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# Horizons Access

## NOTES FROM LORI:

As we look forward to a new year it is natural to reflect on the what has happened in the previous year. In Manitoba we continued to have positive changes in the field of Early Childhood Education as the Federal and Provincial Governments work together to increase wages and create new child care spaces There is still a long way to go to develop universal childcare and as ECE's we continue to need your support as we advocate for our sector.

One of the reasons Manitoba has a strong childcare field is our professional body The Manitoba Child Care Association (MCCA) which supports and advocates for ECE's and families. This year the MCCA celebrated its 50th anniversary and I am proud to say that Horizons and all of our staff, are members. The MCCA provides workshops so we can continue to learn, grow and be inspired as well as being our voice and representing our members.

Overall we continue to have positive changes in our field and I am so happy to be a part of it and to be able to share these steps with families.

**Wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2025, we are so glad that you are part of our Horizons Family.**

## BULLETIN BOARD:



- ⇒ Thank you to all of the families who brought in coffee pods, tea, treats and the many other ways you showed your appreciation to the fantastic staff here at Horizons.
- ⇒ Another big thanks for all of your donations to Winnipeg Harvest. They were very appreciative when they picked up as we were able to fill both bins!
- ⇒ The billing schedule for 2025 is attached, please print for your reference or if you need a paper copy come to office to pick one up.
- ⇒ Reminder children do go outside to play as long as the temperature is above -25 degrees with the windchill. So please continue to bring all their outdoor gear so they are warm and able to enjoy winter pursuits.



*“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.” ~Edith Sitwell~*



# Hot Lunch Fundraiser

## January is Chinese Cuisine

The second and fourth Friday each month we will serve an optional Hot Lunch for an extra \$6.50 charge each. You can sign up to always participate or you can email or stop by the office to be part of the fundraiser each time. The hot lunch fundraisers will be added to the following invoice.

**Friday, January 10th.**

**Wontons, vegetables,**

**Friday, January 24th.**

**Chicken fried rice**

# Executive Directors Report

## Touching Base With Shannon

A New Year begins filled with new possibilities for our programs, our team of educators, our children and their families! From all of our team here at Horizons, we wish you all a very Happy New Year, and all of the very best for 2025!

As we begin the new year, it is time to prepare income tax, and charitable donation receipts for child care fees and donations paid to Horizons for 2024.

Income tax receipts for child care fee payments received in 2024 as well as charitable donations will be emailed to all families on **Friday, January 17, 2025**. Please watch your email for these receipts, and note that they will come from [noreply@childcarepro.ca](mailto:noreply@childcarepro.ca). It will be important that you also check your spam and junk folders, and ensure that this email address is a trusted contact for your email inbox.

Should you require a breakdown of costs per child to be noted in the comment section at the bottom of your receipt, please let me know via email to [shannon@horizonscc.ca](mailto:shannon@horizonscc.ca) by **Thursday, January 16, 2025**.

If you would like to request changes or have not located your receipt in your inbox or spam/junk folder by **Friday, January 31, 2025**, please let me know via email to [shannon@horizonscc.ca](mailto:shannon@horizonscc.ca) so that a new receipt can be generated and sent to you.

Any requests for changes or receipts received after this date will be subject to a \$10 Duplicate Receipt fee which must be paid before the receipt can be re-issued for you.

We would like to send a big thank you out to all of the families and staff members who took the time to complete the surveys sent out to assist with putting together our new 5 year strategic plan!

We have compiled the feedback, done our SWOT assessment, and identified possible trends that will help us to formulate our goals for the next 5 years.

It is important to also thank our committed Board Members for their time, feedback, and interest in supporting the vision for the Horizons organization moving forward, in participating in our strategic planning sessions, and a HUGE thank you to Brad Tole, former Board Chairperson for Horizons, for donating his time to guide us through this process.

We will have two of our Board Members stepping down in May, and will need a few new volunteers to join our Board of Directors! If you are interested, and have skills that include previous experience in note taking, accounting or book keeping, board governance, or planning and leading meetings, particularly in the non-profit sector, please consider joining our Board! For more information, you can reach out to me at [shannon@horizonscc.ca](mailto:shannon@horizonscc.ca), or to our current board at [boardofdirectors@horizonscc.ca](mailto:boardofdirectors@horizonscc.ca). As a licensed organization, we cannot operate, without a volunteer Board of Directors, and this is an opportunity to learn about how a non-profit functions, and support Horizons growth for our children, and our community!

Finally, we would like to wish Eka, ECE II at our Grace site in the Caterpillars room, all the very best as she has been accepted into dentistry school, and will be returning to school full time at the start of January. Eka will remain on our casual substitute list, and we are actively interviewing to find the best candidate for our team!

As always, thank you for the gift of sharing in your children's lives.

*"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." – Brad Paisley*

# January 2025

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5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Hot lunch</i>	11
12	13 <i>Invoices sent</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Invoices due</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>Hot lunch</i>	25
26	27	28	29 <i>Lunar New Year</i>	30	31	



**Regular closure dates and special events for 2025.  
Please mark your calendars and watch for  
updates throughout the year.**

<b>January 1, 2025</b>	<b>New Year's Day: Closed</b>
<b>February 17, 2025</b>	<b>Louis Riel Day: Closed</b>
<b>April 18, 2025</b>	<b>Good Friday: Closed</b>
<b>April 28-2, 2025</b>	<b>Week of the Early Childhood Educator</b>
<b>May 2, 2025</b>	<b>Staff Professional Development: Closed</b>
<b>May 19, 2025</b>	<b>Victoria Day: Closed</b>
<b>May 21, 2025</b>	<b>Annual General meeting</b>
<b>TBD ( June)</b>	<b>Annual Family BBQ</b>
<b>July 1 2025</b>	<b>Canada Day: Closed</b>
<b>August 4, 2025</b>	<b>Terry Fox Day: Closed</b>
<b>September 1, 2025</b>	<b>Labour Day: Closed</b>
<b>September 30, 2025</b>	<b>Truth and Reconciliation Day : Closed</b>
<b>October 13, 2025</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day: Closed</b>
<b>TBD (October)</b>	<b>Staff Professional Development: Closed</b>
<b>November 11, 2025</b>	<b>Remembrance Day: Closed</b>
<b>December 24, 2025</b>	<b>Christmas Eve: Early Closure 2:00 pm</b>
<b>December 25, 2025</b>	<b>Christmas Day: Closed</b>
<b>December 26, 2025</b>	<b>Boxing Day: Closed</b>
<b>Dec 31, 2025</b>	<b>New Year's Eve: Early Closure 4:00 pm</b>
<b>January 1, 2026</b>	<b>New Year's Day: Closed</b>