

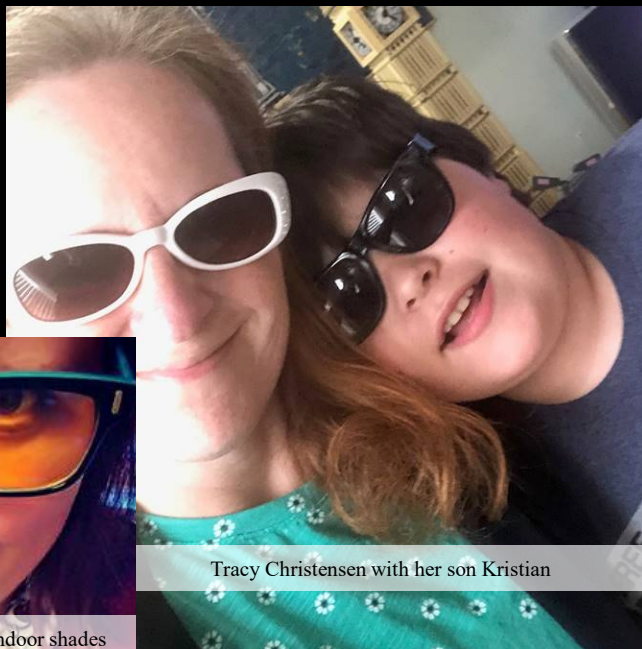


Today is June 19, the day we celebrate Juneteenth.

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Yesterday, Governor Andy Beshear declared Juneteenth an official holiday for our Commonwealth. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. More info: <https://www.juneteenth.com/history.htm>.



Carlos Cooper III above the "Green Monster" at Fenway Park



Tracy Christensen with her son Kristian



Jami Kidwell Chavez rocking her indoor shades



Caroline Ellis with her daughter Claire



Shane Tedder during the 2018 total eclipse

PHOTO FRIDAY: Showing off our shades

June is National Migraine and Headache Awareness month and June 21 is Migraine World Solidarity Day – the catalyst for the “Shades for Migraine” campaign (<https://www.shadesformigraine.org/>). Thanks to **Jami Kidwell Chavez (center)** for submitting the suggestion for today's Photo Friday theme!