

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022



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NAMEBIN-GIIZIS
(SUCKERFISH MOON)

EASTER FESTIVITIES:



The Thunder Bay CFS office held an Easter egg hunt at the Spirit Garden at the Marina Park. Snack bags and cupcakes were given out and everyone received an Easter basket. We would like to thank the children who shared their Easter egg finds with the families who arrived late 😊

Winners of the
Easter Baskets:
Neil
Abigail
Abella
Malaki
Vinson



Congratulations Kayla!

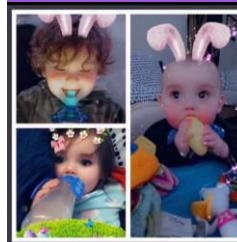
The BZA CFS team also hosted an Easter Egg Hunt in the community. Congratulations to Mercedes, Megan, and Kayla & kids on finding all the eggs hidden around the community!

*RBCFS would like to wish a HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY to all the moms and
caregivers helping raise our
children in a good way.*

PARENT VOLUNTEER EASTER ACTIVITIES

Rocky Bay Child & Family Services would like to thank Francine Nobis for hosting the virtual Easter contests.

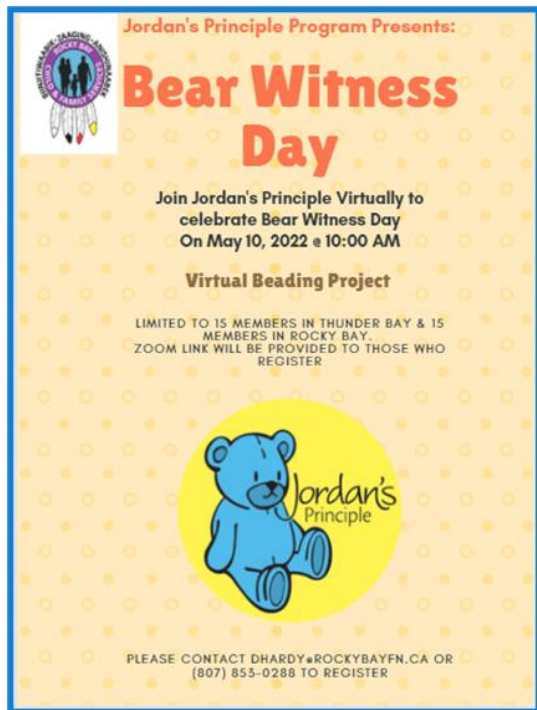
Categories included the Cutest Easter Bunny or Hop Like a Bunny for ages 0-5, Paint an Easter Egg for ages 5-17, Make an Easter Tie for men ages 18 & up, and Make an Easter Bonnet using a Paper Plate for women ages 18 & up.



ELDERS' CORNER:

The Elders' committee have been busy sitting in on various meetings, providing support for community members, and hosting events such as Baking with Mona, and the monthly Elders' socials both in Thunder Bay and BZA.

Beginning in May, Elder Diane Hardy will be hosting drum nights at the satellite office in Thunder Bay (please see May's postings for details).



HONOURING MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN & GIRLS

Join Rocky Bay Child & Family Services for a in community Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Beading Project

MAY 5, 2022
1-4 P.M.
ROCKY BAY MAIN OFFICE
SNACKS & ATTENDANCE DRAW WILL BE PROVIDED

LIMITED SPOTS- TO REGISTER

CONTACT DESIREE OR CYNTHIA - OR
AT DHARDY@ROCKYBAYFN.CA OR
CWYNN@ROCKYBAYFN.CA



Child & Family Services

Both the BZA and Thunder Bay Child & Family Services teams have been busy the past month. The TBay CFS hosted a Ribbon Skirt Making workshop with several members completing their skirts.



The CFS teams would like to thank all the participants who submitted a photo of their bunny theme cakes. All the cakes looked yummy. Awesome job everyone!



SOCIAL REPATRIATION

We are pleased to announce that Tutoring Nights, in partnership with Nokiiwin Tribal Council, are back in session at the Thunder Bay office every Monday and Wednesday evening until summer break.



The Social Repatriation program began hosting Game Night in April which will continue into May.



For more information or to register for either the Tutoring Nights or Game Nights please contact Thomas Krawczuk, Social Repatriation Worker, at 807-621-4597 or by email at tkrawczuk@rockybayfn.ca.

BZA FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

In April the Family Support program hosted a family craft & adult social night at the BZA office. Several community members attended and showed off their artistic talents creating various crafts.



The Family Support program also hosted a Ribbon Skirt Making workshop. Participants designed and created their own beautiful ribbon skirts.



Other events that our FSW, Cynthia Wynne, has planned in BZA for May include the Elders Bingo & Supper, Adult Social, Mother's Day events, Kids Korner, Sewing Club (for those previously registered), and Family Craft Night.

For details, please see RBCFS Facebook page for May's postings.

TRADITIONAL CARE

The Traditional Care team has been working closely with the kinship caregivers. April 20th was Kinship Appreciation Day; flowers were given to the families in recognition of the year-round care they provide for our families.



During the month of April, Traditional Care Families practiced healthy eating according to the Canada food guide by making delicious smoothies!!

- ❖ Congratulations to Ashley Baxter on her new position as Traditional Care Home Worker (temporary 1 year contract)!



MAY FEATURED STAFF:

Wachiya!

My name is Petula Gale Neegan (Achneepineskum), I am from Constance Lake First Nation. My husband is Neil Neegan and I have two children Abigail, 6 and Andrew, 5. I am the oldest sibling out of four brothers Jonah, Shawn, Gordie & Jamie. My parents are the late Colin and Deborah Achneepineskum. My late dad is originally from Marten Falls (Ogoki). I was born and raised in Hearst, Ontario.

I graduated the Personal Support Worker Program in 2007, post-secondary (2013), and the Early Childhood Education Program in 2017.

During my younger years I worked in the education field, then in the PSW field for five years from 2008-2014 and enjoyed it so much. My elders taught me how to cook traditional foods, and how to tell legends and stories. In 2018 I decided I wanted more of a challenge in my career so I decided to apply for a job in my local community Child Welfare agency Kunuwanimano Child and Family Services as their Family Support Worker. I really enjoyed it so much, getting to know my families and just being part of their daily lives in just one short year.



In March 2019, my family and I moved to Thunder Bay to further our careers. My husband is a water hub operator for all Matawa First Nation, and I continued to work in child welfare agencies. I look forward to working with Rocky Bay Child and Family Services.

Meegwetch!

Petula Neegan