

**Today is a Good Day: Acknowledgment**

***Station Fire Nightclub***  
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*“Words matter. Yes. Kindness goes a long way. Yes it does.”*

*– from a Station Fire Memorial Foundation press conference about being given the land to build a memorial at the former site of the club.*

### Source Material

*After the tragedy, the Boston Globe published brief profiles of the 100 victims. One element from each person is included here. In this way I acknowledge that we live and celebrate life in many of the ways those who died did as well. As we do and value and love what they did and valued and loved, we carry them with us even as we continue on.*

### Directions

*Make a temporary square: a space people can join, sit, listen, share. A sheet. A quilt. Once people are gathered, read:*

## THE PLAY

Today is a good day to have a mind like a sponge.

Today is a good day to be stuck in the 80's.

Today is a good day to be living your dream.

Today is a good day to still be looking for your happiness/ to go for a long drive/to have heavy metal buddies/ to be a hard worker for your mom/ to be on the roof in the sun with your grandfather. Today is a good day to be worried about other people.

Today is a good day to be crazy for babies.

Today is a good day to clown for family photos.

Today is a good day to rebuild an engine/take a road trip with your dog/to wear an angel around your neck/ to find a cherished companion.

Today is a good day to belt out 80's rock hits at Tommy's Lounge.

Today is a good day to love the 3 stooges.

Today is a good day to live for rock n roll.

Today is a good day to be kind of pain-in-the-neck inquisitive.

Today is a good day to dote over your flower bed/to be a wicked good mother/ to spend your free time with your daughter/ to celebrate your 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Today is a good day to stop on the road to save an injured animal from being run over.

Today is a good day to be a student by day and aspiring rock star by night.

Today is a good day to wait for the hummingbirds to return.

Today is a good day to be sober/ to be a stand-out bowler/ to manage the seafood department at Stop and Shop/ to propose to your girlfriend.

Today is a good day to go to East Providence Lanes.

Today is a good day to be down in front, singing along/ to say "I love you, mamere"/ to cook meals together.

Today is a good day to pull your little girls around in a plastic golf cart.

Today is a good day to be where things are happening/ to love NASCAR/ to make the most of a recent snow/ to be named most valuable player.

Today is a good day to let your big booming laugh erupt out of you.

Today is a good day to crank it up a notch/ to be quick with a smile and slow to anger/ to lug your bone-white Gibson Les Paul guitar everywhere. Today is a good day to read "the game of life and how to play it" / to be a gifted golfer/ to walk the extra mile for your students/ to greet everyone with a handshake and a smile/ to design your own wedding dress / to work on your fixer-upper.

Today is a good day to play a game called “bones” / to talk to your brother 5 times/ to let a little girl put a tiara on your head.

Today is a good day to fill your home with flowers.

Today is a good day to balance a canoe on your chin.

Today is a good day to wear your favorite black bandanna/ to be a dreamer/turn down a commercial/break your ankle by flipping over your drum set.

Today is a good day to be kind and gentle and thoughtful/to not let your disability stop you/ to have loving, hippie thoughts/ make macaroni and meatballs/ hold your own/ go out and enjoy the day/serve up salmon and swordfish and banter.

Today is a good day to love heavy metal.

Today is a good day to find the absurdities in modern culture/ to get matching tattoos with your sister/ to stay a friend the rest of your life/ to lavish love on your family/ take your mom up in a hot air balloon/get an eagle tattoo/move up to better seats.

Today is a good day to plan a medieval themed wedding.

Today is a good day to be an art therapist.

Today is a good day to soak it all up/ to go where your friends are going/ to be the glue.

Today is a good day to catch up with friends.

Today is a good day to be a walking library of 80’s rock knowledge.

Today is a good day to cultivate a generation of music lovers.

Today is a good day to break your back to keep your word/ to go back in.

Today is a good day to drink a cup of coffee with your mother.

Today is a good day to eat crackers with pepperoni and cheese.

Today is a good day to adore 80’s power rock/to cook a meal together/to love your heavy metal/ to walk a dog named Daisy.

Today is a good day to love the power chords of 80’s rock.

Today is a good day to have a tool belt slung around your waist/to offer a hand/to remember a birthday/to convert your home into an elaborate haunted house/to work with newcomers.

Today is a good day to be the ultimate fan/ to be very, very bright/ to dress up as Alice Cooper.

Today is a good day to grow a maple tree.

Today is a good day to have a gentle touch.

Today is a good day to enjoy every minute.