

Horizons Children's Centre Hampton

Notes From Sherolyn

Well, I think, or at least it feels, like winter is coming. As the snow starts to fall please make sure your children have proper fitting and warm clothes to play. There is no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing. We go out twice a day for at least 30 minutes, and most groups will be out for a lot longer. Once again if you are needing support we are happy to reach out to Koats for Kids on your behalf.

As the holiday season approaches I hope you all get some time to visit with family and friends. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

HOLIDAY BUCKET LIST	
decorate	things to do
☐ Decorate a Christmas tree	☐ Tour the holiday lights
☐ Add seasonal decor to your home	☐ Visit Santa & take a picture
☐ Hang a wreath on your door	☐ Go ice skating
☐ Hang stockings	☐ Go sledding
☐ Set the table	☐ Go to the Nutcracker
get cozy	☐ Visit your local holiday market
☐ Have a holiday movie night	☐ Build a holiday puzzle
☐ Read a holiday themed book	☐ Host or attend a Favorite Things party
☐ Watch Holiday Baking Championship	cook & bake
☐ Kiss under the Mistletoe	☐ Enjoy hot cocoa
☐ Listen to a holiday play list	☐ Bake cookies
☐ Sit by a fire	☐ Drink egg nog
☐ Light all the candles	☐ Prepare your favorite winter meal
☐ Cuddle up in your favorite blanket	☐ Plan a holiday breakfast, lunch and/or dinner
☐ Wear matching holiday pajamas	be a good neighbor
get crafty	☐ Perform a random act of kindness
☐ Make an advent calendar	☐ Bring cookies to your local fire station
☐ Decorate a gingerbread house	☐ Send care packages to troops overseas
☐ Make popcorn strings	☐ Donate to a toy drive
☐ Build a snowman	☐ Donate to your favorite charity
☐ Make ornaments for the Christmas tree	☐ Volunteer at a food bank
☐ Make paper snowflakes	
☐ Take a family photo	
☐ Send holiday cards	
☐ Wrap gifts	

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BULLETIN BOARD

CLOSURES: (PLEASE NOTE ANY CHILD PICKED UP AFTER EARLY CLOSURE TIME WILL BE CHARGED LATE FEES)

- ◇ DECEMBER 12th : Centre closed at **12PM**
- ◇ DECEMBER 24th: Centre closed at **2PM**
- ◇ DECEMBER 25th: CENTRE **CLOSED**
- ◇ DECEMBER 26: CENTRE **CLOSED**
- ◇ DECEMBER 31ST: Centre closed at **4PM**
- ◇ JANUARY 1ST: CENTRE **CLOSED**

SPIRIT WEEK (December 15-24th)

- ⇒ December 15th: Christmas hair/hat, socks/slippers
- ⇒ December 16th: Pick a side Grinch (Green) or Santa (Red)
- ⇒ December 17th: Jets game day (white out party / jets gear or sports gear)
- ⇒ December 18th: Ugly Christmas sweater / wacky tacky Christmas clothes
- ⇒ December 19th: Pajama Day
- ⇒ December 22: Christmas/winter colors (blue, red, green or white)
- ⇒ December 23: Plaid, flannel, fleece clothes
- ⇒ December 24: Pajama/ comfy , cozy day

Hot Lunch

WEDNESDAY December 3rd

Noodles and sauce
Fruit and veggies
Milk

WEDNESDAY December 10

Perogies and Garlic Sausage
Fruit and veggies
Milk

WEDNESDAY December 17

Cheese Torttellini
Fruit and veggies
Milk

TUESDAY December 23

Hot dogs
Fruit and veggies
milk

TUESDAY December 30th

Cheese pizza
Fruit and Veggies
Milk

Executive Directors Report

December 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 thanks to 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 Photos Session fundraiser, held our second Parent Night with Sleep Consultant, Hayley Simons, 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 Dickenson

December 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<i>1</i> <i>Invoices due</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Pasta and</i> <i>Sauce hot</i> <i>lunch</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Shelmerdine</i> <i>orders due</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Delivery of</i> <i>meat and</i> <i>cheese! And</i> <i>Shelmerdine's</i> <i>this week too!</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Perogies</i> <i>and garlic</i> <i>sausage hot</i> <i>lunch</i>	<i>11</i>	12 Centre closed at 12pm	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Christmas hat/ hair, socks/slippers	<i>16</i> Pick a side Grinch or Santa, Red or green	<i>17</i> Cheese tor- tellini hot lunch White Out	<i>18</i> Ugly Christ- mas sweat- er/wacky clothes	<i>19</i> Pajama day	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Christmas/ winter colors. Blue, white, red, green	<i>23</i> Hot dog hot lunch Plaid, flan- nel, fleece	24 Centre closed at 2pm Pajama/ Co- zy clothes	25	26	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Invoices due</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Cheese Pizza</i> <i>hot lunch</i>	31 Centre closed at 4pm	1	2	3

*Please note for those who participate always in hot lunch and are away over the holiday season, I will make note of it on the sign-up sheets and you will not be charged . *

Please check out the regular closure dates for 2025. 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
March 19th, 2025	Parent Night in Grace Auditorium 6-8pm
April 9th	*CENTRE CLOSURES 5PM*
April 18, 2025	Good Friday: Closed
April 28-2, 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
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 25, 2025	Parent night
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 12th, 2025	EARLY CLOSURE: 12pm for staff Christmas Party
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

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Hampton location
Billing Schedule 2026

Invoices go out this week	Invoices due and EFT pull	Fees for Period of:	
December 22/25	December 29/25	January 4– January 31	20260104
January 19/26	January 26/26	February 1– February 28	20260201
February 16/26	February 23/26	March 1- March 28	20260301
March 16/26	March 23/26	March 29 –April 25	20260329
April 13/26	April 20/26	April 26-May 23	20260426
May 11/26	May 18/26	May 24-June 20	20260524
June 8/26	June 15/26	June 21– July 18	20260621
July 6/26	July 13/26	July 19– August 15	20260719
August 3/26	August 10/26	August 16—September 12	20260816
August 31/26	September 7/26	September 13– October 10	20260913
September 28/26	October 5/26	October 11-November 7	20261011
October 26/25	November 2/26	November 8-December 5	20261108
November 23/26	November 30/26	December 6– January 2	20261206
December 21/26	December 28/26	January 3 –February 1	20260103