

Horizon's at The Grace

NOTES FROM ERIN:

We have really enjoyed the chance to go outside in agreeable weather, and we have all been practicing getting dressed on our own. Although it can be tricky at first, the children feel such a sense of accomplishment when they are able to get dressed on their own and even begin to help others with their clothing as well.

Is your child moving on to Kindergarten in 2025? Have you been added to the wait list for child care in your child's school? Now is the time to check in and ensure you are on the list or update any changes in information so they are able to contact you if a space becomes available. I will be reaching out to families a bit earlier than the summer schedule to try to gauge what our summer will look like in regards to vacancies for our children moving up from the Infant room to accommodate those turning two in the Spring and Summer.

Since our curriculum is based on the children's interests, you may notice that some holidays we don't celebrate the same way we have in the past. This means that we don't necessarily go all out for Valentines Day or Halloween and instead focus on relationships, kindness with friends and family and the change of seasons for example. The materials that we set out and the activities we do with the children are a reflection of their interests we have observed in the children while engaged in play, conversations we have had with children or offered as a way to extend ideas they are already exploring to help them along in their development and understanding. With our recent change in staffing, we are revisiting these topics to discuss as a group at our monthly staff meetings so we are having engaging networking opportunities together and brainstorming ideas on how to keep the children engaged and excited about their learning.

To celebrate, I love to Read Month, we welcome you to bring in a clearly labelled copy of a favourite book from your home to share with the group for a day. We will be highlighting literacy activities offered throughout the month on our Instagram account and bulletin boards in celebration!

Happy reading!

-Erin

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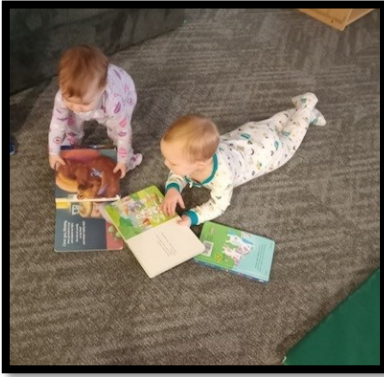
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BULLETIN BOARD:



“I love to read month”
Here are some of our current favourite books:

Crickets: Sandra Boynton books

Fireflies: Llama Llama , I love you!

Caterpillars: Biscuit’s day at the farm

Please feel free to bring in a clearly-labelled favourite from home to share with the group.



**There is
no substitute
for books
in the
life of a child.**
mary ellen chase



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.

Please note that unless you are away due to being sent home sick, you will be charged for no shows, unless you cancel by Friday before hot lunch.

Wednesday, February 12 (\$6.50)

Hot dogs and tater tots , veggies, fruit and milk

Wednesday, February 26 (\$6.50)

Macaroni and 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

Notes from Shannon

It seems that we just welcomed in 2025, and here we are at the beginning of February already! There are some exciting changes that will be coming for Horizons in the next few months, that we would love to share with all of our families.

We will be moving from our current antiquated invoicing platform, to a new and intuitive platform called the PARENT app. Some of you already received some communications from PARENT, including an invoice issued accidentally! We are one of the first programs in Manitoba, that PARENT will be partnering with, and so there is a little bit of configuration that will need to be done to their system, so that it is compatible with the billing cycle used in Manitoba, but we are working hard with their team, and our Auditor, to ensure that the program will be set up as we need it before implementation.

As we ease over to the new system, we will begin working with it for the Grace site first. Grace families, please watch your emails for more information as we prepare to make this switch!

The PARENT app will allow for our staff team to send messages, make posts, share reports on sleep, eating, and toileting directly with parents so that you are able to receive notifications and updates directly to your phone, similar to FaceBook, Instagram or What's App. Our communications will also be switching over to the app, as it will ensure that you are receiving in the moment notifications of what is happening in the program!

There will be some adjustments that we will need to make before everything is running 100% smoothly, so please bear with us, as we make this leap of faith towards upgrading and improving our communication with our families enrolled at Horizons locations!

As we head into February, we will begin a fundraising campaign partnering with Mitchell's Soups! Families will be given an electronic catalogue of the dried soup mixes and spice blends that Mitchell's has to offer, along with a link to our online store for your purchases using credit card payment. There will be order forms available for those families who prefer to pay by cash or e-transfer available for pick up at each site, as well as in an attachment to the email which outlines our campaign.

This fundraiser will run from February 3 – 21 for online orders, with paper orders and payment being due by February 19th.

Consider ordering some yummy soup and spices to create those comfort food, easy meals during these colder winter months!

Our fundraising goals this year, will assist with adding to our outdoor classrooms, including storage, materials, and supplies to help the children enjoy their time outdoors in comfort!

Our strategic plan for 2025 – 2030 will be ready soon, and will be presented at our Annual General Meeting in May, then made available on our website for families to review. This will be our work plan for the next 5 years, and we are excited to get started!

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

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. – Francis of Assisi

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 <i>Drumming</i>	7	8
9	10 <i>20250302 Invoices</i>	11	12 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	13	14	15
16	17 <i>CLOSED 20250302 Invoices due</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	27	28	

Please note that Erin will be away Thursday's for field placement until April 2025, Shannon and Michelle will be onsite on Thursdays and can be reached at shannon@horizonscc.ca or gracepc@horizonscc.ca



**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 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 12, 2025	Annual Family BBQ (rain date, June 19, 2025)
June 30, 2025	Centre 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: Close
October 17, 2025	Staff Professional Development Day: Closed
November 11, 2025	Remembrance Day: Closed
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

**Horizons Children's Centre Inc.
Grace Location
Billing Schedule 2025**

Invoice sent the week of:	Payment is required on: Mondays	For the period of:	
December 16/24	December 23/24	January 5- February 1	20250105
January 13/25	January 20/25	February 2- March 1	20250202
February 10/25	February 17/25	March 2-March 29	20250302
March 10/25	March 17/25	March 30- April 26	20250330
April 7/25	April 14/25	April 27-- May 24	20250427
May 5/25	May 12/25	May 25-June 21	20250525
June 2/25	June 9/25	June 22-July 19	20250622
June 30/25	July 7/25	July 20- August 16	20250720
July 28/25	August 4/25	August 17-September 13	20250817
August 25/25	September 1/25	September 14-October 11	20250914
September 22/25	September 29/25	October 12-November 8	20251012
October 20/25	October 27/25	November 9- December 6	20251109
November 17/25	November 24/25	December 7- January 3	20251207
December 15/25	December 22/25	January 4- January 31	20260104