



Horizons Access

NOTES FROM LORI:

Dear Families,

It seems that as the warmer weather approaches we get busier. Please check out the April calendar as there are quite a few reminders and events this month. We start off by celebrating Holi (an Indian spring celebration) where we throw coloured powder (cornstarch) and get a bit messy in the yard. (Bring your muddy buddy.)

At the end of the month it will be the week of the ECE where we take time to recognize the educators who care for your children. This is a week where we plan some fun activities for the staff and likely eat too much! I will put out a sign up sheet for families to bring in various food items or if you would like to donate cash towards lunches and prizes for everyone. (I will have more information out on the table next week.) A reminder that Friday of ECE week is a professional development day for the staff, so we are not open for children.

Finally I know that many of you enjoyed the Parent night presentation with JoAnne Brown on the Circle of Security. If you are wanting more information you can contact [New Directions](#). (Click on the link)

Happy Spring!

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BULLETIN BOARD:



⇒ **EARLY CLOSURE: April 9th at 5:00 pm** for staff training.



⇒ **EARLY CLOSURE : April 11th at 12:30 pm** so staff can attend Danielle's Celebration of life.

- ⇒ 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 contact your child's class to find out where you can meet them.
- ⇒ Mark your calendars for our annual AGM will be on Wednesday May 21st. Check out Shannon's report for more information.



"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."

~ Margaret Atwood ~



Hot Lunch Fundraiser

Note the
change to
Thursday
April 10th

April is

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 lunch fundraisers will be added to the following invoice.

Thursday, April 10th

Falafel, pita bread, cucumber salad

Friday, April 25th

Chicken shawarma, fries and veg

Executive Directors Report

Notes from Shannon

April 2025

Just when we thought that Spring was here, we had what we hope will be our last blast of winter at the end of March! Here's hoping that this will be the last of the snow, and we will be able to move on to splashing in puddles and sitting in the warm sunshine again soon!

A big thank you to all of our parents and staff team who took the time to come out for our 2nd Parent evening on March 19th! Joanne Brown did a fantastic job of making it a conversation, versus throwing information out there, and everyone was really engaged, and asked some great questions!

Stay tuned for our September parent night, and please share ideas for topics that would interest you for future evenings!

April 27th – May 3rd is the Week of the Early Childhood Educator, where we recognize and celebrate the amazing educators who bring their unique gifts to our programs, your families, and most importantly, the children everyday! Please take some time to celebrate with our teams at all three sites, in some way, to show appreciation for the important work that they all do!

Our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching, and will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. We are putting out a call to anyone interested in joining our Board of Directors from all three locations!

If you would like more information about the roles and responsibilities of sitting on the Board, or would like to put forth your name for nomination to the Horizons Board of Directors please reach out to me at shan-non@horizonscc.ca, or to Lea Wessner, Board Chair, at boardofdirectors@horizonscc.ca.

We will also be rolling out our 2025 – 2030 Strategic Plan at the AGM, so please mark it on your calendars, and plan to attend from 6:30-7:30pm at our Hampton site located at 367 Hampton Street, in the gymnasium.

Our staff team will be completing Provincially required Accessibility Training on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. All three sites will be closing at 5pm so that the teams can all gather to complete the training together, so please make arrangements to ensure that your children are picked up by 5pm on April 9th.

Our Access team will be attending funeral services for our colleague, Danielle, in the afternoon of Friday, April 11, 2025. Services begin at 1:30 pm, and so we will be closing the Access centre at 12:30pm to give the team time to travel to the services and prepare to say their final farewell to an important, and very much-loved member of our Horizons family. Please ensure that you have made arrangements to have your children attending the Access site, picked up by 12:30pm on Friday, April 11, 2025.

In April, we will be hosting our online 50/50 raffle fundraiser! Tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, and 10 for \$20, and will be on sale until the morning of our draw, on April 28, 2025. The more tickets we sell, the higher the prize, with a chance to win up to \$4000 if the tickets sell out! Please share the link on your social media pages, and with friends and family so that we can build up the prize pot as high as we can!

This year, we will be purchasing new shelving and furniture for in the classrooms, and improving our gardening boxes and outdoor equipment at all three sites. Here is the link, and good luck to everyone!

https://www.fundingchange.ca/hcc-inc/Z8t_JUEI6DdeSQJq?ref=YBMDL3VUaCk1fV7K

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

Spring is nature's way of saying "Let's Party!" – Robin Williams

April 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 <i>Drumming with Heather</i>	2	3	4  <i>Holi Party</i>	
6	7	8	9 <i>Early clo- sure 5:00 pm</i>	10 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	11 <i>Early clo- sure 12:30pm</i>	12
13	14 <i>Invoices sent</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Closed Good Friday</i>	19
20	21 <i>Invoices due</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	26
27	28	29	30	1	2 <i>Closed, Staff PD day</i>	

ECE WEEK



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
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 16, 2025	Staff Professional Development: 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