

*Staff had a busy month of September. We welcomed new student Shawn Masakeyash, and said good-bye to Youth Land-Based worker, Austin Jack. We will miss you Austin.

*Several staff had a great time golfing in our annual staff tournament on Sept.10th, it was a beautiful day.

*Staff all chipped in to process 350 lbs of rice on Friday, Sept. 15th. Miigwech to all who helped out.

*The Truth & Reconciliation Awareness walk was a huge success despite the rain. Activities lasted all week with each evening having a teaching and an activity. The week started with flag raisings at both the Town of Fort Frances, and at the Residential School Monument, and ended on Saturday with a Sunrise Ceremony at the Monument. Over 17 different organizations in our area came together to plan the events. Huge shout out to all who helped plan, donated, volunteered, and/or participated. Hope to see you all next year!

OCTOBER OFFICE CLOSURES:

MONDAY, OCT 2 - T&R STAT

TUESDAY, OCT 3 - TREATY SIGNING DAY

MONDAY, OCT 9 - THANKSGIVING DAY

THURSDAY, OCT 12 - 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, OCT 13 - STAFF DAY

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OCTOBER CALENDER

Date	Where	Program	Description
Mon, Oct 2	OFFICE CLOSED	ALL	Closed today for Truth & Reconciliation Day
Tues, Oct 3	OFFICE CLOSED	ALL	Closed today for Treaty Day
Wed, Oct 4	Metis Hall	Food Box	Food Box orders due today (11am-4:30)
Wed, Oct 4	Mishkosiminiziibiing FN	Diabetes	Diabetes Sharing Circle (see pg 11)
Mon, Oct 9	OFFICE CLOSED	ALL	Happy Thanksgiving
Tues, Oct 10,17,& 24	Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre	Cultural	Craft nights 6-8pm (see pg 6)
Tues, Oct 10	Mitaanjigaming FN	Diabetes	Creating Health Habits (see pg 13)
Wed, Oct 11	Naicatchewenin FN	Diabetes	Diabetes Health Fair (see pg 12)
Thurs, Oct 12	Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre	ALL	25th Anniversary Celebration (see pg 5)
Fri, Oct 13	Staff Engagement Day	ALL	Office closed for Staff Engagement
Tues, Oct 17	Nigigoonsiminkaaning	Diabetes	Diabetes Health Fair (see pg 12)
Wed, Oct 18	Memorial Sports Centre	Food Box	Food Box order pickup (12-4pm)

Thank you for your patience to any disruption with our Clinic visits, we are short of providers this month. We are doing some virtual and telephone visits so we can continue servicing communities. If you have any questions or concerns please call the appointment desk at (807) 274-3131. Miigwech

Follow us on Facebook for up to date events happening throughout October. If you would like to see more programs in your community, please reach out!

For more information on any of our programs, please call us at (807)274–3131



ANISHINAABEMOWIN

The Ojibwe Language

IT IS FALL-DAGWAAGIN

Leaves turn colour - Aditebagaa

Deer - Waawaashkeshi(wag)

Duck - Zhiishiib(ag)

Moose - Mooz(oog)

Bear - Makwa

Partridge - Bine

Turkey - Mizise

Hunts - Andawenjige

Gun - Baashkizigan

Knife - Mookomaan

Antler - Eshkan(ag)

Snares - Agoodoo

Firewood - Mishi

Dried Meat - Gaaskiiwag(oon)



HEALTHY LIVING FOODBOX

Due to the construction work
being done outside the Metis Hall
We have moved the location for
pickup On Oct 18th to the
Memorial Sports Center atrium.

Pickup will be from 12:00 to 4:00pm

All pickups to be no later than 4:00

Sorry for any inconvenience,

If you have any questions please

contact GHAC 274-3131

You are invited to:

Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre's



GIZHEWAADIZIWIN

25TH ANNIVERSARY

CELBRATION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

DRUM:

GIISHKAANDAGO'IKWE HEALTH SERVICES

EMCEE:

DON JONES

SPEAKERS | TRADITIONAL FEAST | GIVEAWAYS VENDORS | CELEBRATION OF OJIBWE & METIS CULTURE Please bring asema, but it will be provided if needed

1460 Idylwild Drive, Fort Frances
For more information call (807)274-3131





GHAC Cultural Craft Night

We have supplies, or bring your current project to work on. Hope to see you there!



Tuesday, October 10th, 17th & 24th 6-8pm at the Health Access Centre. Bring a friend!!



B R E A S T C A N C E R

awareness month



women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

reduce your risk:



annual mammogram



regular exercise



alcoholic beverages



self exam



quit smoking

early detection saves lives let's bring awareness to breast cancer prevention

LEARN THE SYMPTOMS & SCHEDULE YOUR CHECK-UP TODAY: 807-274-3131

FOR MORE INFO:
CANCER.CA/EN/CANCER
-INFORMATION/CANCERTYPES/BREAST



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month Please see the below event taking place at Riverside Healthcare in Fort Frances

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

MAMMOGRAPHY BLITZ

WOMEN 40+ ARE
ELIGIBLE WALK-IN
MAMMOGRAMS AND
BREAST EXAMS

OCTOBER 11, 2023 3:00P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

"YOU CAN'T PUT TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON GOOD BREAST HEALTH"





For more information on breast and other cancers visit: cancer.ca or Call toll-free at 1-888-939-3333 or email at info@cancer.ca.

SIGNS & SYPMTOMS OF BREAST CANCER

Breast cancer may not cause any signs or symptoms in its early stages. Signs and symptoms often appear when the tumour grows large enough to be felt as a lump in the breast or when the cancer spreads to surrounding tissues and organs. Other health conditions can cause the same symptoms as breast cancer.

Ductal carcinoma most common symptom is a firm or hard lump that feels very different from the rest of the breast. It may feel like it is attached to the skin or the surrounding breast tissue. The lump doesn't get smaller or come and go with your period. It may be tender, but it's usually not painful. (Pain is more often a symptom of a non-cancerous condition).

Lobular carcinoma often does not form a lump. It feels more like the tissue in the breast is getting thicker or harder.

SIGNS & SYPMTOMS OF BREAST GANGER

Other symptoms of ductal and lobular breast cancer include:

- a lump in the armpit (called the axilla)
- changes in the shape or size of the breast
- changes to the nipple, such as a nipple that suddenly starts to point inward (called an inverted nipple)
- discharge that comes out of the nipple without squeezing it or that has blood in it

Late signs and symptoms occur as the cancer grows larger or spreads to other parts of the body, including other organs.

Late symptoms of breast cancer include:

- bone pain
- weight loss
- nausea
- loss of appetite
- jaundice
- shortness of breath
- · cough
- headache
- double vision
- muscle weakness





Mishkosiminiziibiing First Nation Wednesday, October 4th 10:00 am - 12pm

Lead by Dayle Connor RN Diabetes Education Program & Dan Loney, Honours Bachelor of Social Work

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Naicatchewenin October 11

Nigigoonsiminkaaning October 17th

Learn about diabetes and ways to improve your health



CREATING HEALTHY HABITS PROGRAMMING

**A 6 WEEK WHOLISTIC, MEDICINE
WHEEL GUIDED PROGRAM DESIGNED TO
HELP YOU REACH YOUR HEALTH
GOALS**

Mitaanjigaming start date is
October 10th.
Please contact Dayle at:
(807) 274-3131
or Email dconnor@gizhac.com for more information or to register.



NAICATCHEWENIN FITNESS CLASS & INFO SESSION

when: Thursdays September 28th-Nov 2

Where: Naicatchewnin Seniors Centre

Time: 11:15-12:00

Please wear loose clothing

light snacks will be provided







COMING IN NOVEMBER LAND BASED & DIABETES PROGRAM YOUTH FUN & GAMES DAYS

PRIZES

SNACKS



DATES AND LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED CONTACT SAM M. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER!

Please contact Sam Moyer at (807) 274-3131 or email scouncillor@gizhac.com





OUR TEAM IS GROWING

- Paid vacation, personal, sick (incl. kids), stat, & Christmas time off
- HOOPP pension & 100% employerpaid benefits
- Flexibility & lots of social and cultural activities
- Employee Rewards and Recognition program
- Known for a healthy life/work balance

For more info:



807 274-3131



careers@gizhac.com

Looking for:

- Office Manager
- FASD Child Nutrition Worker
- RN Clinic Lead
- IT Support Technician
- Nurse Practitioner
- Diabetes Foot-Care Nurse (willing to assist an RPN in acquiring the certification)
- Casual Custodian
- 🕢 Casual Medical Van Driver
 - Casual Medical Receptionist



FUN HOLIDAYS

Oct 1 - International Coffee Day

Oct 4 - National Taco Day

Oct 6 - World Smile Day

Oct 8 - National Chess Day

Oct 15 - National Grouch Day

Oct 16 - World Singing Day

Oct 20 - International Sloth Day

Oct 24 - National Bologna Day

Oct 27 - National Black Cat Day

Oct 30 - National Candy Corn Day

Oct 31 - Halloween





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1=Orange 4=Brown 7=Green 2=Purple 5=Black 3=Yellow 6=Gray

FEATURED INDIGENOUS ARTIST OF THE MONTH FREDA DIESING

FREDA DIESING, HAIDA ARTIST (BORN 2 JUNE 1925 IN PRINCE RUPERT, BC; DIED THERE 3 DECEMBER 2002). DIESING WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO REVIVING TRADITIONAL HAIDA ART FORMS, INCLUDING WOOD CARVING, MASK CARVING AND TOTEM CARVING. SHE WAS ONE OF THE FEW WOMEN CARVERS WHO MASTERED THE MEDIUM, AND WAS PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THE STYLE TO AN INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE. DIESING WORKED TO ENSURE THE STYLE AND TRADITION OF HAIDA ART WAS PASSED ON TO NEW GENERATIONS.



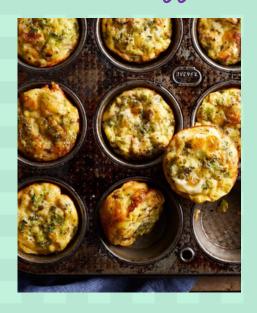




Easy Loaded Baked Omelet Muffins

Ingredients

- 3 SLICES OF BACON, CHOPPED
- 2 CUPS FINELY CHOPPED BROCCOLI
- 4 SCALLIONS, SLICED
- 8 LARGE EGGS
- 1 CUP SHREDDED CHEDDAR CHEESE
- 1/2 CUP LOW-FAT MILK
- 1/2 TEASPOON SALT
- 1/2 TEASPOON GROUND PEPPER



Directions

- PREHEAT OVEN TO 325 DEGREES F. COAT A 12-CUP MUFFIN TIN WITH COOKING SPRAY.
- COOK BACON IN A LARGE SKILLET OVER MEDIUM HEAT UNTIL CRISP, 4 TO 5 MINUTES. REMOVE WITH A SLOTTED SPOON TO A PAPER TOWEL-LINED PLATE, LEAVING THE BACON FAT IN THE PAN. ADD BROCCOLI AND SCALLIONS AND COOK, STIRRING, UNTIL SOFT, ABOUT 5 MINUTES. REMOVE FROM HEAT AND LET COOL FOR 5 MINUTES.
- MEANWHILE, WHISK EGGS, CHEESE, MILK, SALT AND PEPPER IN A LARGE BOWL. STIR IN THE BACON AND BROCCOLI MIXTURE. DIVIDE THE EGG MIXTURE AMONG THE PREPARED MUFFIN CUPS.
- BAKE UNTIL FIRM TO THE TOUCH, 25 TO 30 MINUTES. LET STAND FOR 5 MINUTES BEFORE REMOVING FROM THE MUFFIN TIN.

To make ahead: Wrap omelets individually in plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 1 month. To reheat, thaw, if necessary, and remove plastic wrap. Wrap in a paper towel and microwave each omelet on High for 20 to 30 seconds.



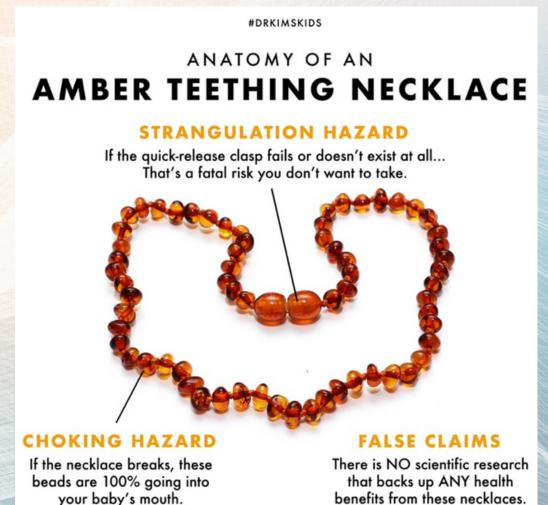
TEETHING NECKLACES

When your baby is in pain from teething, you want to help ease that pain, but not every teething product is safe.

Products with strings, beads, ribbons and chains that tie around your baby's neck, are attached to a crib or clipped to clothing can cause serious injury or death. They can twist tightly around the neck, even when your baby is sleeping.

Your baby can also strangle if their necklace catches on a piece of furniture or a hook.

Teething necklaces and chewing beads can break, and your baby can choke on the small pieces.



The Aki Ogichidaa Committee is here to shine a spotlight on the critical issue of air quality and the positive impact of green transportation choices.



CLEARING THE AIR

As stewards of the Earth, it's our responsibility to address the challenges that affect our environment. One significant concern we face is air quality. Pollution from vehicles is a major contributor to poor air quality, and it's time we take action.



The Power of Carpooling

Carpooling is a simple yet effective way to reduce the number of vehicles on the road. By sharing rides, we not only reduce our carbon footprint but also save money on gas and maintenance. Consider joining a carpool or starting one with colleagues and friends.

Pedal for a Greener World

Cycling is not only an eco-friendly mode of transportation but also a great way to stay active and healthy. Make a conscious choice to bike to work or for short trips whenever possible. It's a win-win for both your health and the environment.

Improving Air Quality

Clean air is essential for the well-being of all living creatures. Here are some ways you can contribute to improving air quality:

Regular Vehicle Maintenance: Ensure your vehicle is well-maintained to minimize emissions.

Support Electric Vehicles (EVs): Consider switching to an electric vehicle or hybrid to significantly reduce your carbon footprint.

Advocate for Green Initiatives: Support local policies and initiatives that promote cleaner transportation options and reduce air pollution.





8 Tips for a Savvy Grocery Shopper

1

Plan your meals ahead of time!

Make a list of 3-5 meals and make a grocery list for those recipes. Most importantly, try to stick to your list as best as you can! When you have all your meals planned out for the week, you are more likely to only buy those specific food items from your list.



2

Stay organized in the kitchen!

Keep your pantry, fridge, and cupboards organized. Review what you have in the kitchen before going to the grocery store so that you know what you already have in stock. Try to brainstorm meal ideas that use the foods you already have.



3

Avoid grocery shopping when hungry!

When you have an empty stomach you may be more tempted to buy food items not on your grocery list, this may add up and cause you to go over budget! If you are hungry, have a smart snack before going grocery shopping. For example have a carbohydrate (crackers, fruit) with a protein (nuts, cheese, peanut butter)



4

Explore all fruit and vegetable options!

Produce tends to be less expensive when in season. Frozen and canned fruits and vegetables can be just as nutritious as fresh/Aim to chose frozen and canned items with little to no added sodium, sugar, or saturated fat. Stock up when on sale. Try keeping 1-2 kinds of frozen fruits and vegetables on hand for quick and easy meal or snack prep.





Try meals with plant-based proteins!

Pant-based proteins such as black beans, kidney beans, and baked beans are usually much more affordable than animal proteins. They are also a source of fiber! Try including beans in 1-2 meals per week.



Look at best before and expiry dates!

When possible select the longest best before and expiry dates so that you have more time to consume them and avoid waste! **Best-before dates** tell you how long an unopened product will keep its flavour and nutritional value, it does not indicate food has spoiled or gone bad. It **CAN** still be eaten once the date has past. Whereas foods with **expiry dates**, typically milk and meat, should **NOT** be eaten past the expiry date. Use your best judgement.



7

Get familair with the grocery store layout!

The perimeter of the grocery store tends to have produce, meat, fish, cheese, and milk. The inside aisles also have nutritious food options such as grain products (rice, pasta), whole grains, nuts, seeds, beans, and peanut butter.



8

Comapre the cost of similar foods using the UNIT PRICE!

The unit price tells you the cost per 100g or other unit of weight or volume. It can typically be found on the price tag. Make sure you are comparing the same AMOUNT of food.

Cereal	Unit Price per 100g
Brand A	\$0.76/100 g
Brand B	\$1.00/100 g

Brand A is the best price

Are you a **First Nations, Inuit, or Métis person who has accessed care** at TBRHSC or **who has supported a family member or friend** at the hospital?

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) wants to better understand and begin to address anti-Indigenous racism at the hospital.

We are an Indigenous team, co-led by Dr. Miranda Lesperance, Dr. Janet Smylie, & Dr. Sophie Roher. We would like to hear from you about your experiences at TBRHSC through a one-on-one interview.

Your interview will be confidential and contribute to recommendations for positive change at TBRHSC.





Participation is always voluntary and confidential. A \$100 honorarium will be provided.

For more information

Call/text: (807) 708-9549

OR email:

Maggie.Powless-Lynes@unityhealth.to

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Centre

Research Ethics Board approval for this project was waived because it is a quality improvement project.

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PRIVACY—CORNER CONFIDENTIAL

At Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre, we prioritize your privacy and confidentiality in accordance with the Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA), which governs the handling of personal health information (PHI) in Ontario. In this month's edition of the Biidaajimowin, we will outline the exceptions to confidentiality that you should be aware of.

EXCEPTIONS TO CONFIDENTIALITY

<u>Mandatory Reporting:</u> PHIPA mandates the reporting of certain health conditions to public health authorities. This includes reporting communicable diseases to prevent their spread.

<u>Risk of Harm:</u> Healthcare providers have a duty to disclose your health information if there is a concern about your safety or the safety of others. This disclosure is done with your best interests in mind.

<u>Legal Obligations:</u> Under certain circumstances, PHIPA permits the disclosure of your health information to comply with legal obligations, such as responding to a court order or participating in a legal event.

Consent: Your health information can be shared with your explicit consent. You have the right to specify you can access your information, including other healthcare providers or family members.

The GHAC team is trained to uphold strict confidentiality standards, ensuring that your PHI is handled with the utmost care and respect in accordance with PHIPA regulations. Your trust and confidence in the services that we provide is crucial and we are dedicated to providing you with the highest level of care while respecting your privacy.

SEE YOUNEXT MONTH!

We are committed to protecting your privacy and ensuring the confidentiality of your PHI. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to learn more about our privacy practices, please reach out to our Privacy Officer, Shanna Weir. Tune in next month where we will outline your rights as a client of GHAC! Miigwech!

For more information, visit: www.ipc.on.ca



TERRY FOX WALK/RUN

On September 17th, several staff from Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre took part in the Terry Fox Run. Staff raised \$285, surpassing the \$200 goal we set. Not every staff member who participated is shown below. Miigwech to all who donated and/or took part.



Congratulations

to the Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre team members who were the winners in their nominated categories at the Indigenous Primary Health Care Council Employee Recognition Ceremony

Staff Recognition

CHRISTIE BROWN

INDIGENOUS CARE COORDINATOR

Recognition of I unovative IT

Practices in 2022

JOHN PAYNE

IT/DATA MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

2022 Award of Excellence: Outstanding Leader Shanna Weir

SHANNA WEIR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PROCESSING WILD RICE

Staff all worked together to process 350 lbs of wild rice last month. It was a very fun but exhausting day. Very interesting process for those who had never seen it done.





















AWARENESS WALK



WEEK ACTIVITIES



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SUNRISE CEREMONY





SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

APPOINTMENT REMINDERS

- Bring in your OHIP card. If expired, go to your nearest Service Ontario site or renew at <u>ontario.ca/page/health-card-renewal</u>
- If you have a Status or Metis card, please bring it in. It's OK
 if it's expired and this is used only to update your chart.
- And always make sure we have your current contact information including your address and phone number!



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