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First day of Mnookmi! (Spring)

The Spring Equinox begins in the Northern Hemisphere on March 19th around 11:06 PM and the Southern Hemisphere (Spring Equinox) starts Sunday, September 22, this year. What happens during this magical time you ask? The sun crosses the celestial equator going North to South. "Celestial" just means the equator is an invisible line in the sky.

To simplify what I just said, it is the beginning of our brighter days! We survived the darkest 10 weeks of the year. I know it was rough going to work in the morning while dark and then getting out of work dark too. Thankfully, the

sun is staying out longer now for us to enjoy. Spring has sprung and summer is well on its way.

This is the perfect time to get your garden going; if you plan on doing so. This will be my third year doing a garden and each time I learn something new. Starting your plants inside seems to be ideal (something I haven't done yet), such as broccoli, onions, kale, lettuce, and artichokes. The middle-end of March will be when you want to plant a few things outdoors; such as your spinach, fava beans, and arugula. Around this same time you can start your peppers, tomatoes, and eggplants inside



March 20th is the First Day of Spring.

as well.

I truly hope everyone has had a great 2024 so far. Practice your affirmations, self love talk, and speaking positive things into existence. You made it through the darkness and moved into the light!

Interesting dates and weeks this month...

- Women's History Month
- March 2nd: Dr. Seuss Day
- March 3rd: National Day of Unplugging
- March 8th: International Women's Day & No Smoking Day
- Procrastination Week (March 6th to 12th)
- March 12th: National Girl Scout Day
- March 17th: St. Patrick's Day
- March 23rd: National

- Puppy Day
- March 29th: International Mermaid Day
- March 31st: International Transgender Day of Visibility

SPRING

The Ultimate Guide to a Tidier Home

Get Organized

Eliminate clutter in each room before cleaning. Sort into piles for donation, garage sale, and garbage.

Wash Windows

Wash windows with water and a microfiber cloth on a cloudy day to avoid streaks.

 Clean Sliding Door Tracks

Scrub sliding door tracks with a toothbrush, and vacuum any debris. Rinse with a wet sponge.

 Clean Overlooked Surfaces

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Wash baseboards, door frames, and walls with warm, soapy water.

O Deep-Clean Carpets

Hire a professional carpet cleaner or rent a deep cleaner to wash carpets annually.

 Clean Under Large Items

Lift furniture and roll up area rugs before vacuuming floors. Additionally, vacuum behind kitchen appliances.

Refresh Furniture

Polish wood furniture and restore smooth leather with an upholstery cleaner.

 Dust Light Fixtures Use a microfiber cloth to dust fixtures and bulbs. For ceiling fans, use an extendable duster.

 Transition Wardrobe Put winter items away and pull out the spring/summer clothes.

 Clean Window Treatments

Vacuum curtains and draperies with an upholstery attachment.

ROOM-BY-ROOMCHECKLIST

Exterior

Please ask maintenance or hire a professional to Power Wash

- Power Wash
- Wash Outdoor Furniture
- Store and Repair Tools

Bedroom

- Flip Mattress
- Wash Linens
- Clean Area Rugs
- Wash Pillows

Bathroom

- Toss Old Products
- Replace Mat or Liner
- Wash Shower Curtain

Kitchen

- Declutter Pantry
- Clean Cabinets and Drawer
- Donate Small Appliances
- Toss Expired Items
- Clean Fridge
- Vacuum Under Appliances





QR Code: Karma Kat Drag Bingo

Ziisbaakdoke Giizis

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Employee Appreciation Day	2
3	4 Pound Cake Day	5	6 Dentist's Day	7 Cereal & Flapjack Day	8	9 Barbie Day
10 Daylight Savings	11	12 Girl Scout Day	13	14 Pi Day	15	16 Corn Dog Day
17 St. Patty's Day	18 Sloppy Joe Day	19 First day of Spring	20	21 Down Syndrome Day	22	23 Puppy Day
24 Palm Sunday	25	26 Purple Day	27	28	29 Good Friday	30 Doctor's Day
31 Easter Sunday						

QR Code: Mud Dog Marathon





QR Code: Clare Irish Festival

St. Patrick's Day Kids Craft

Ingredients:

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup salt
- 3 tbsp cream of tart-
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil Green food coloring (or leave plain white)

Directions:

- Combine all of the dry ingredients in a medium pan.
- Add water and oil.
- Cook on medium heat, adding the food coloring.
- Stir continuously.
- When the dough mix pulls away from the sides and forms into a large ball, the dough is ready to be placed in a small

Schedule of Events

- Saturday, March 2nd: Karma Kat Drag Bingo! 3PM and 6PM (Tickets are \$20 via Eventbrite)
- Sunday, March 10th: Mud Dog Half Marathon/10k/5k (\$40, \$35, \$30)
- Wednesday to Sunday, March 13th-17th: 49th Annual Irish Festival
- Saturday, March 16th: Clare Irish Festival Road Race
- Saturday, March 30th: Saturday Swap!



QR Code: Saturday Swap @ Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum

bowl to cool. Store in a plastic container or re-sealable



Grab all the green gems, beads, buttons, and any other pieces you can think of. Let the kids decorate their playdough pieces!

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Plus 1.5 hours of playtime!

2-3:30pm

Saturday March 23, 2024



Mini City located at 310 W. Michigan St., Mount Pleasant, MI, 48858

Let's Learn Ojibwe Together.



Don't forget to wear your green March 17th

♦ March

Ziisbaakdoke Giizis

- ♦ Clover/Shamrock Nesoobgak
- ♦ Flowers
 Waaskone'en
- ♦ Garden Ktigaan
- ♦ Good Luck Mnomewzin
- ♦ **Gold** Zaawaabik

Green

Zhaawsh-kwan-de

- ♦ Flowers
 Waaskone'en
- ♦ Horseshoe Shkanzhii-kaajigan
- Leprechaun
 Bgoji-nishnaabenhs
- ♦ Maple Tree Ninaatik
- Maple Syrup
 Ninaatigoziiwaakmide

- Rainbow Ngwaagan
- **♦ Rain**Gmiwan
- Spring (springtime)Mnookmi
- ♦ Four Leaf Clover Niiwin-nesoobgak

