



## December 2021 Newsletter

**"The most precious gift you can give someone is your time and attention."**



*"We are always too busy for our children; we never give them the time or interest they deserve. We lavish gifts upon them; but the most precious gift, our personal association, which means so much to them, we give grudgingly."* Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

This holiday season is a wonderful time to gift our children our "TIME". The single most important gift that we can give them! Trinkets and toys can be replaced, but time together is everlasting. Children grow up so quickly, which is why now is the time to embrace our time together creating memories for a lifetime. Nothing can compare to the quality time we spend with our children. Choose the gift of an experience together over a physical gift this holiday season.

- Play a game together/hide-n-seek/peek-a-boo
- Go sledding/skiing/hiking/ice skating
- Build a snowman/snow angel/snow fort
- Make a craft/draw/paint
- Sing & dance together (GET SILLY!)
- Cook together
- Build with blocks/Legos/sheets to make a fort
- Plan a weekend adventure/get-away



**All playgroups are on hold until after the new year. See you in 2022!**

**This holiday season, generosity of spirit is one that will not be forgotten.**

**"LAUGHTER, SONG, AND DANCE CREATE EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CONNECTION; THEY REMIND US OF THE ONE THING THAT TRULY MATTERS WHEN WE ARE SEARCHING FOR COMFORT, CELEBRATION, INSPIRATION, OR HEALING:**

**WE ARE NOT ALONE."**

**BRENÉ BROWN**

**THE GIFTS OF IMPERFECTION**  
10th Anniversary Edition





## December 2021 Parenting Communities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <b>HANUKKAH Begins</b>	29 <b>LCN:</b> Food Pantry 2-6 Baby Pantry 2-6 Neighborhood Assistance 2-4	30 <b>Pre-K Story Time @ Suttons Bay Bingham Twp Library 10:30</b>	1 <b>World AIDS Awareness Day</b>  <b>Leelanau Laundry Project Suttons Bay Laundromat 8am (last wash 10:30am)</b>	2 <b>Wiggler's Preschool Storytime @ Leelanau Twp. Library 10:30am</b>	3 <b>Storytime at Leland Township Library 10:30 (Check FB for details)</b>	4 <b>World Wildlife Conservation Day</b>
5	6 <b>HANUKKAH Ends</b>  <b>LCN:</b> Food Pantry 2-6 Baby Pantry 2-6 Neighborhood Assistance 2-4	7 <b>Pearl Harbor Day</b>  <b>Pre-K Story Time @ Suttons Bay Bingham Twp Library 10:30</b>	8 <b>Bodhi Day Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>  <b>5toOne Playgroup @ Great Lakes Children's Museum 10-11:30</b>	9 <b>Int'l Day of Commemoration &amp; Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide</b>  <b>Wiggler's Preschool Storytime @ Leelanau Twp. Library 10:30am</b>	10 <b>Human Rights Day</b>  <b>Storytime at Leland Township Library 10:30 (Check FB for details)</b>	11
12 <b>International Children's Day</b>	13 <b>LCN:</b> Food Pantry 2-6 Baby Pantry 2-6 Neighborhood Assistance 2-4	14 <b>Pre-K Story Time @ Suttons Bay Bingham Twp Library 10:30</b>	15 <b>Leelanau Laundry Project Suttons Bay Laundromat 8am (last wash 10:30am)</b>	16 <b>Las Posadas begins</b>  <b>Wiggler's Preschool Storytime @ Leelanau Twp. Library 10:30am</b>	17 <b>Storytime at Leland Township Library 10:30 (Check FB for details)</b>	18 <b>Int'l Migrants Day</b>
19	20 <b>International Human Solidarity Day</b>  <b>LCN:</b> Food Pantry 2-6 Baby Pantry 2-6 Neighborhood Assistance 2-4	21 <b>National Coquito Day</b>  <b>WINTER SOLSTICE</b> <b>Pre-K Story Time @ Suttons Bay Bingham Twp Library 10:30</b>	22 <b>5toOne Playgroup @ Great Lakes Children's Museum 10-11:30</b>	23	24 <b>Las Posadas ends</b>	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>
26 <b>KWANZAA begins</b>	27 <b>LCN:</b> Food Pantry 2-6 Baby Pantry 2-6 Neighborhood Assistance 2-4	28 <b>Pre-K Story Time @ Suttons Bay Bingham Twp Library 10:30</b>	29	30	31	1 <b>New Year 2022</b>

PLEASE CHECK DETAILS OF LIBRARY EVENTS VIA FACEBOOK FOR CANCELLATIONS & UPDATES!

Parenting Communities: [Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department \(bldhd.org\)](http://Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department (bldhd.org))

Find us on Facebook @PCLeeelanau NOTE: ALL PARENTING COMMUNITIES' ACTIVITIES ARE FREE FOR EVERYONE

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