



The Week of The Early Childhood Educator

April 29th-May 3

Please join us in celebrating our amazing team of Educators at Horizon's at the Grace!

Horizon's at The Grace

NOTES FROM ERIN:

I am pleased to say that the nap time has transformed back to a relaxing time for all. We have taken off with the idea that the children who don't sleep go outside directly after lunch time. They will always have the option to lay down if they are feeling like they want to. This has given the children who do want or need to nap an opportunity for a relaxing space to take a break. We have done a lot of reflection with the children about listening to their bodies, and helping to create that space for all of us that we need, including the children who need more time to move their bodies outside.

I would also like to thank you for your support about not bringing or storing toys in the children's locker. It has made a HUGE positive difference in the children's day. We have seen an almost instant shift from children's transitions being focused on objects, to the focus being on relationships with staff, their peers and moving to the next exciting part of the day. I would say they are settling more into their routines, and learning to be able to move along with all of the routines is very important both now, and when they will be moving on to Kindergarten. Please continue to help support this by not bringing in toys or leaving them in the locker for later. We are making great progress with self-regulation, establishing a predictable routine, building relationships, and self-problem solving with the children.

We are starting to prepare for The Week of The Early Childhood Educator. We have updated our Amazon wish list if you are interested in a fuss-free way to show your appreciation. I will send that, and our ECE Week Schedule, when I return from my week off with my daughter for her Spring Break on April 1st. In the event that you would like to contribute to our food celebrations, this will allow you to be aware of what else is being offered, in an effort to spread out the celebration over the entire week, rather than having more of something we can enjoy in one day, so that it goes to waste. I will also be providing an opportunity for you to do personal shout outs to staff that they will get to take home when we get closer to the date, and will provide a confidential envelope to collect these special messages from families, that the individual staff will receive on one of the days of ECE week. Please help us by sending notes to staff with personal messages to fill our staff team's cup.

Have a safe and wonderful Spring Break! - Erin

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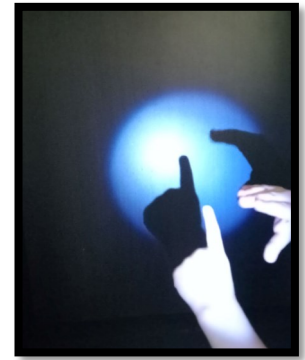


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Over the past few weeks, the children in the Caterpillar group have been perfecting their shadow puppets on various surfaces and experimenting with light. They have also been learning about penguins, which was building on their interest in cold and snowy weather. Later, the Caterpillars did an activity to rescue animals from ice. Children used descriptive words to describe the ice and used a variety of methods to try to rescue the animals.



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.

Wednesday, April 3rd (\$6.50)

Rice casserole (tomato based), veggies, fruit and milk

Wednesday, April 17th (\$6.50)

Macaroni & 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

A Message from Shannon

As we bid a welcome to Spring, it seems that the weather is still quite undecided as to the season!

We are excited to learn that Bill C-35, which has brought about wonderful things for Child Care, including \$10 per day fees for children enrolled in infant and preschool spaces, has now been ratified into law! This means that regardless of which political party is in power, they cannot make changes, or vote down what has been accomplished so far! A great day for Early Learning in our country.

April will bring some great events including the draw for our online 50/50 raffle which will take place at 9am on Monday, April 8, 2024! If you have not yet purchased your tickets, here is the link for you to do so, and good luck to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts!

<https://www.fundingchange.ca/hcc-inc/ZcqQwtkJlilqbUI?ref=YBMDL3VUaCk1fV7K>

The Week of the Early Childhood Educator will take place from April 27th – May 4th this year, and I encourage you to find a special way to acknowledge the care, education, and effort that our educators at Horizons bring to the centre each day for each child. They are a truly dedicated group of individuals who will be so grateful for your kind words and gestures.

As we draw closer to our Annual General Meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 from 6:30-7:30pm at our Hampton site, located at 367 Hampton Street, I wanted to reach out to any families who may be interested in joining our Board of Directors!

We meet once per month each year, with the exception of July and December. Presently, we are meeting in the evenings over Zoom, so that families have time to get home, have dinner, and get their children ready for bed. If you would like to know more, or are interested in submitting an application to join the Board of Directors, please let me know at shannon@horizonscc.ca! We are excited to welcome some new members, as many of our current Board will be moving on to the next step in their family's journey with their children. A huge thank you from me, to all of our sitting Board Members for the time and support that you bring to our programs!

Please notify the office staff at your child's site if you plan to attend the AGM, so that we can confirm numbers and have sufficient refreshments! All families are considered members, and are encouraged to attend if you are able. If you require care for your child during the meeting, there will be a signup sheet available at all three sites for you to add your name to. Requirements for care must be expressed by **Monday, May 6th** to ensure that sufficient staffing is in place.

A reminder to our families whose children will be attending Kindergarten in the Fall, that if you are hoping for your child to continue attending Horizons, an expression of interest must be submitted no later than May 31, 2024. We are able to accommodate care for a child's Kindergarten year, provided the family is able to make arrangements to transport their child to and from school each day, and provided this would not mean displacing a child moving up from the infant program into the preschool program. Families will be notified if we are able to accommodate their request no later than June 15, 2024.

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

"A first class system of Early Childhood Education is the hallmark of a caring and civilized society"

Andy Hargreaves

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Hot lunch</i>	4 <i>Drumming with Heather</i>	5	6
7	8 <i>20240428 Invoices</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>20240428 Invoices due</i>	16	17 <i>Hot lunch</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>ECE WEEK</i>	29	30	1	2	3 <i>Closed Staff PD</i>	

Please note that we are closed on Friday, March 29, 2024



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 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
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.
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