

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2022



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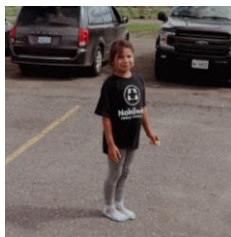
## **RBCFS Fathers Day BBB:**

The RBCFS satellite office held a Father's Day barbeque at the office in Thunder Bay which was well attended by many fathers and their families. The staff did an awesome job at serving up hamburgers, hotdogs, pasta salad, and Lil Caesar's pizza as a side dish.



Several draws were held for the father's including a draw for a barbeque which was won by Billy Tait. The children enjoyed the bouncy castles and families got to visit with each other.

RBCFS would like to thank Elder Jim Mishquart for his closing remarks acknowledging the hard work of the staff. He thanked the Creator for bringing our families together to share a meal and laughter.



## **BZA Aboriginal Day**

Staff travelled to BZA to participate in the Aboriginal Day festivities that were held at the BZA powwow grounds.



BZA families enjoyed a fun filled day of crafts and games, food, traditional activities, and fireworks. A Pride parade and raising of the Pride flag took place.



The Parent Volunteer Committee for hosted a draw for 2 patio sets.



**"Let us always meet each other with a smile,  
for the smile is the beginning of love."  
~ Mother Teresa**



**Winners  
were Kiera  
Ladouceur,  
and Tess  
Nobis.**

## Social Repatriation

### TUTORING NIGHTS:

Tutoring Nights for this school year are now over. Tutoring Nights will begin again in September.

We would like to thank Nookiwin Tribal Council and the Jordan's Principal program for their support in providing this service to our members.

### GAME NIGHTS:

Game Nights will continue throughout the summer and take place every Thursday night from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. To register contact Jamie at [cfsreception@rockybayfn.ca](mailto:cfsreception@rockybayfn.ca) or call 807-475-4703.

### KIDS KORNER:

Elder Madonna Hardy hosted a baking night with the children on June 14<sup>th</sup> and everyone enjoyed baking muffins and making pizza.



Cousins who had never met before got to meet each other.

Madonna shared teachings and stories with the children and everyone pitched in to clean up at the end.



## ELDERS' CORNER:

### Baking with Mona:

Elder Mona Hardy held a baking workshop at the satellite office and created her famous rainbow cookies for staff to enjoy.



### Elders' Social:



The Elders' Monthly Social was held on June 20<sup>th</sup> and Elders were treated with Mona's secret chicken dish and special potato salad. A bingo was held with plenty of laughter.

### She is Wise:

Our Elders' Committee travelled to Toronto for the She is Wise conference hosted by ONWA. Our Elders and staff gained cultural knowledge, met amazing people, made new friendships, and got to experience a little of big city culture.



### Elders' Drumming:

The Elder's Drumming with Diane will take place on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Drumming will take place at the satellite office located at 1046 Memorial Ave. Thunder Bay.

To register please contact Jamie at [cfsreception@rockybayfn.ca](mailto:cfsreception@rockybayfn.ca) or call 475-4703.



**WINNER OF THE FATHERS DAY DRAW**  
*Hosted at the Satellite office in Thunder Bay*  
**Congratulations Billy Tait!**



**LOCATION: ROCKY BAY FIRST NATION POWWOW GROUNDS**  
**RAIN DAY LOCATION: BZA COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Sunday, July 24, 2022**  
**11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**COME OUT AND ENJOY A DAY MAKING MEMORIES**  
**WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS FROM**  
**YOUR COMMUNITY!**



**ROCKY BAY CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**JULY FEATURED STAFF:**

Tricia Mishquart began her journey with Rocky Bay Child and Family Services on May 27, 2019. She started as the receptionist with RBCFS as the second employee. During her time at reception, she exuded professionalism and initiative.

Tricia showed interest in the social work field and decided to grow within RBCFS and applied to be the Social Repatriation Worker, at that time she was the successful candidate for that position and excelled within it. During this career path she continued through her educational journey to take many trainings and certificates in these fields.

Tricia wanted to excel further and be able to do



more for our community members and their families so she was the first Child & Family Service Worker to be hired in 2020. Tricia has achieved many different skills in her role as CFS worker and it was the natural progression for her to move to management.

RBCFS is happy to announce that Tricia Kathleen Mishquart is the manager of the head office in BZA. We are all privileged to have her as a part of the management team and wish her success on this new part of her journey.

### **SPLISH SPLASH & MINI PUTT**

In conjunction with the Parent Volunteer Committee the Rocky Bay Child and Family Services hosted the Splish Splash & Mini Putt event at Boulevard Lake on June 29<sup>th</sup>.



BZA families enjoyed an afternoon of swimming and mini putt. Lunch and refreshments were provided. We would like to thank Thomas for barbecuing and the rest of the RBCFS staff for their dedication and hard work in providing events like this for the members.

We would like to thank Francine Nobis (RBPVC) for providing prizes and loot bags for all the children, and her dedication in providing events for the families. Meegwech Francine!



Our event even made the local news! It was the opening week of the new Splish Splash floating waterpark at Boulevard Lake.



### **BZA FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM:**

#### **ELDERS BINGO & SUPPER:**

The FSW program hosted an Elders' Social & Bingo during the month of June. This event is well attended and the Elders look forward to getting together. A delicious supper of chicken, macaroni and potato salad was enjoyed.



#### **FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT:**



The FSW program also hosts a monthly Family Craft Night. Various craft activities take place and supper is provided for participants.

In addition to these programs the FSW program also hosts the Sewing Club weekly at the BZA Community Centre. To register please contact Cynthia at [cwynne@rockybayfn.ca](mailto:cwynne@rockybayfn.ca) or call 807-631-2778.

### **Traditional Care**

The Traditional Care team held a Sun Safety event for the traditional care families at the marina park in Thunder Bay. Traditional Care families both in BZA and Thunder Bay were given sun care protection packages which included tips on enjoying the sun safely.

#### ***Upcoming for July:***

Traditional Care Families please join us in the month of July for Water Safety. Learn and discuss the importance of water safety. Please contact your Traditional Care worker for more information.