about summer plans, and we've gathered helpful information about summer camps to support your planning.

Reminders

- 3/20 - Nominations due for Outstanding Student Parent Support Award
- 4/13 - Summer CCTAP application opens

Important Health Info



Measles Response



Health Alert: Measles Resources

Following a confirmed measles case on campus in early February, we encourage all families to review their immunization status. Measles is highly contagious, making up-to-date vaccinations the best way to keep children healthy and in care. If you or your child develop a high fever, cough, or rash, call your healthcare provider before visiting to prevent exposure to others.

Exclusion Policy:

Per health department guidelines, unvaccinated persons (children or adults) may be required to stay home for **up to 21 days** after an exposure. We recommend asking your child care provider about their specific Exclusion Policy and notification plan for measles.

Resources:

- [Immunizations available at UHS](#)
- [WI Dept of Health Services Measles Resources](#)
- [Wisconsin Immunization Registry](#): Residents of WI can check their vaccination records. If you moved from out-of-state/abroad, check with your previous doctor or state registry.

Nominate a Student Parent Supporter!

Nominations due
March 20th



Nominate a Student Parent Champ!

Do you know a faculty or staff member who has gone above and beyond to support you as a parenting student this academic year? There is still time to nominate them for the **OCCFR Award for Outstanding Student Parent Support!** This annual award honors those who foster inclusive environments in classrooms, labs, and learning spaces. Help us recognize the mentors making a difference. Nominations due **Friday, March 20.**

[Submit your nomination here!](#)

Classes for Screen Time Research and Strategies

Join us this March for two virtual sessions on digital-age parenting. On March 5, learn the latest research on how digital media impacts development in **The Science of Screens**. On March 12, join **Screens at Home** to gain practical tools for setting boundaries, creating family media plans, and ending screen-time battles. Register for one or both to build a better relationship with technology in your home!

[More parent classes and events](#)

Parenting Classes



Computer Science Explorations Summer Camp

Designed for beginners, 5th-to-8th grade students can spend an unforgettable week coding alongside university researchers in Morgridge Hall. Each day, they'll step into real labs to discover fields like cryptography, robotics, and game design. Teams will build interactive projects using Octostudio, a fun, block-based coding app. **Dates:** Mon-Thurs, July 13-16, 9am-2:30pm
Cost: \$350 (lunch included).
Need-based assistance available.

[Learn more here!](#)

Free Classes for Parents of Teens

Ready to raise happier, more confident teens? Join us to learn tips and tricks for improving your relationship with your teen. UW Extension Parenting and Family Relationships offers 1-2 hour seminars and discussion groups online and in-person. Learn how to create the best environment for your teen to thrive. Topics include raising responsible teens, getting teens connected, reducing family conflict and more!

[Learn more and register](#)



Looking for Summer Camps or Youth Activities?

See our recent email with resources, search tools, and tips to support your summer plans for school-aged children and teens!

[Learn more](#)

Child Care Openings

The following open spots within the [UW-Madison Child Care and Education System](#) are current as of 2/26/26.

Child Development Lab

- 2 openings in 4K program

Eagle's Wing Child Care

- Ages 2–4: Half-day morning openings
- 4K: 2 openings in full-day MMSD program
- High Flyer Summer Program (Ages 5–8): Openings available for monthly sessions in June, July, and August

Bernie's Place

2-Year-Olds

- 1 full-time opening
- 1 morning opening (M-F)

3-Year-Olds

- 1 full-time opening
- 1 morning opening (M-F)

Creative Learning Preschool

- Openings for children born Sept '22 – Feb '23

Little Chicks Learning Academy

- 1 opening for child born April – Sept '25
- 1 opening for child born Sept '24 – March '25

Preschool of the Arts

- Accepting Fall applications for ages 2–4

Meeting House Nursery School

Currently enrolling for Fall 2026–2027 (not enrolling for the current academic year):

- Two-Year-Olds
 - AM Program, Monday–Friday
- Three-Year-Olds
 - AM Program
 - 1 opening (Mon–Fri)
 - 11 openings (Tues/Thurs)
 - PM Program
 - 6 openings (Mon–Fri)
- 4K Program
 - 4 openings (AM, 9 AM – noon)
 - 1 opening (PM, 1-4 PM)

Middleton Early Childhood Center

- Infant openings beginning March, April, May
- Openings for older 3-year-olds

The Playing Field East

- Toddler (1 year old as of 9/1/25): 1 opening
- Two's (2 years old as of 9/1/25): 1 opening
- Preschool (3–4 years old as of 9/1/25): 2 openings

The Playing Field Midtown

- 1 opening for a 2-year-old
- 1 opening for a 3-year-old

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.

Disabled Family Engagement in ECE: Explorations Using Educational Journey Mapping

Dates: Ongoing

Time commitment: Up to 180 minutes

Eligibility: Parents must identify as disabled or have a disability. Parents must have a child between newborn and 8 years old. Parents must reside in the United States.

Description: This study is about the school experiences of disabled parents and how these experiences inform their engagement with their child's early childhood education. Research activities include creating an educational journey map (an arts-based diagram) and a 90 minute interview.

Contact: Christina Ihnen, Doctoral Student - ihnen@wisc.edu

[Email Christina to learn more](#)

Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO)

Dates: Ongoing until at least 2030 and possibly later

Time commitment: This study will follow mothers and their children starting in the prenatal period up to the child's 6th year of life. The study will include several visits to the UW Hospital and Clinics lasting from 1 to 2 hours per visit.

Compensation: Participants will be reimbursed for their time and participation. Transportation and parking reimbursements are available.

Eligibility: Must be less than 20 weeks pregnant and 18 years of age or older at the time of consent.

Description: The goal of the ECHO study is to understand and address how the environment and things that happen early in children's lives – even before they are born – affect their development, health, and well-being. Participation includes answering questions about your pregnancy and the birth and health of the baby. We will also ask to collect samples like blood, urine, and hair from you and your child.

Contact: Call us at (608) 228-9590 or email ECHO@medicine.wisc.edu

[Fill out interest form](#)

March Family-Friendly Events

Special Events

Warner Family Fun Night

March 13, 5:30-7:30 PM
Warner Park Community Rec Center

Kids in the Rotunda: Kalaanjali Indian Dance Company

March 14, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM
Overture Center

Maple Syrup Fest

March 14, 1:00-4:00 PM
Aldo Leopold Nature Center

Recurring Events

Bilingual Multi-Age Storytime

March 2, 9, 16, 23
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Goodman South Madison Library

Little Sprouts

March 3, 6, 7, 10, 13, 17, 20, 21
10:15-11:15 AM
Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Children's African Story Hour

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Family Nature Program: Welcoming Spring

March 15, 1:30-3:30 PM
UW Arboretum Visitor Center

Kids in the Rotunda: Tom Pease

March 21, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM
Overture Center

Family Class: Dinosaur Discovery

March 21, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Curious Critters Storytime

March 23, 9:30 - 10:15 AM
Aldo Leopold Nature Center

Kids in the Rotunda: Madison Ballet

March 28, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM
Overture Center

Bird & Nature Adventures: Maple Syruping

March 28, 10:00-11:30 AM
Aldo Leopold Nature Center

5:30-6:30 PM

University Apartments Community Center,
Room 135

Music Time with Tim

March 4, 11, 18
11:00-11:30 AM
Madison Children's Museum

Sensory Stations

March 4, 18
9:30-10:30 AM
Middleton Public Library

Multi-Age Storytime (ages 5 and under)

March 4, 11, 18, 25
10:00-10:30 AM
Pinney Library

Read & Breathe: Mindful Storytime

March 4, 11, 18
10:30-11:15 AM
Alicia Ashman Library

MCM Free Thursday Evenings

March 5, 12, 19, 26
4:00-8:00 PM
Madison Children's Museum

Toddler Music with Cory Mathew Hart

March 5, 12, 19, 26
10:00-10:30 AM
Sequoia Library

Music with Junebug

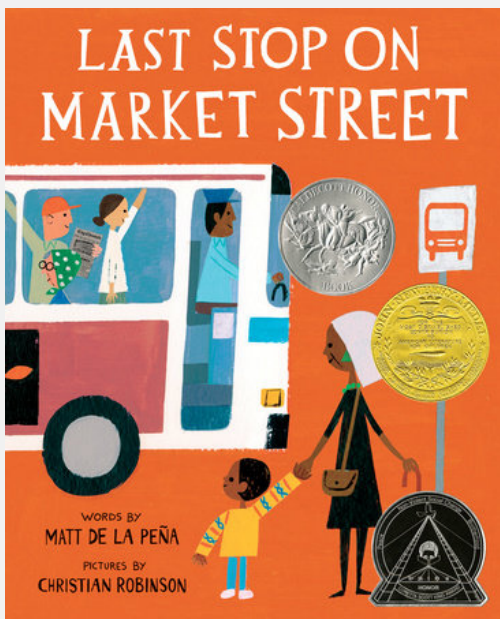
March 6, 13, 20
10:30-11:00 AM
Madison Children's Museum

Baby Bounce & Bubbles

March 11, 25
9:30-10:00 AM
Middleton Public Library

Book of the Month

Craft of the Month



The Last Stop on Market Street

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty and fun in their routine and the world around them.

[Read Aloud Storytime](#)



Coffee Filter Flowers

Spring is in the air, and these paper flowers are a perfect craft for this time of year. This craft is easy and only takes a few household and craft materials that you might already have laying around at home. Get ready to turn something so simple into something so pretty! Check out this craft if you want to make something quick and perfect for the season!

[Learn More](#)

Chef's Corner: Pinwheel Sandwiches

Change up the usual sandwich lunch for these easy and fun pinwheel sandwiches. With easy options for the filling to please a variety of eaters, this is a great kids lunch for home or at school.

Ingredients:

Turkey-and-Cheese Pinwheel

- 1 whole wheat tortilla
- 1 ounce deli turkey
- 1 ounce sliced cheese
- ¼ cup shredded lettuce
- 2 tablespoons mayo

Strawberry-Nutella Pinwheel

- 1 whole wheat tortilla
- 2 tablespoons Nutella
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced strawberries

Hummus-and-Veggie Pinwheel

- 1 whole wheat tortilla
- 1/4 cup hummus
- 1/4 cup matchstick slices of cucumber or bell pepper

Instructions:

1. Place wrap on a cutting board. If not at room temperature, warm for 5-10 seconds in the microwave so it's easy to roll.
2. Spread on any condiments, nut butters, or hummus.
3. Top with the fruit, veggies, and/or protein.
4. Starting at one side, roll up, keeping the tortilla tight.
5. Use a serrated knife to cut into rounds or just in half, depending on your preference.

Recipe from yummytoddlerfood.com



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