



Horizons Access

NOTES FROM LORI:

Dear Families,

With the holidays fast approaching, we have again decided to support Manitoba Harvest by collecting non-perishable food items for them to distribute. We will have the collection bins available until December 10th.

Generosity and caring for others are values we want to encourage in the children. Our plan is to collect the food items in each classroom and the educators will talk to the children about giving to help other people. The children will then get to take the food and drop it off in the bin. Of course other donations are welcome so if you have more non-perishables to donate just place them into the bin. There is also a coin can to collect any loose change. (Did you know that with their partners a \$1.00 donation can purchase up to \$10.00 in food?)

The following are the top 10 items that they can never get enough of:

Canned Fruit	Canned Soup/Stew
Canned Tuna	Canned Vegetables
Pasta	Pasta Sauce
Baby Formula/Food	Peanut Butter
Rice	Instant Oatmeal

Please help us to fill the bins and provide help to
Manitoba families in need.

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BULLETIN BOARD:

12th
24th
31st

**** NEW EARLY CLOSURE**** Horizons will be closed at 12:00 pm on Friday December 12th for the employee holiday celebration.

Wednesday December 24th Horizons will close at 2:00 pm.

Wednesday December 31st Horizons will close at 4:00 pm

\$6.50/
lunch

Hot Lunch Fundraiser

EXCITING NEWS!!! We now offer optional Hot Lunch every Friday! A great way to end the week with no lunches to make. Whoop Whoop! The survey will go out at noon on November 3rd for those that prefer to pick and choose. If you are not on the 'always' list and would like to sign up, you can message in Parent App, email or stop by the office to let us know. A hot lunch fundraising fee of **\$6.50** per lunch will be added to the following invoice.



Friday December 5

Chicken Drumstick and Rice with
Vegetable and Fruit



Friday December 19

Falafel Pita Hummus
Vegetables and Fruit



Tuesday December 30

Lentil Soup and Grilled Cheese with
Vegetables and Fruit

Thursday December 11

Hot Dog and Tater Tots with
Vegetables and Fruit



Tuesday December 23

Chicken Biryani with
Vegetables and Fruit



Executive Directors Report

Notes from Shannon

Another year has passed in the blink of an eye!

2025 brought many wonderful opportunities for growth for our programs, and our staff teams, including the development of our 5-year strategic plan which we have been reviewing monthly to ensure that progress is being made.

In February, we introduced the PARENT app, and have been exploring and implementing more of its uses, now that we have had time to work with it. Please watch your app for a survey that we will be putting out in January for you to provide your feedback on your experience with the PARENT App, from the parent side of the application. We are interested to hear your thoughts!

In March we hosted our first Parent Night of 2025, welcoming Joanne Brown of New Directions. Joanne is such an engaging speaker, and families found the information that she was able to share valuable as their children grow and change! Watch your messages for information on our first Parent Night of 2026, where our focus will be on Nutrition!

In April, our staff team and Board of Directors completed Accessibility Training, and our team members were able to attend a celebration of life for our dear colleague Danielle. Our teams were celebrated for the work that they do each day during the week of the Early Childhood Educator, and we held our first annual professional development day!

May brought our Annual General Meeting where we welcomed returning and new Board Members, introduced our strategic plan, and celebrated members of our staff team on completion of 5 and 10 years of excellence with Horizons.

In June we held our annual Family Bar B Q with amazing games created by our educators for the children, a wandering magician, and a 50/50 raffle, not to mention the yummy hotdogs and accompaniments!

Thanks to some Outdoor Grants provided through the Canadian Federal Child Care Agreement, we were able to add several new features to our play yards in July and August, including artificial turf for the infant yard at Hampton, picnic tables, and teepees at Access, and a new mud kitchen and teepee at Grace.

August also brought an unexpected flood at the Access site, which left us unable to use the Piglet room, office or main entrance, but thanks to the quick action of our staff team, the Grace Hospital staff, and Priority Restoration, we were back in our spaces by mid September! We held another successful Family Photo Session fundraiser, held our second Parent Night with Sleep Consultant, Hayley Simon, and began to offer Hot Lunch every week. Please watch your Parent App communications for a survey in late January 2026 which will provide us with necessary information for considering the feasibility of a daily hot lunch program.



In October, our teams participated in the Manitoba Child Care Association's Pedagogical Institute, and came back with a renewed sense of what it means to offer care to children, and November brought our last few fundraisers through Bothwell Cheese, Archie's Meats, and Shelmerdine Garden Centre. We have some great new ideas for fundraisers for 2026 together with our favourites, and we are so very grateful for the support that our programs receive from our families through fundraising efforts!

This month, we will be closing at noon on Friday, December 12, 2025 so that our staff teams can gather together to celebrate the holidays! Please ensure that you are completing and returning your holiday surveys, so that we can adjust our staffing accordingly, and schedule for some annual organizing, inventory, and cleaning to be done.

As always, thank you so much for being a part of our care community, and for the opportunity to share in the lives of your children~

"Of all the months of the year there is not a month one half so welcome to the young, or so full of happy associations, as the last month of the year." – Charles Dickens

December 2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Hot lunch</i>	6
7	8	9	10	11 <i>Hot lunch</i>	12 <i>Early closure 12:00 pm</i>	13
14	15 	16	17	18	19 <i>Hot lunch</i>	20
21	22 <i>Last day of Hanukkah</i>	23 <i>Hot lunch</i>	24 <i>Early closure 2:00 pm</i>	25 	26 KWANZAA 	27
28	29	30 <i>Hot lunch</i>	31 <i>Early closure 4:00 pm</i>	1  <i>Last day of Kwanzaa</i>	2	3



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

January 1, 2025	New Year's Day: Closed
February 17, 2025	Louis Riel Day: Closed
April 9, 2025	**NEW** early closure at 5:00 pm
April 18, 2025	Good Friday: Closed
April 28-May 2, 2025	Week of the Early Childhood Educator
May 2, 2025	Staff Professional Development: Closed
May 19, 2025	Victoria Day: Closed
May 21, 2025	Annual General meeting
June 19, 2025	Annual Family BBQ Centre closed at 5pm
June 30, 2025	**NEW** Closed (in lieu of Easter Monday)
July 1, 2025	Canada Day: Closed
August 4, 2025	Terry Fox Day: Closed
September 1, 2025	Labour Day: Closed
September 30, 2025	Truth and Reconciliation Day : Closed
October 13, 2025	Thanksgiving Day: Closed
October 17, 2025	Staff Professional Development: Closed
November 11, 2025	Remembrance Day: Closed
December 12, 2025	Closed at NOON for staff holiday celebration
December 24, 2025	Christmas Eve: Early Closure 2:00 pm
December 25, 2025	Christmas Day: Closed
December 26, 2025	Boxing Day: Closed
Dec 31, 2025	New Year's Eve: Early Closure 4:00 pm
January 1, 2026	New Year's Day: Closed