

Holidazed

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Busy days ahead. Monday is Family Day (President Bush just declared it: “I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day by engaging in activities that strengthen the bonds between parents and children.”).

It’s also National Punctuation Day. Its founder, former newspaperman Jeff Rubin, gives presentations about punctuation, dressed in a blue super-hero costume with a bright red cape. That’s punctuation for you.

Check Rubin’s Web site — www.nationalpunctuationday.com — for his Official Meat Loaf of National Punctuation Day recipe.

And as if that weren't exhausting enough, there’s a pep rally downtown at noon to cheer on the Cubs. It would be churlish of me to suggest you eat all the free ice cream you can just because the event is sponsored by a competitor of ours. But you’ll have an hour and a half to do it.

And former Cub Andy Pafko will be signing autographs. Noon to 1:30 by the Crain’s building, Michigan and Wacker.

Luckily for you, International Walk to School Day is coming up Oct. 3. You’ll need it after the ice cream.