



Horizon's at The Grace

NOTES FROM ERIN:

Grey Cup raffle tickets are now available in the office! Please see Erin, Michelle or Shannon to collect yours! Take a package of them to sell to your family over Thanksgiving dinner, at your office or ahead of your own Grey Cup Party! **GO BLUE!**

Thank you to everyone who was able to come out for our first post-pandemic parent night! We had some great speakers, which included a speech and language pathologist and child psychologist from the St James School division, as well as an introduction to Circle of Security by our very own, Shannon. The teams made some awesome poster boards that represents each group of children and educators. If you didn't make it out this time, please join us next time! It was a lot of fun and learning.

At risk of sounding like a broken record, please provide ample changes of clothing that are clearly labelled, as well as water proof options and warmer layers once the weather changes. It is often cool in the morning and warmer by mid-day but it will get cooler soon. Although some lighter car-type mittens have cool characters on them, children often want to wear them over their warmer mitt options. If you would like your children to wear warm mitts outside, please provide these only for the lockers and reserve the light mittens for home use.

We will be having some activities on Halloween at the centre. Please avoid sending accessories with the costume as we can not be responsible for lost or broken items. Please only send costumes, if you wish. Children can either come in them, or change into them later.

- Erin

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BULLITEN BOARD:



Reconciliation is an action, not *just* a day where we wear an orange shirt!

We had the privilege of hosting Rebecca LaRiviere, who spoke, sang and connected with our educators and children about the land, how Turtle Island was formed, the 7 Sacred Teachings. She taught us songs in the Michif and Plains Cree languages.

We will be continuing our drumming with Heather Bjorkland into the fall to support our ongoing learning journey and appreciation of Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island!



Hot Lunch Fundraiser

Twice a month we will serve an optional Hot Lunch at an additional charge. There is a sign up on the clipboard by the locker room gate. You can also email up until the Friday before hot lunch. Please note that unless you are away due to being sent home sick, you will be charged for no shows, unless you cancel by Friday before hot lunch.

Wednesday, October 9 (\$6.50)

Quesadillas, veggies, fruit and milk

Wednesday, September 25th (\$6.50)

Pasta alfredo, veggies, fruit and milk

\$6.50 will be added for each hot lunch that you have signed up for on the next invoice. The deadline to sign up is the Friday *before* the hot lunch.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Notes from Shannon

October 2024

Another summer comes to an end and we have welcomed so many new families at each of our sites!

Our Family Photo Fundraiser was well received once more this year, even though Mother Nature had other ideas! A big thank you to all of our families who were booked on the 21st of September, who were able to reschedule.

In October, we will have Grey Cup Raffle tickets available for families to sell once again! The correct score at the end of each quarter wins \$100, with a correct final score winning \$200. The correct reverse score at the end of each quarter wins \$50, with the correct reverse final score winning \$100!

Unsold tickets and ticket sales should be returned to the office at your site no later than Friday, November 15, 2024.

Good luck to everyone, and thank you so much for your support of our fundraising efforts!

As we head into the last few months of 2024, our Board of Directors is sending out an invitation to anyone interested in joining the Board to reach out to Shannon at shannon@horizonscc.ca, or to Lea Wessner, Board Chairperson, at boardofdirectors@horizonscc.ca. We are working on our new five year strategic plan, and would appreciate new members interested in helping to shape our plans for the organization moving in to the next five years! Many thanks go out to Brad Tole, former Board Chair, for volunteering his time and expertise in supporting this project.

We will be upgrading the door scan system and telephones at our Hampton site towards the end of the month, as our existing analog system is aging, and subject to frequent issues and maintenance. We are able to do so thanks to your donations, fundraising efforts, and a generous City of Winnipeg Community Incentives Program Grant. Thank you to City Councillor Shawn Dobson, for his ongoing support of our programs!

We have updated our Late Fee Payment Policy in our Centre Policy Manual, and have emailed out a copy to all families. The updated manual is also available for viewing on our website at www.horizonschildrenscentre.com. Please ensure that you read through the manual to ensure your understanding, and feel free to send any questions or concerns to Shannon.

As Halloween approaches, we would like to send out a reminder that any treats provided to the children must be nut free. With several children enrolled at each site with food sensitivities, and serious food related medical conditions, we encourage small items such as stickers, erasers, or tattoos versus food items. Your children will be very excited to show their costumes off to their friends, and we remind you that costumes should not include masks that cover the face, or accessories that may be lost. Our staff team will do their best to ensure that your child's costume is ready for a night of trick or treating, but we cannot guarantee that there will be no stains or spills, as your child participates fully in our programming throughout the day.

"Halloween is an opportunity to be really creative" – Judy Gold

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	10 <i>Drumming with Heather</i>	11	12
13	14 <i>Closed for Thanksgiving</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>20241110 Invoices</i>	22	23 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	24	25	26
27	28 <i>20241110 Invoices due</i>	29	30	31 <i>Happy Halloween</i>	1 <i>Wear your pajamas!</i>	

Please note that Erin will be away Thursday's for field placement until April 2025, Shannon and Michelle will be onsite on Thursdays and can be reached at shannon@horizonscc.ca or gracepc@horizonscc.ca



Regular closure dates and special events for 2024. Please mark your calendars and watch for updates throughout the year.

January 1, 2024	New Year's Day: Closed
February 19, 2024	Louis Riel Day: Closed
March 29, 2024	Good Friday: Closed
April 29-May 3, 2024	Week of the Early Childhood Educator
May 3, 2024	Staff Professional Development: Closed
May 20, 2024	Victoria Day: Closed
May 22, 2024	Annual General meeting
June 13, 2024	Annual Family BBQ—5pm closure
July 1, 2024	Canada Day: Closed
August 5, 2024	Terry Fox Day: Closed
September 2, 2024	Labour Day: Closed
September 20, 2024	Staff professional development: Closed
September 30, 2024	Truth and Reconciliation Day: Closed
October 14, 2024	Thanksgiving Day: Closed
November 11, 2024	Remembrance Day: Closed
December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve: Early Closure 2:00 pm
December 25, 2024	Christmas Day: Closed
December 26, 2024	Boxing Day: Closed
December 27, 2024	Closed in lieu of remaining open Easter Monday
December 31, 2024	New Year's Eve: Early Closure 4:00 pm
January 1, 2025	New Year's Day: Closed

**Horizons Children's Centre Inc.
Grace Location
Billing Schedule 2024**

Invoice sent the week of:	Payment is required on: Mondays	For the period of:	
December 18/23	December 25/23	January 7- February 3	20240107
January 15/24	January 22/24	February 4- March 2	20240204
February 12/24	February 19/24	March 3-March 30	20240303
March 11/24	March 18/24	March 31- April 27	20240331
April 8/24	April 15/24	April 28-- May 25	20240428
May 6/24	May 13/24	May 26-June 22	20240526
June 3/24	June 10/24	June 23-July 20	20240623
July 1/24	July 8/24	July 21- August 17	20240721
July 29/24	August 5/24	August 18-September 14	20240818
August 26/24	September 2/24	September 15-October 12	20240915
September 23/24	September 30/24	October 13-November 9	20241013
October 21/24	October 28/24	November 10- December 7	20241110
November 18/24	November 25/24	December 8- January 4	20241208
December 16/24	December 23/24	January 5- February 1	20250105