



Horizons Access

NOTES FROM LORI:

Dear Families,

It feels like spring has arrived and the weather is warming. With the spring weather many of the groups have started taking walks in the community or going to local parks. Generally groups will leave at 9:30 AM so if you are planning to arrive later please text your child's class to find out where you can meet them. Now is the time for Muddy Buddies or splash pants. Please provide waterproof outdoor gear and check your child's supply of extra clothes in their lockers so we can change them if they get wet.

We are looking forward to ECE week at the end of April. This is always a fun time for all of the educators as we try to take some time to play. There are daily games and contests for the staff to participate in and of course families often show appreciation by bringing in food. We will have a sign up for parents for food items to spread out the treats. Another option is to donate cash that we will use for a catered lunch or to purchase prizes for some of the games.

Reminder that Horizons is closed Friday May 3rd for a professional development day where all staff will be participating in a workshop.

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BULLETIN BOARD:



⇒ As families get ready for children to move to kindergarten, we ask that you inform the office when it will be your child's last day. If you need care to continue for the kindergarten year let us know in writing by May 31st. We can only approve if it does not displace an infant moving into the preschool program.

(Note: Horizons does not offer any transportation to and from school.)



⇒ AGM is Wednesday May 22nd from 6:30 to 7:30. Watch for the sign up sheet later in April to indicate attendance and if you will require child care.

“The world is mud-luscious and puddle-wonderful.”

~ e.e. Cummings

Hot Lunch Fundraiser

April is Middle Eastern Month!

The second and fourth Friday each month we will serve an optional Hot Lunch for an extra \$6.50 charge each. You can sign up to always participate or you can email or stop by the office to be part of the fundraiser each time. The hot fundraisers will be added to the following invoice.

Friday, April 12

Chicken shawarma with rice, Fruit, and Milk

Friday, April 26

Fraka and musakhan roll (soup and chicken roll), Fruit and Milk



Executive Directors Report

April 2024

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/ZcqQwtkJilqUI?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	4	5 <i>Holi celebration</i>	6
7	8 <i>Invoices sent</i>	9	10	11	12 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	13
14	15 <i>Invoices due</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	
ECE Week						
					<i>Closed PD day</i>	



**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 29-3, 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—Centre Closed at 5:00pm
July 1, 2024	Canada Day: Closed
August 5, 2024	Terry Fox Day: Closed
September 2, 2024	Labour Day: Closed
September 20, 2024	Staff Professional Development 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 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.
Access 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