### Horizons Children's Centre

### November 2024



### Horizon's at The Grace

### NOTES FROM ERIN:

Saturday, November 9th is the Western Final and Sunday, November 17th is the Grey Cup! Please have your sold tickets/cash/e-transfer in to the office by November 15th, and unsold tickets returned to the office by November 8th so we can still redistribute for sale. Thank you so much to everyone who helped sell tickets!

With change of season, we also have some staffing changes to report. Samy from the infant room had her last day on November 1st. We will be welcoming Emily starting on November 12th. Delaney has taken a position closer to her home with Infants. Her last day will be on Thursday, November 21st. Elizabeth will be returning to school fulltime and moving closer to her family, her last day will be on November 28th. Thank you to Samy, Delaney and Elizabeth for being a part of our team, you will be missed by your colleagues and children/families and we wish you only the best in your new adventures! You may also have noticed that Mr. Riley has returned as a casual staff, welcome back Riley! I want to take this opportunity to also thank our excellent team, including our casual staff. We are so appreciative that most days go off without a hitch when staff are away for any reason and we could not do it without you. Thank you for your commitment and your help to keep us running smoothly when life happens!

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.

-Erin

#### **GRACE LOCATION CONTACTS**

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### **BULLITEN BOARD:**









The children were invited to go Trick-or-Treating in the hospital for Halloween. The children and hospital staff alike enjoyed and marvelled in the fun. Smiles all around!







# 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, November 6 (\$6.50)

Perogies and sausage, veggies, fruit and milk

### Wednesday, November 20 (\$6.50)

Macaroni and cheese, 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

### November 2024

What an amazing Fall we have been having weather wise!

We are excited to see that sales of the Grey Cup Raffle Tickets have been doing so well, and it is even sweeter, now that our Winnipeg Blue Bombers have secured first place in the Western Conference!

This year's Grey Cup game will be played on Sunday, November 17, 2024, and raffle tickets will be available for you to purchase, or to pick up and sell, until November 15, 2024 when all unsold tickets, and sale proceeds are to be returned to the office at your site.

Our next fundraiser will celebrate the holiday season, as we partner with Shelmerdine Garden Centre! As in past years, there will be the option to purchase vouchers for Wreaths, Door Swag, and Poinsettias, as well as Gift Cards, either online through our fundraising link, or using paper order forms. This fundraiser will begin on November 18, 2024, with orders due by December 10<sup>th</sup>, in order to distribute the vouchers and gift cards to families so that you are able to pick out your own items in person at the garden centre by December 23<sup>rd</sup>!

I would like to take this time to say farewell to some of our team, and welcome some new members! At Hampton, Loveleen from the Robins, and Loveleen from the Chicks have both resigned as they will be returning home to India. We wish them well, and welcome Gizelle to the Chicks (formerly working in the Hatchlings) and Ana (formerly a substitute staff) to the Robins. Welcome to Nav, who has joined us in the Hatchlings!

At Grace, we are sorry to say farewell to Samy and Delaney, who will be moving on to other pursuits, and Elizabeth, who will be returning to school full time at the end of the month. We would like to welcome Emily to the infant room at Grace, and are in the process of interviewing for the ECE position in Crickets and the CCA position in the Fireflies!

At Access, Jennifer from the Bunnies has accepted a position with the School Division, and so we welcome Forouzad to our infant program team!

Our programs cannot operate (literally) without the commitment of our volunteer Board of Directors. We know that volunteering is a commitment, however we will have several Board members leaving the Board at the end of their term in May, and would love to welcome some new members to ensure that there is continuity for our programs. If you have one to a maximum of 2 evenings per month to volunteer your time, and support Horizons to continue to grow, please email me at <a href="mailto:shan-non@horizonscc.ca">shan-non@horizonscc.ca</a>!

We are waiting on our permit from the City of Winnipeg, however once received, we have been approved for a Community Incentives Program Grant to upgrade the phone and door release systems at Hampton! This will mean trading your fobs for cards, and likely a few growing pains, but stay tuned for work to begin soon!

As always, we thank you so much for the gift of sharing in your children's day!

<sup>&</sup>quot;Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." -Harriet Tubman

## November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				31 Happy Halloween	1	2
3	4	5	6 Hot Lunch	7 Drumming with Heather	8	9
10	11 Closed for Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 20241208 Invoices	19	20 Hot Lunch	21	22	23
24	25 20241208 Invoices due	26	27	28	29	30

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 <a href="mailto:shannon@horizonscc.ca">shannon@horizonscc.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:gracepc@horizonscc.ca">gracepc@horizonscc.ca</a>

# 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
<b>September 20, 2024</b>	Staff professional development: Closed
<b>September 30, 2024</b>	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
<b>December 25, 2024</b>	Christmas Day: Closed
<b>December 26, 2024</b>	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	