UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MILWAUKEE

# Extended Time Care (E.T.C.) Newsletter



## Welcome Back!

# Kicking Off The 2026-27 School Year With A Bang!

Welcome to another school year at USM! As we are kicking things off, the Auxiliary Programs office is launching a monthly newsletter to keep Wildcat families informed of all the latest and greatest activities. Each issue will feature updates to the calendar, announcements about Extended Time Care (E.T.C.) programs, and fun showcases of the previous month. We'll also be featuring students about their experience—maybe yours will be next!

As we wrap up the summer season, we are excited for the offerings coming up in the fall. Cheers to the new school year and we are looking forward to all it has to offer!

### What did you like about USM Summer Camps?



"We got to learn so much at summer camp! I really liked doing the Taylor Swift class. I really liked it because she is famous and has a lot of great songs."

– Avery Denton 37'

## September Spotlight

### Meet Mia Mullen '19

Welcome to Mia Mullen '19, auxiliary programs coordinator, who started with us in July. After graduating from USM in 2019 she attended Macalaster University, and she has years of experience in childcare and summer camps. If you happen to see her, be sure to say hi! Welcome Mia!



## Quick Updates

**New Update:** Offering Friday and Saturday specialty programs for students. See the full program booklet here.

**UltraCamp:** Registration for Fall Specialty Programs is now open. Click here to register.

### Summer Camp Update

# One More Summer in the Books: 35 Years of Memories

*By Will Piper '96, assistant director of alumni relations and reunion giving*

Growing up at USM, attending summer school meant building unforgettable memories, like hopping on a bus with friends for the "Golf the Greens" class at local par-three golf courses, or learning tricks from Milwaukee magic legend David Siebach.

However, my experience working forthe USM Summer Camps (formerly Summer IDEAS) was truly transformative. I had the privilege of working alongside the late Judy Bloch, who designed IDEAS at USM, and served as director of summer programs for 26 years. Under Judy's leadership, the program flourished, offering Lower, Middle, and Upper School students endless opportunities to investigate, discover, and explore academics, the arts, and athletics.

Judy was a master of her craft. Under her leadership, I learned the value of systems thinking, meticulous preparation, double-checking details, and thinking on my feet as a Summer IDEAS teacher and assistant director. These core lessons helped shape my first 20 years as a 5th-grade teacher and remain just as vital today in my role on USM's Advancement team.

It is wonderful to see how USM Summer Camps continue to build on Judy's rich foundation, inspiring students through experiential education, vibrant enrichment, and opportunities to discover lifelong passions. Today, the program shines by honoring traditional mainstays like "Learn to Skate" with Coach Jill Herbst, a staple for over 30 years, while continuing to innovate with cutting-edge offerings in modern campus spaces like the Lubar Center for Innovation and Exploration.

Cheers to an inspiring 35 years of USM Summer Camps!

### SIGN UP TODAY!

# Music Lessons

USM hosts convenient, private, one-on-one and small-group lessons for various instruments, ages, and proficiency levels. These lessons are taught at USM by local music educators and performers and are held after school. The Lower School orchestra also offers separate beginner and experienced group lessons for students. Click here to learn more or contact the Auxiliary Programs office at etc@usm.org or 414.540.3350.

***Respect, Trust, Honesty, Fairness, and Kindness.***

### Community Spotlight

# Hurray to the New Playground!

FUNville, USM's new playground for students in PK through 8th grade, is officially open. We had the pleasure of watching the project come to life throughout the summer, and E.T.C. PM students have been having a blast playing on the new, updated equipment after school.



## What do you like the most about E.T.C?



"It's really fun! And if you didn't get to play at recess then you get to play more with your friends at after school. And it lets your parents work later and it's really helpful!"

– Millie Mathews '35

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