

# MONTHLY NEWS

## OCTOBER

HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN



OCTOBER IS:  
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GIIZIS  
(FALLING  
LEAVES MOON)

### RBCFS PARENT-VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

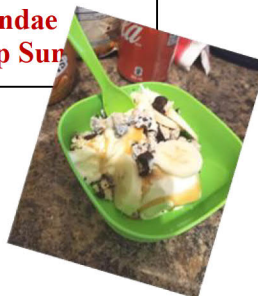
Winners of the ice-cream sundae contest:



**BZA:** Dameon – Oreo Sundae  
Breydon – Fort Sundae  
Emma – Caterpillar Sundae  
Cory – Chocolate Balls Sundae



**TBay:** Jared – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Highschool Sundae  
Talon – Rocky Mountain Sundae  
Hannah – Mr Chocolets Sundae  
Jack – Choc/strawberry Sundae  
Malachi – Banana/choc chip Sundae



A big thank you goes out to the Parent-Volunteer Committee for providing back-to-school backpacks for off-reserve members!

Winners for the in-person pickup of backpacks were:

Malachi  
Sabreya  
Daanis

### **ELDERS' CORNER:**

Boozhoo,  
My name is Mona Hardy, an Elder for the Rocky Bay Child and Family Services satellite office in Thunder Bay. I left Rocky Bay at a young age and travelled across Canada for many years before settling down in Montreal, Quebec. This is where I got my education receiving a Bachelor's degree, and a Master's degree in Psycho Education. I have been on dialysis since 2004 and moved to Thunder Bay in 2005.

I did a lot of volunteer work in Africa which included bringing a sex education program to the locals and helped build a school for blind women. I also volunteered in India for six months providing Aids education to the people there. I have done a lot of volunteer work in Thunder Bay and continue to do so. I was awarded the Sovereign Medal of Canada and enjoy doing volunteer work. I look forward to hosting the Elders' Socials and various workshops in Thunder Bay office once restrictions are lifted.



### *Laughter is the best medicine*



The Rocky Bay Child & Family Services would like to thank all the awesome cooks who provided a delicious lunch and supper for the Honouring Our Children Day event!

Chi-meegwech ladies ☺  
You ladies rock!



### Welcome to the RBCFS Team!

Jackie Paquette – Admin Assistant BZA  
Kiera Eyjolfson – Child & Family Services Worker  
Sasha Mannila – Intake Child & Family Services Worker

Josee Lynch – Receptionist BZA  
Jamie Ledger – Receptionist Thunder Bay  
Ashley Baxter – Traditional Care Recruiter  
Pamela Hardy – Interim Assistant Director of Services  
\* And a warm welcome back to Latisha Hardy – Social Repatriation Worker

### OPEN HOUSE!

Please stay tuned for the dates of our Open Houses for both the BZA site and Thunder Bay site to take place in late October!

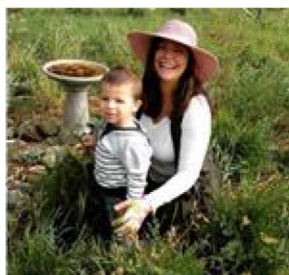
We are so excited to be able to see everyone in person!

### OCTOBER FEATURED STAFF:

Boozhoo! My name is Melanie Thompson, I am French/Ojibwe from BZA (Rocky Bay First Nation). My spirit name is Geta Asinakwe “ancient stone woman”, an elder called my spirit a stubborn spirit but a good stubborn. My grandparents are Norah & the late Andrew Thompson. I lived most of my life in Thunder Bay and spent few years as a teen living in Nipigon. I attended Nip-Rock High School and had the opportunity as a youth to work as a summer student in Rocky Bay where I hold lot of great memories. I got to know more fellow community members and cousins. I love our community and I am very honored to join the Rocky Bay Child and Family Services team as a Traditional Care Worker.

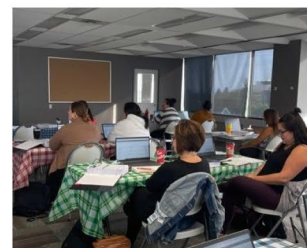
I am a mother to 4 and I’m super family oriented, I understand the priority of family well-being. I have experience working in family support with the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre and I am full of strength and love! I look forward to being a part of this journey and working hard at being the best I can!

“Wehwehni giinwendaso abinoji” looking after children in a good way. Miigwech!



### Staff Training

Over the next 6 months staff will be training to use the Child Protection Information Network better known as CPIN. This is a secure confidential data base that allows societies to manage case files and finances securely.



### LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER!

- \*WALKING GROUP – BZA
- \*TEEN TOWN – BZA
- \*TRADITIONAL CARE TRIVIA GAME – VIRTUAL
- \*ELDER’S SOCIAL – BZA/TBAY
- \*BABY DAY OUT – TBAY
- \*WREATH MAKING – VIRTUAL
- \*FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – BZA
- \*BAND REP PRESENTATION – TBAY
- BAKING with MONA - TBAY
- \*KIDS IN THE KITCHEN – BZA
- PUMPKIN CARVING – VIRTUAL
- SPIRIT WEEK – BZA/TBAY
- HALLOWEEN DRIVE-THRU PARTY – BZA/TBAY
- SOCIAL REPATRIATION PRESENTATION - ZOOM