



Horizons Access

NOTES FROM LORI:

Dear Families,

Welcome to all of our new families and to many of you who have taken some time off during the summer. We have had a fantastic summer full of outdoor learning opportunities and exploration. Gardening, mud and water days, along with walks in nature and to local parks. We capped it all off with our full day at Assiniboine park.

We will continue to enjoy the outdoors so ensure your child has layers, sweaters, or extra outdoor gear for the changeable weather that happens in September. As we get back into our fall routine, I know many of you will be happy that we will once again offer the Hot Lunch Fundraisers. (There are more details on the following page.)

Keep checking the table in the main hallway for information and sign ups for everything that will be happening at Horizons. We don't want anyone to miss out!

Wishing everyone a great September and we are looking forward to connecting or reconnecting with all the children and families who are part of Horizons.

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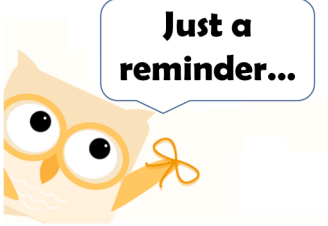


Preschool Program
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BULLETIN BOARD:



Just a reminder...

- ⇒ Horizons Organization will be **Closed Friday September 20th** for staff to attend professional development workshops.
- ⇒ **Tuesday September 24th** at 6:00pm at the Grace auditorium will be a parent night with a presentation from 2 resource teachers in the St. James School division. Come out to learn and connect with the educators from Horizons.
- ⇒ **Scholastic book club** will start again in September. Parents can place orders directly with Scholastic online and use **the number RC 191657** . Check the flyer for the order end date, that is when we complete the order and books are shipped to Horizons.
- ⇒ Many of the rooms need extra clothes to have on hand “just in case.” They need clothes various sizes for children from ages 2-5. If you have some gently used items to donate please connect with the staff in your room to see what they need.



“Be silly. Be honest. Be kind.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson~



Hot Lunch Fundraiser

September is Italian Month!

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, September 13

Spaghetti and meatballs, vegetable, fruit

Friday, September 27

Chicken Risotto, vegetable, fruit

Executive Directors Report

Touching Base With Shannon

The summer seemed to fly by this year, and we are headed into Fall with new ideas and promises for the remainder of 2024!

Some highlights of our summer included an increase to our staff salary scale effective July 1, 2024 thanks to the Federal-Provincial Child Care Agreement funding, and the start of our investigations into a fourth location to support Kindergarten and School Age Care. We are very early in our exploration, but it is on our radar!

Thanks to a generous Child and Youth Program grant from the Winnipeg Foundation, we were able to purchase new equipment and materials for our outdoor programs, plan a trip to the zoo for the Hampton site, and an end of the year celebration at Assiniboine Park for the Access site! We hosted a circus performer at all three locations, and continued our Indigenous Drumming program with Heather.

Looking forward into September, we will once again be holding our Family Photo Sessions fundraiser! This has been very popular over the years, and is a great opportunity for you to have your family photos done surrounded by the beautiful Fall foliage at Grant's Old Mill behind the Hospice on the Grace Hospital Campus! Sessions are 20 minutes with digital prints shared with you electronically within 2 weeks of your session so that you are able to print as many photos as you wish in whatever sizes you are looking for, at home, or at a photo kiosk at Walmart or a similar facility!

Photo sessions will be \$65 with half of the proceeds from each session staying with Horizons to help with our goal of purchasing and installing new storage sheds at all three sites!

Please watch your email for more information on how to book your sessions!

We will also be hosting a parent night for all of you wonderful parents on Tuesday, September 24th from 6-8pm in the auditorium in the Dorothy Wood Building at the back of the Grace Hospital, across the hall from our Grace site main entrance!

We will have Charlene Mitchell, Child Psychologist, and Sarah Juchnowski, Speech Pathologist, provide a presentation on the findings of the most recent Educational Development Index and information to assist parents in the years before their children start school! If there is time, I will share a little bit about the Circle of Security model, and how interested parents can get more information! The Circle of Security is a foundation of our philosophy, and all of our team members are required to complete this 8-week training on the importance of forming relationships of trust, and security with the children, parents, and coworkers in our programs. It was, however, originally created as a parenting program! Following the presentations, there will be time for you to talk with the educators who work at your site, and to meet members of our Board of Directors who can share more information about what being on the Board is all about!

There will be a sign-up sheet posted at all three sites, so that you can indicate if you will be able to attend (we really hope that you will!), and if you will need child care.

As always, thank you for the gift of allowing us to share in the lives of your children!

“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence” – Denis Waitley

September 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 <i>Closed</i>	3 <i>Parent fees due</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Hot lunch</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Closed for P.D.</i>	21
22	23 <i>Invoices issued</i>	24 <i>Parent Night</i>	25	26	27 <i>Hot lunch</i>	28
29	30 CLOSED <i>Truth & Reconciliation day</i>	1 <i>Parent fees due</i>				



**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 29-3, 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—Centre Closed at 5:00pm
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 Day: 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 Easter Monday)
Dec 31, 2024	New Year's Eve: Early Closure 4:00 pm
January 1, 2025	New Year's Day: Closed

Horizons Children's Centre Inc.
Access Location
Billing Schedule 2024

Invoice sent the week of:	Payment is re- quired 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