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#### NOTES FROM ATHENA:

Hello Families,

As we are getting into August and towards the second half of summer our groups are making sure they make the most of summer and their outdoor time. We celebrated mud day, bug day, Dino day, culture day, colour day and many water days. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us prepare for these days by providing your children with all that they need.

We are also preparing to bid farewell to our oldest who will be attending kindergarten this fall. We are planning a mini grad celebration on August 14th at 9:30 am. If you are a kinder parent or any parent and would like to attend, you are most welcome. Please let us know if you will be attending.

We are happy to start welcoming back our infants who had to be displaced. We would also like to welcome our new ISP staff Coralee, who has joined our team and will be working in the Caterpillars room.

We would like to thank our summer students Val and Eka for all their support this summer and we look forward to working with them again.

I hope you are all continuing to enjoy the rest of the summer and not thinking of things like cold, snow or winter.



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***Featuring our Kinders...***

*"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." -Dr. Seuss.*



**August 14th at 9:30 am**

**Mini Grad Celebration**

*We welcome the parents of the children going to kindergarten this year to join us in celebrating this milestone with us.*

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## **Notes from Shannon**

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the summer!

This year is already better than last, as the air quality has been so much better, despite wildfires burning in other parts of the country.

We have been making the most of our days with lots of water play, mud days, a visit from a fire truck at Access, color days, and other planned events throughout the month of July, and are now getting ready to say hello to the days of August!

We will be hosting our own version of a "Chase the Ace" raffle this month, beginning on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>!

We will number 52 cards and tape them face down to a board. You, your friends and family, will have the opportunity to purchase a numbered card from 1-52 for \$20. You can do this by emailing me at [shannon@horizonscc.ca](mailto:shannon@horizonscc.ca) with your card number selection! We will record your purchase, and send a photo of the back of the card with your number to you by email, once confirmation of your payment has been received by cash, or e-transfer to [hcc@horizonscc.ca](mailto:hcc@horizonscc.ca). (Your number is not confirmed, until we have your payment! ) The card we are "chasing" is the Ace of Spades.

The draw date will be Friday, August 21, 2026, where we will share a video of the cards being peeled from the board to reveal which numbered card is the Ace of Spades! The participant who selected the correct card, will win 50% of the funds raised, so if all 52 cards sell, the prize will be \$520!

Not a bad way to end the summer!

Thank you to our families who have come to the centers to volunteer and share their skills, or joined an outing with our programs. We truly appreciate your time and support!

At the end of August, we bid a fond farewell to our summer staff at each site: Val and Eka at the Grace site, Baljinder, Emma, and Gursimran at the Hampton site, and Erica, Katelyn, and Phebean at the Access site! To those who are returning to school full time, we wish you all the very best, and keep reaching for the stars! For those staying on to substitute in the Fall, thank you for all of your hard work and support this summer. We cannot function without your help!

Welcome to our "new" Centre Manager at the Access site, Denise, and our "new" Program Coordinator, Somoud! Not new to Horizons Access, but stepping into new roles where we know they will continue to do great things!

As we head into the Fall, we wish those children and their families moving on to Kindergarten, all the very best as they embark on this next exciting step of their life journey! Please ensure that your contact information and email address are entered correctly in PARENT for issuing your tax receipt at the end of 2026, as well as downloading any photos or items that you would like from your child's profile, as we will be removing access to PARENT for all withdrawn families, as an additional layer of security!

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

***"August teaches us that endings are beginnings in disguise, wrapped in the golden glow of a setting sun." – Amy L. Marxkors***

# August 2026

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| 2  | 3 Centre<br>Closed! | 4<br>Hot<br>Lunch  | 5  | 6<br>Hot<br>Lunch  | 7                   | 8  |
| 9  | 10                  | 11<br>Hot<br>Lunch | 12 | 13<br>Hot<br>Lunch | 14<br>Mini<br>Grad! | 15 |
| 16 | 17                  | 18<br>Hot<br>Lunch | 19 | 20<br>Hot<br>Lunch | 21                  | 22 |
| 23 | 24                  | 25<br>Hot<br>Lunch | 26 | 27<br>Hot<br>Lunch | 28                  | 29 |
| 30 | 31                  |                    |    |                    |                     |    |

**Regular closure dates and special events for 2026. Please mark your calendars and watch for updates throughout the year.**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>January 1, 2026</b>       | <b>New Year's Day: Closed</b>                 |
| <b>February 16, 2026</b>     | <b>Louis Riel Day: Closed</b>                 |
| <b>March 13, 2026</b>        | <b>Staff Professional Development: Closed</b> |
| <b>April 3, 2026</b>         | <b>Good Friday: Closed</b>                    |
| <b>April 27- May 1, 2026</b> | <b>Week of the Early Childhood Educator</b>   |
| <b>May 1, 2026</b>           | <b>Staff Professional Development: Closed</b> |
| <b>May 18, 2026</b>          | <b>Victoria Day: Closed</b>                   |
| <b>May 13, 2026</b>          | <b>Annual General meeting</b>                 |
| <b>June 18, 2026</b>         | <b>Annual Family BBQ Centre closed at 5pm</b> |
| <b>July 1, 2026</b>          | <b>Canada Day: Closed</b>                     |
| <b>July 31, 2026</b>         | <b>Closed (in lieu of Easter Monday)</b>      |
| <b>August 3, 2026</b>        | <b>Terry Fox Day: Closed</b>                  |
| <b>September 7, 2026</b>     | <b>Labour Day: Closed</b>                     |
| <b>September 18, 2026</b>    | <b>Staff Professional Development: Closed</b> |
| <b>September 22, 2026</b>    | <b>Parent Night/Meet the Teacher—6-8pm</b>    |
| <b>September 30, 2026</b>    | <b>Truth and Reconciliation Day : Closed</b>  |
| <b>October 12, 2026</b>      | <b>Thanksgiving Day: Closed</b>               |
| <b>November 11, 2026</b>     | <b>Remembrance Day: Closed</b>                |
| <b>December 24, 2026</b>     | <b>Christmas Eve: Early Closure 2:00 pm</b>   |
| <b>December 25, 2026</b>     | <b>Christmas Day: Closed</b>                  |
| <b>December 26, 2026</b>     | <b>Boxing Day: Closed</b>                     |
| <b>Dec 31, 2026</b>          | <b>New Year's Eve: Early Closure 4:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>January 1, 2026</b>       | <b>New Year's Day: Closed</b>                 |

**Horizons Children's Centre Inc.**  
**Grace Location**  
**NEW Billing Schedule 2026**

| <b>Invoice sent<br/>the week of:</b> | <b>Payment due<br/>and EFT pull</b> | <b>For the period of:</b> |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>December 22/25</b>                | <b>December 29/25</b>               | January 4 - January 31    | <b>20260104</b> |
| <b>January 19/26</b>                 | <b>January 26/26</b>                | February 1 - February 28  | <b>20260201</b> |
| <b>February 16/26</b>                | <b>February 23/26</b>               | March 1 - March 28        | <b>20260301</b> |
| <b>March 16/26</b>                   | <b>March 23/26</b>                  | March 29 - April 25       | <b>20260329</b> |
| <b>April 13/26</b>                   | <b>April 20/26</b>                  | April 26 - May 23         | <b>20260426</b> |
| <b>May 11/26</b>                     | <b>May 18/26</b>                    | May 24 - June 20          | <b>20260524</b> |
| <b>June 8/26</b>                     | <b>June 15/26</b>                   | June 21 - July 18         | <b>20260621</b> |
| <b>July 6/26</b>                     | <b>July 13/26</b>                   | July 19 - August 15       | <b>20260719</b> |
| <b>August 3/26</b>                   | <b>August 10/26</b>                 | August 16 - September 12  | <b>20260816</b> |
| <b>August 31/26</b>                  | <b>September 7/26</b>               | September 13 - October 10 | <b>20260913</b> |
| <b>September<br/>28/26</b>           | <b>October 5/26</b>                 | October 11 - November 7   | <b>20261011</b> |
| <b>October 26/26</b>                 | <b>November 2/26</b>                | November 8 - December 5   | <b>20261108</b> |
| <b>November 23/26</b>                | <b>November 30/26</b>               | December 6 - January 2    | <b>20261206</b> |
| <b>December 21/26</b>                | <b>December 28/26</b>               | January 3 - January 30    | <b>20270103</b> |

|          | Week 1                                                    | Week 2                                                      | Week 3                                                     | Week 4                                              |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday  | Spider chicken Dogs, Fruit, <b>vegetable</b> , Milk       | Beef meat balls, Mashed potatoes, vegetable, fruit and milk | Butter Chicken, rice, vegetable, fruit and milk            | Chicken and vegetable wontons, fruit and milk       |
| Thursday | Chicken Taco bowl, Fruit, vegetable, Milk                 | Chicken Pancit, vegetable Fruit and milk                    | Spaghetti and meat sauce (beef), vegetable, fruit and milk | Chicken mac & cheese, vegetable, fruit and milk     |
|          | Week 5                                                    | Week 6                                                      | Week 7                                                     | Week 8                                              |
| Tuesday  | Egg Fried rice, fruit and milk                            | Chicken Alfredo, vegetable, fruit and milk                  | Perogies and chicken sausage, vegetable, fruit and milk    | Falafel, pitas, tzatziki, vegetable, fruit and milk |
| Thursday | Mini chicken and cheese pizzas, vegetable, fruit and milk | Chickpea curry, roti, vegetable, fruit and milk             | Shepherd's pie (beef) vegetable, fruit and milk            | Egg rolls, vegetable, fruit and milk.               |