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"Mark" My Words... *a message from Dawn Giganti*

Do you ever feel like you are about to hit your breaking point? This means that you need to think about taking care of yourself TODAY... before you end up losing your composure. I learned this the hard way and have learned some pretty good coping methods over the years – the best one is taking a mental health day. Book a day at the spa, getting away to a hotel or just staying in bed all day with a bag of chips and binging on Hulu or Netflix. Sometimes you need a full 24 hours to yourself with no problems to confront or solutions to search for. Balance can only come from rest. When you are resting, you can also reflect on the things that matter. For me, it opens an opportunity for a deeper connection to God. I always feel more energized when I lean into Him.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:23-30 ESV

I think many times we get so busy that we start to believe we cannot slow down without the world falling apart, but the reality is that we all need a break sometimes. God even knows that!

If you have been feeling overwhelmed and overloaded, permit yourself to take a break. Then make it happen without making excuses. Ask your spouse to take over so you can hide out in the guest bedroom or basement for a night alone – swap childcare with a friend for the weekend and retreat at a hotel. If a full day of solitude is not possible, then plan a half-day just for yourself at the spa. Just give yourself some alone time with no work, no phone, no to-do list, no eLearning and no obligations. Just time alone to read, sleep, take a walk, think, reflect and breathe. The more you think you cannot afford it means you probably cannot afford not to. I am sure I am not the only one to tell you that you truly deserve it. And remember, if there is a will, there is a way!

Start 2021 off with balance and have a wonderful month!

Dawn Giganti

Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administrative Assistant
Creative Carpet & Flooring



2021 JANUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Month at a Glance:

1st New Year's Day - CLOSED Friday the 1st & Saturday the 2nd to celebrate 2021 with our family & friends.

16th National Nothing Day - Celebrate this day by doing... nothing. Good thing it's on a Saturday!

18th Winnie the Pooh Day - Birthday of Winnie's author, A. A. Milne.

23rd Measure Your Feet Day - Ummm... why?

28th Fun at Work Day - This could be interesting.

Employee birthdays this month:

27th Tim Churchill - Distribution Center Associate



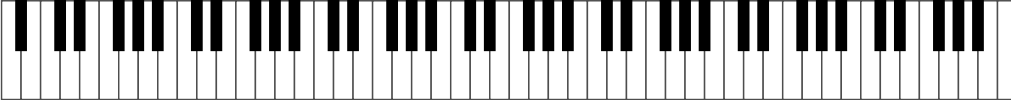
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BRADLEY ANDREATTA
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DAVE & CARRIE STAPLETON
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ED BARNES
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Benefits of Children Learning a Musical Instrument

- **Brainpower:** Scientists have proven that music helps to enhance brainpower and memory functions. Children exposed to music excel in academics. Music helps stimulate the part of the brain that is responsible for reading, math and emotional development. Children can improve memory skills at a young age by learning to play an instrument. Music teaches them to create, store and retrieve memories, like a workout for the brain.
- **Social skills:** Playing an instrument is a great solo activity. However, joining the school band or starting a rock group with friends is even more fun and a great way to develop healthy social habits. Music helps develop social skills by teaching how to relate with people, work in a team, leadership, and discipline. Working toward a common goal and achieving it as a team is rewarding.
- **Self-control:** Learning to play an instrument involves self-control and patience because much practice is needed. To get better, a child needs to put in the time. When they pick up this habit, it helps them learn how to follow through and self-restraint. In life, it shows them how to discipline themselves to pursue any goals they have.
- **Confidence:** Learning to play an instrument is a skill to be developed on their own. It takes a reasonable amount of time, patience and practice, which helps with self-esteem and boosts confidence. As time progresses, they will become better and even more confident in their ability. As a child reaches music milestones and goals, they feel a sense of achievement and pride.
- **Patience:** Playing an instrument means having to persevere through hours, days and possibly years of practice. A child must have patience while learning to set goals. In a band setting, they learn how to work with others to make beautiful music.
- **Self-expression:** Skills such as songwriting, singing and stage performance will help children develop skills to express themselves. Learning to play an instrument gives them an outlet for creativity and making their own choices. Music is one way to express emotions. Learning to play an instrument can convey emotions in a healthy and productive way.
- **Responsibility:** Instruments require maintenance to keep them looking and sounding like they should, giving children something to take pride in and be responsible for. Another responsibility is following a practice schedule.
- **Coordination:** Playing an instrument requires the brain to work at advanced speeds. It improves hand-eye coordination because a child must concentrate on reading music and converting the notes into the physical motion of playing.
- **Listening:** Playing an instrument requires listening carefully to a collection of different things. A child needs to listen to instructions, rhythm, pitch and speed. This concentration will improve skills in music and in life.

Music is an essential part of a child's life. It is important it is to make sure that it affects them in a positive way. One of our customers, Else Perdicaris, from Munster, IN is the author of "Pixie Pianist," which shares the techniques that she has found most effective. Pixie Pianist is a unique "storybook" that encourages a child to listen and create their own stories using the piano. It presents music concepts at a child's level and pace, leading to instant satisfaction, success, and fun. If you are looking for an excellent place to start or a unique gift, you can find more information about her and her fantastic teaching method at <https://pixiepianist.com/>.

SEEMA THAPAR

of Oak Brook, IL

You are this month's

MYSTERY WINNER!

We have a \$50 Creative Carpet & Flooring gift card reserved just for you!

Stop in your nearest showroom to claim your prize!

NOTE: Must be picked up before 1/30/2021

Did You Know?

Living in the Midwest... where it dips below freezing in the winter, you understand how quickly snow and salt get tracked into your home or office. Follow these simple floor care tips to protect your floors from snow and salt this winter.

- The best floor cleaning advice is this: Prevention is easier than restoration. Prevent damage to your floors by keeping snow and salt off of them as much as possible.
- Use floor mats. Put a bristly floor mat outside the front door and encourage your family members and guests, or staff and customers to wipe their feet before coming inside. This will remove the largest particles of salt and clumps of unmelted snow. Place additional mats inside for guests to dry their feet.
- Keep old towels or cleaning rags near the door. Wipe up puddles immediately. Standing water can damage your floors.
- If your office floors become slippery quickly, consider laying down plastic runners. Not only will these keep your floors clear of snow and salt, but they may prevent slip and fall injuries.
- Increase the frequency of your regular home or office floor cleaning. If you normally clean your floors with a damp mop once a week, you may need to clean them two or three times per week depending on foot traffic.

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BILL NIESMAN
BILL STEVENS
BOB KROLL
BOB MONTALBANO
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BRIAN MILOVAC
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BRIDGET MORAN
CAROL SMOLIK
CAROLINE GRUND
CATHI HATCZEL
CATHY BLACKBURN

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CHRIS WAGNER
COLLEEN SCHUMACHER
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DAVE & TRISH SURDYK
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DAVID & NILA RUNDLE
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DONNA BOSS
DONNA STAEL
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MEGA Trivia Contest

Who wants to **WIN** a
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Take our Trivia Challenge!

This month's Mega Trivia question:
What is the largest fast-food chain in China?

- (A) Pizza Hut
- (B) Burger King
- (C) KFC
- (D) McDonald's

To enter, visit our website at creativecarpetinc.com, click on "MEGA Trivia" under Specials and take your best guess. Your chances of winning are better than you think! Winner will be announced in the following month's newsletter. Entry deadline is the 20th each month. Good luck!!!

Last month's question:

Which legendary guitarist played the solo on
"Beat It" by Michael Jackson?

Answer: (B) Eddie Van Halen

In a piece of music history fit for Hollywood, the virtuoso rock guitarist recorded one of the most famous solos in pop history as a last-minute favor. In 1982, producer Quincy Jones called Eddie Van Halen on a whim and asked if he would play guitar on the record he was working on with Michael Jackson, then a 24-year-old who had yet to reach massive international stardom as a solo artist. On the other hand, Van Halen had already released four albums and Eddie was an established rock star. He later told CNN in an interview, "I said to myself, 'Who is going to know that I played on this kid's record, right? Nobody's going to find out.' Wrong!" He was very wrong, in fact: "Beat It" went on to be one of the best-selling singles in music history on one of the best-selling albums of all time, "Thriller." Eddie Van Halen, who passed away in October 2020 after a long battle with throat cancer, also told interviewers that Jones compensated him for his efforts with two six-packs of beer.

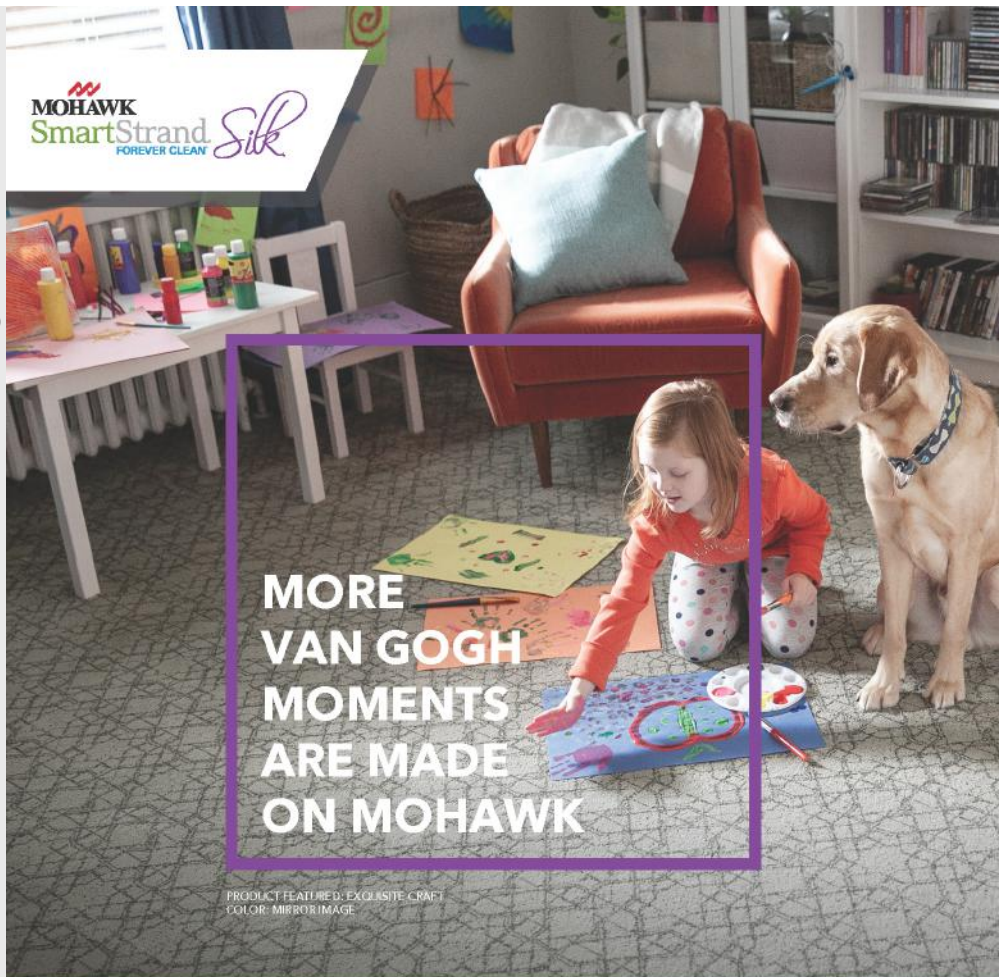
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**SCOTT
GILLIAM**

of New Lenox, IL

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THANK YOU FOR THE KIND WORDS!

"When we walked in the door, we were greeted by Brian who was a big help in selecting carpet for our living room and stairs to our family room. He made suggestions for a carpet that would suit our needs. The installation went smoothly. We are thrilled with the results. We have also used their Carpet and tile cleaning service. It is by far the best we have ever used! We would highly recommend Creative Carpet and Flooring. Happy holidays to all of you."

~ Pat Phelan of Mokena, IL

