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### **NATIONAL SAFE TOYS AND GIFTS MONTH**

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### **Rest In Peace**



### MICHAEL SMITH



### Form traditions

In the early toddler years, before children really "get" the whole holiday, you have an opportunity to form the traditions you want to foster and keep the expectations realistic for all future holidays to come. So, take some time before shopping to formulate what kind of memories you want to create and plan accordingly. Limit screen time "It is cliché, but more isn't always better," explains Dr. It is well known that too Ponzio. Consider your own experiences with Christmases past to recall what are cherished memories for you. "I don't remember that many 'things' I received, but I do remember the sparkling foil tinsel, the buttery smooth spritz cookies, the excitement, the snow, the wonderful feeling that all eight of us had the whole

### **SAFE PLAY FOR KIDS DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

If you're planning to celebrate the season with little ones this year, take some advice from Sheila Ponzio, MD, an Adventist *Health pediatrician who offers gift ideas* and tips about how to fill the holiday with memories, togetherness and gifts that foster creative play and childhood wellbeing.

- Kicking and throwing a ball, running, skipping, putting together puzzles and playing in group games are all ways to form
- A simple slide can entertain a child for hours and they don't even realize it's fostering their proprioceptive skills!

much screen time is a killer of creativity, and a safety and mental health concern. Many parents restrict it, and the American Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommends no screen time for children under age two (except for Skype or Zoom with Grandma!), no more than one hour a day from two to five years of age, and generally no more than two hours for children ages five

### **Favor safety and** creativity

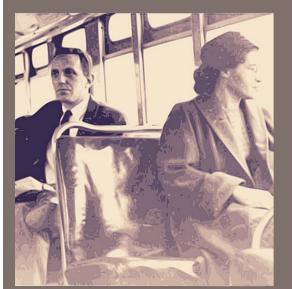
"You can bet we pediatricians despise trampolines and dirt bikes and would prefer a basketball hoop or bicycle (with a cool helmet) for the bigger ticket items. But if you go down those roads, be super-safety minded," encourages Dr. Ponzio. To encourage safe, creative ways to learn, Dr. Ponzio says musical instruments can be the best gift ever for a child inclined to learn something new. "Board games are increasingly popular, and complex strategy games provide many hours of educational fun without your children even realizing it!" she adds. When you have children of different ages, be careful to teach the older ones what to keep away from the younger ones. "Anyone who has spent the night with a toddler who swallowed a Lego knows what I'm talking about!" Dr. Ponzio says. Finally, if your family is experiencing financial difficulties, Christmas can be an especially difficult time. "You are not alone and it's okay to ask for help," Dr. Ponzio assures. "Reach out to your family and friends, your school, your employer, your church, or one of the many organizations in our communities that are here to help."



**ROBERT HUSBAND** 



SKATING AT ROSA PARKS CIRCLE ICE **RINK BEGINS LATER** THIS MONTH



day just to be together and play," Dr. Ponzio recalls.

Research has increasingly shown the value of play in early childhood. Almost all toys and creative play location development and are, in fact, essential," explains Dr. Descion There are many Descion There are many development and are, in fact, essential," explains Dr. Descion There are many development and are, in guideline, but trust your gut, too. Know what games your children are playing development and are, in guideline, but trust your gut, too. Know what games your children are playing toys and creative play foster more value than you might first think:

• Play dough and colored sand are tactile and great for fine motor development.

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God

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His reign is beyond comprehension

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Come through for us...Our charge is to

Showing it is He, whom we genuinely trust

He promises in His word, to always be here

Wrapping us within His absolute protection

Present our selves...humble and open

to 17 years except for homework.

**Give gifts that foster play** Are all video games a bad idea? "Definitely not," says Dr. Ponzio. "I love the ones that get the family dancing or bowling or engaging with history." Use the industry maturity ratings as a and, even better, play along with them or view what they are viewing.

"When it comes to cell phones, I advise there is almost no reason for a child to have one until they are driving, and then the very first lesson would be to put it away while driving," she shares.

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CATA Transportation Center 420 S Grand Avenue, Lansing 48933 Phone: 517-394-1100 Weekday Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Weekend Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**City of Lansing Foster Community Center** 200 N Foster Street, Lansing 48912 Phone: 517-483-4233 Weekday Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 9:00 pm Weekend Hours: Saturday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

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Day shelters are available year-round during the hours posted. Food/meals may be available.

The Outreach (City Rescue Mission) 601 N Larch Street, Lansing 48910 Phone: 517-485-0145 Hours: Daily, 6:00 pm to 7:00 am (currently evening only as drop-in center)

**Advent House** 743 N Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard, Lansing 48915 Phone: 517-485-4722 Weekday Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Weekend Hours: Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**City Rescue Mission, Women and Children 2216 S Cedar Street, Lansing 48910** Phone: 517-485-0145 Hours: Daily, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and 4:00 pm to 9:00 am

Holy Cross New Hope Community Center 430 N Larch Street, Lansing 48912 Phone: 517-484-4414 Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Services are currently in transition and may be subject to change

#### **Overnight Emergency Shelters**

City Rescue Mission, Men's Shelter 613 E Michigan Avenue, Lansing 48910 Phone: 517-485-0145 Hours: Daily, 6:00 pm to 7:00 am

South Lansing Library 3500 S Cedar Street, Lansing 48910 Phone: 517-272-9840 Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm | Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm | Sunday, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

#### **Overnight Emergency Shelters (cont.)**

City Rescue Mission, Women and Children 2216 S Cedar Street, Lansing 48910 Phone: 517-485-0145 Hours: Daily, 6:00 pm to 7:00 am

Holy Cross New Hope Community Center 430 N Larch Street, Lansing 48912 Phone: 517-484-4414 Hours: Monday through Sunday, 5:00 pm to 7:00 am

The Outreach Drop-In Center, City Rescue Mission 601 N Larch Street, Lansing 48910 Phone: 517-485-0145 Hours: Monday through Sunday, 6:00 pm to 7:00 am (hours may expand as resources/staffing become available, showers and laundry facilities available)

> Child and Family Charities Gateway Division 4287 Five Oaks Drive, Lansing 48911 Phone: 517-882-4000 Hours: 24/7 (for minor youth)

Haven House 121 Whitehills Drive, East Lansing 48823 Phone: 517-337-2731 Hours: Required to be on the property by 6:00 pm daily

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### SKATING AT ROSA PARKS CIRCLE ICE RINK BEGINS LATER THIS MONTH

GRAND RAPIDS, MI – Public ice skating at Rosa Parks Circle in downtown Grand Rapids will open for the season starting 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24. Weather permitting, the rink will be open daily through Feb. 25.

"The ice-skating season is a highly anticipated winter kick-off for our community," said David Marquardt, the city's parks and recreation director. "It's one of the many ways in which we promote Grand Rapids as a four-season destination for outdoor fun."

Admission to the ice rink is \$4 for adults ages 18 and older, and \$2 for those ages 17 and younger. Skate rental is included with admission. People can also purchase a \$16, 10-hole punch admission card, where each admission counts as one punch for youth and two for adults. The rink will be closed on Christmas Day but open on Christmas Eve, New Years Eve, New Years Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Valentine's Day.

The rink will take both walk-up skaters and online reservations. Reservations for the first two weeks of the season open at 8 a.m. Nov. 17 and can be made at this link.

Additional dates will become available up to two weeks in advance starting Nov. 27.

Skate time reservations are free, and people can reserve a time slot for up to six household members, city officials said. Skaters who reserve a time are encouraged to arrive within the first 10 minutes of their reservation start time. The rink will host events throughout the winter season, including the annual Christmas tree lighting celebration taking place from noon to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1.



14 "Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, Ephesians 6:14



Lord Jesus and Eternal Friend, if we ever needed to buckle up with the belt of Truth, it is today. More false prophets (preachers, pastors, and politicians) are being exposed than ever, and without knowing Jesus – truth, the way, and the life – how can we buckle up for safety; how can we be dressed for the battles of life? We are not safe outside of the Truth.

You may ask, 'What is truth?' The better question is, 'Who is Truth?' That's correct; Truth is a person.

Jesus declares in John 14:6, "I am the path, the truth, and the energy of life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." I realize there is controversy on the correctness of Jesus' being the only way. That is to say, how can the vastness of the gods be narrowed down to one God, Father of our Lord Jesus and our Father?

Let's look at the illustration BUCKLE UP FOR SAFETY. There are billions of road vehicles and millions of air vessels in motion during the day. Before you drive, signs remind you in Michigan, Click it or Ticket, and before your airplane leaves the ground, you are instructed to fasten your seatbelt as tight as possible for safety. Not that there is any likelihood that there is going to be a crash or accident. In case there is, however, you are safer and more inclined to survive if you're buckled up.

Undoubtedly, some refuse to obey the law, and the consequences are sometimes fatal. However, following the commandments and instructions of the Holy Spirit, like putting on the whole armor of God, guarantees complete coverage and safe passage through the storms and battles of life.

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The Michigan Lottery is celebrating 10 years of recognizing outstanding educators with the 2023-24 **Excellence** in Education awards. During the program's 10 years, the Michigan Lottery has recognized more than 300 public-school educators across Michigan and highlighted the impact they have in their respective communities. Nominations are currently open, and parents, students, school staff members, and others are encouraged to nominate outstanding publicschool educators for awards. All public-school employees may be nominated for the awards, which recognize educators who go "above and beyond" to make a difference in the lives of children. To nominate a publicschool educator, go to https://www.michiganlottery.co m/excellenceineducation. Public-school educators play a critical role in our students' lives by serving as role models, offering encouragement and motivation, and teaching critical skills that prepare Michigan's students for future success," said Acting Lottery Commissioner, Jessica Weare.

The Lottery's Excellence in Education awards shine a light on dedicated educators who go above and beyond for their students and inspire them to reach their full potential." The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public-school educators across the state during the school year. One outstanding educator will be selected each week and will receive a \$2,000 cash prize. At the end of the school year, one of these weekly award winners will be selected to receive the Lottery's Educator of the Year award and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize. Winners of the weekly award are featured in a news segment on the Lottery's media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, FOX 47 in Lansing, WNEM-TV in Saginaw, and WWTV-TV in Traverse City.

Thirty-four of these nominees, including Kluzak, were selected to win a weekly award. Previous winners of the Educator of the Year award: 2022 - Spencer Vanderheide, a high school teacher with Kenowa Hills High School in Grand Rapids. 2021 – Janice Smith, a school social worker at Fisher Magnet Lower Academy in Detroit. 2020 – Megan Sidge, an Autism Spectrum Disorder teacher at Hickory Woods **Elementary in Walled** Lake. 2019 - Stewart Kieliszewski, an Earth science, biology, mechatronics, and media teacher for eighth through 12 graders at the Ubly Community Schools. 2018 Kerri Moccio, a firstgrade literacy intervention specialist at Bedford **Elementary School in** Dearborn Heights. 2017 -Linda Holzwarth, a social studies teacher at Portage West Middle School in Portage. 2016 – Daniel Carr, a Spanish and sports marketing teacher at Waverly High School in Lansing.

2015 – Michael Craig, a special education teacher at the Charles Drew **Transition Center in** 



### **Birthdays in December** 2023

Mr. Kevin Alexander Tyler celebrates his 30th birthday on December 1st, at home with family. Ms. Alisha "Happy" Randle celebrates her 39th birthday on December 1st, "just chill'in!" Ms. Diona Houston celebrates her birthday on December 1st. She will turn 38 years of age. Ms. Marsha Civils celebrates her birthday on December 2nd. Mrs. Tracy Faulkner celebrates her birthday on December 2nd, with family and friends. Mr. "Wolf" celebrated his 59th year of life, December 2nd . Ms. Markita Atwater celebrates her 32nd birthday on December 4th. "I want to say thanks to my mother, Rhonda Horton, for being here for me and watching me become a grown woman... Love you Mom!" Ms. Patricia Robinson, (deceased): We celebrate her birth on December 4th. Mr. T. J. Baldwin celebrates his 36th birthday on December 5th, with family and friends. Mr. Pone ,of the Hood Riders MC, celebrates his birthday on December 6th. He says "Jesus loves you!!!" to his daughter and granddaughter. Ms. Cynthia Delapaz enjoys her 42nd birthday on December 7th, with family and friends. "Much Love to my daughters!" Ms. Chantelle Brandon celebrates her birthday on December 8th. Ms. Jasmine Harris will celebrate her 34th birthday on December 9th. Ms. Tabitha Fortner celebrates her 36th birthday on December 10th, with family and friends. Ms. Kaylin "KayKay" Perkins, celebrating her 27 years, on December 12. Mr. Marc David Tyler II celebrates his 34th birthday on December 13th, with family and friends. Ms. Candace Clay celebrates her birth, 47 years, on December 15th. She says," I love Living!" Ms. Kimmy Herlick celebrates her 53rd birthday on December 15th, with family and friends. Mr. Andy Brown celebrates his birthday on December 15th, with his wife Coral, daughters and son. Ms. Cheryl Horn-Bernard will celebrate her birth on December 16th. Ms. Karen Morrow celebrates her 52nd birthday on December 17th. "God Bless my family, friends and extended family, Love you all!"

Mr. Stafford L. Cobb celebrates his birthday on December 20th. "Life is lived forward and learned backwards" "Peace to all and 1 love!" Mr. Jameel Cooper celebrates his birthday on December 20th, with family and friends. Ms. DaQuaria Watkins will celebrate her 27th birthday on December 20th. Grandma says, "She is an excellent student!" Mr. Tommie L. Boyd will celebrate his 52nd birthday on December 21st.

Ms. Sharita Robinson-Murphy will celebrate her birthday on December 21st, with her husband Michael and children."Love You, my niece", Uncle Billy Mr. Tyrell Potts will celebrate his birthday on December 25th. Mr. Anthony Michael Quarles will be celebrating his 32nd birthday on December 26th with family and friends. Mr. Al Travis will celebrate his birthday on December 26th. \*Special Holiday Message from: Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration

December is the month of the Holy Days (Holiday) season... A time when people celebrate and share GOD's Love...

Love is GOD's Character; choosing to put the needs of others before self.

As you spend time with family (The foundation of a person's life), friends and loved ones...

The winner of the 2023 Educator of the Year award was Kathryn Kluzak, a kindergarten teacher at Robert L. Green Elementary in East Lansing. Hundreds of educators were nominated during the 2022-23 school year, which was the ninth year of the Excellence in Education awards program.

Detroit. Excellence In Education award nominees should demonstrate the following gualities: • Excellence – Their work consistently helps students and/or their schools or school districts advance to higher levels of academic achievement. • Dedication - They consistently go above and beyond expectations to help students succeed. • Inspiration – Their work inspires others around them to exceed expectations either academically or professionally. • Leadership – They demonstrate clear leadership skills in their positions with their school or school districts. Effectiveness – The nominee's work has clear and positive results on the educational advancement of students within the school or school district.



**Remember:** It is nice to be important, it's more important to be nice!!!

You can never show a kindness too soon for vou never know how soon it might be too late!!!

We don't laugh because we're happy, we're happy because we laugh!!!

Smile, laugh; Celebrate a life filled with love every day... May the Love of GOD bring you Peace and Joy!!!

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- Don't put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycle them at your local battery recycling location.
- Store spare lithium-ion batteries away from anything that can burn.
- Don't put lithium-ion batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot cars. This is a fire risk.
- Remove lithium-ion batteries from your checked smart luggage and keep them with you on the plane.

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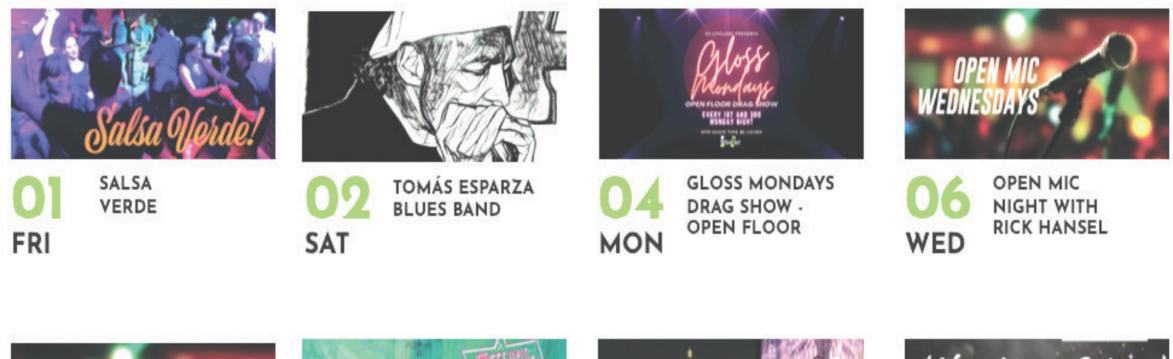


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