



Celebrate the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with a 1-hour family program of Celtic classics complete with Irish step dancers, vocalists and bagpipes! Saturday, March 12 at 3 pm in DeVos Hall. FREE children's activities begin at 2 pm. Kids \$5, Adults \$15.



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Where to Find February Fun in GR

Believe it or not, March is just around the corner, and Grand Rapids has one warm welcome planned! Below, we've listed at least one activity for each day of the month. March to your own beat, or follow the crowd...**from Laughfest to Legos...butterflies, bunnies and bargains, there's something for everyone!**

MARCH INTO SPRING – 2016

March 1 – Drop by the UICA for a new program called, **Contemporary Kids: Story Time**, that features a storytelling and hands on art that's sure to engage your 0-5 year old.

March 2 – Visit Meijer Gardens and walk through their conservatory with 7,000 tropical butterflies! **Butterflies are Blooming** is on exhibit from March 1-April 30.

March 3 – Enjoy a diverse selection of foods, at the **Taste of Kentwood**.

March 4 – Take a trip to the **Big Build LEGO Display** at the Shadowland Ballroom in Saint Joseph, or, stay closer to home and watch the biggest performers on 4 wheels, race through the Van Andel Arena at **Monster Jam 2016!**

March 5 – Compete in the 6th annual **Cardboard Bobsled Derby** at Cannonsburg Ski Area. Rather stay inside? Mothers and Sons are invited to join the Kroc Center for a **Date Night LEGO party**, complete with dinner, activities and games!

Sunday, March 6 – Compete in the first ever **Human Hungry Hippo Tournament**, then watch the magic of **Snow White** performed live by the GRBS Junior Company. Still hungry for more? Catch **STOMP**, the explosive rhythmic troupe who uses everything but instruments, on stage at the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center.

March 7 – Kids and adults of all ages can enjoy **lunch time open skate at Griff's IceHouse**.

March 8 – Be a part of **Science Tuesdays at the GRPM**. This month's theme is Zoology.

March 9 – Head to the movies! Kids 12 and under can enjoy **Flick's Family Films** for FREE all month long! This week's feature is Pan!

March 10 – Pack your child's lunch and bring them to **Grand Rapids Gymnastics for Munch-n-Move**, where they'll enjoy fun, organized activities and gymnastics while you enjoy "me time".

March 11 – Shop your heart out! The **GR Mothers of Twins Club Spring Sale**, **Thornapple MOPS' Spring Consignment Sale** and the **All About the Kids Sale** are all taking place today.

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March 12 – Spend your morning laughing doing [Family Improv](#) or at the [Super Saturday Kids Zone](#), then head to the Civic Theatre and enjoy a FREE family performance of [Awesome Allie](#), [First Kid Astronaut](#). Want to celebrate the spirit of St. Patrick's Day instead? Join the Grand Rapids Symphony as they perform alongside Irish Step Dancers, vocalists and bagpipes, at [Celtic Kids](#).

Sunday, March 13 – Bring your furry friends to GRCC's Ford Fieldhouse and celebrate how funny our furry friends can be at LaughFest's [People and Pets](#).

March 14 – Explore the [Lowell Historical Museum](#) with your child, participate in hands-on experiences and create a take-home activity, all for just \$1!

March 15 – Sign your little comedians up for [Kids Joke Night!](#) Three events are being offered this year, one in Lowell on the 15th, one in Grand Rapids on the 17th, or one in Holland on the 19th!

March 16 – Get some great deals at the [Just Between Friends](#) sale!

March 17 – Help West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science with their sap collection and learn how they're [Makin' Maple Syrup](#).

March 18 – Purchase a [Friday Family Fun Pack at Hudsonville Lanes](#) and enjoy an hour and a half of bowling, shoe rental, hot dogs, chips and unlimited pop for up to 6 people!

March 19 – Take in the sounds of the [GR Symphony's Lollipops](#) performance of Ferdinand the Bull. Then, bring the whole family to the [Laughfest's Baby Loves Disco](#) dance party. Like no other disco you've been to, you'll find changing stations, bubble machines, a chill out room and dancing, LOTS of dancing.

Sunday, March 20 – Race through the streets of downtown GR completing fun filled challenges in the [Seriously Funny Family Adventure Challenge!](#)

March 21 – Check out [The Robot Zoo](#), a brand new exhibit at the Grand Rapids Public Museum and explore the biomechanics of complex animal robots, while discovering how real animals work!

March 22 -. Visit the Easter Bunny, decorate cookies and enjoy \$.99 kids meals at [Fazoli's Easter Kids Night Party!](#)

March 23 – Take advantage of discounted Spring rates and head to the [John Ball Zoo!](#)

March 24 – Take advantage of discounted family night rates at the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, and enjoy a special musical performance by [Kevin Kammeraad and Beverly Meyer!](#)

March 25 – Introduce the wonders of nature to your little ones at [Nature School](#). Crafts, games, books, songs, live animals and outdoor exploration will be incorporated into their learning experience.

March 26 – Get a deal on a Friends and Family 4-Pack to the [Grand Rapids Griffins Star Wars & Superhero Theme Night!](#)

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Sunday, March 27 – Celebrate the season in Downtown Douglas at their [Easter Egg Hunt and Hat Parade!](#)

March 28 – It's [Maple Sugar Time at the Van Raalte Farm!](#) Come help tap the trees, gather sap and see how the Native Americans made sugar.

March 29 – Join the Caledonia Dance & Music Center for [Story Time with a Twist](#), a free, weekly activity for children of all ages that combines storybooks with dance, music, rhymes, instruments and more!

March 30 – Make a splash during open swim in [Hudsonville](#), [Spring Lake](#), [Kentwood](#) or [Jenison](#).

March 31 – Watch your favorite Marvel Superheroes come to life the action-packed arena performance, [Marvel Universe Live!](#) Join Peppa Pig, star of the top-rated Nick Jr. TV Series, on her first ever theatrical tour, [Peppa Pig's Big Splash!](#)