



Horizons Access

NOTES FROM DENISE:

Dear Families,

I hope everyone's transition into fall went well. This is often a time where we parents can feel a little more rushed as we work to weave extracurriculars and a new school year into our already busy schedules. I hope you are all finding time for yourselves, even if just a little time.

Overall, our fall transitions have been smooth. We have welcomed many new families into our centre and the children seem to be adjusting well. The educators and children are enjoying getting to know one another and everyone is building on their friendships and relationships.

This past month we attended a PD day as a team. All educators participated in 'The Blanket Exercise' which was lead by Elder Viola and Elder Jocelyn. Together we either learned, or relearned, the true history of Canada and the harms associated with the Residential School Systems, Sixties Scoop, and Indian Act. We were all challenged to question our biases as we reflected on our stereotypes.

It was a powerful experience that left us feeling enlightened and with better understanding of the original peoples of the land we now call North America.

Take Care,

Denise

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At Horizons Children's Centre



Horizons Children's Centre

October

Hot Lunch Menu

Nutritious meals for healthy, happy children!

Healthy Children
Stronger Communities



Tuesday

October 6

Ouzi

Rice, ground beef, mixed vegetables



October 13

Chicken/Turkey Quesadilla

Chicken or turkey, cheese and tortilla



October 20

Kafta, Potatoes & Rice

Ground beef, potatoes and rice



October 27

Mujadara

Lentils, rice and onions with plain yogurt

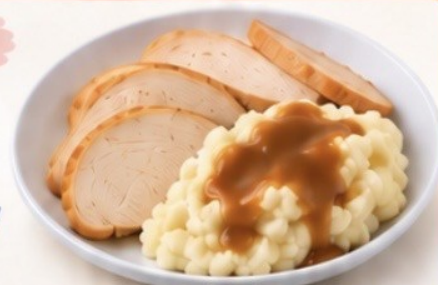


Thursday

October 8

Turkey Lunch

Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy



October 15

Chicken Noodle Soup and Toast

Chicken, noodles and vegetables and a slice of toast



October 22

Mac & Cheese

Macaroni and cheese



October 29

Lasagna

Pasta, ground beef, tomato sauce and cheese



A vegetable and a fruit will be included in every meal!

Menu items may be subject to change based on availability.



This Months Fundraiser Opportunity!

Grey Cup Tickets Are Back!

This year the Grey Cup happens on
November 15, 2026.

Please see the Executive Directors' Report for more information on how you can support our fundraising initiative and potentially win up to

\$200!



Reminders

We are closed
October 12
for Thanksgiving

**Our Halloween Celebration
will happen on
Friday, October 30th.**

Please keep ALL types of accessories and additions to the costumes at home. This includes, but is not limited to weapons, wands and ride-on toys. Bring only what your child can safely wear as they walk up and down the stairs of the building.

Executive Directors Report

Notes From Shannon

October 2026

It never fails to surprise me how the weather will be warm, and the trees green and full of leaves one day, and suddenly a few days later, a cool wind blows in and the leaves are a beautiful array of yellow, brown, red and orange, and starting to fall to the ground.

Welcome to our new children and families! We hope that you are settling in well, and feeling welcomed into our Horizons Community!

Thank you to all of our families who participated in the Family Photo Sessions this year! We had three beautiful days, and a great turn out. Sam did an amazing job, as usual, and should have the final edited photos out to everyone within the next few weeks! If you have not received your prints by mid-October, please reach out to let us know, so that we can ensure that your email address was recorded correctly!

Looking ahead to October, our fundraising efforts will include Grey Cup Raffle Tickets! These will be available for pick up in the offices at each site, and can be signed out for you to sell, in sets of 10! Each ticket is \$5, and the purchaser will keep the larger part of the ticket, and return the smaller portion with their contact information to the seller to submit back to the centre office. The Grey Cup game will be played on Sunday, November 15, 2026, so all ticket stubs, payments, and unsold tickets must be returned to the office at your centre no later than Friday, November 13, 2026. Tickets are available for pick up now, and more information will be sent out via the Parent App for you all.

We have been able to achieve two of our three renovation projects so far in 2026, including installing the artificial turf on the infant yard at Access, and installing new carpet in the Grace office, and flooring in the Grace staff room! We are currently to the point of waiting on permits and contractor insurance before we can proceed with the bathroom renovations at Hampton. Thank you so very much for the support that your fundraising efforts and donations offer to our programs, as these projects continue to require more and more funds to complete.

Our team will be attending the 2nd session of “52 Ways to Reconcile” with David Robertson on October 6, 2026, and the focus of this training will be how to introduce reconciliation to the children in our care! We are very excited to carry on from the powerful and thought-provoking staff PD on September 18th with Elder Viola and Elder Jocelyne, both survivors of the 60’s scoop.

As we head into the season for Halloween, we will be acknowledging the day on Friday, October 30th in the morning, with a costume parade through the Access Winnipeg West building, and Grace Hospital for the Grace and Access sites, and a parade from classroom to classroom at Hampton. Please help your children to enjoy their experience, and help our team to keep the experience fun and safe, but leaving large accessories, long skirts that cannot be tied up to prevent tripping, masks that obstruct vision, and weapons that could cause injury in play, at home. We will be navigating stairs, and hallways where other professionals are trying to work, and want to make the experience as fun and smooth as possible for everyone!

As always, thank you for the gift of sharing in your child’s day!

October 2026

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

January 1, 2026	New Year's Day: Closed
February 16, 2026	Louis Riel Day: Closed
March 13, 2026	Staff Professional Development: Closed
March 18, 2026	Parent night (watch for more information)
April 3, 2026	Good Friday: Closed
April 27- May 1, 2026	Week of the Early Childhood Educator
May 1, 2026	Staff Professional Development: Closed
May 18, 2026	Victoria Day: Closed
May 13, 2026	Annual General meeting (Hampton site)
June 18, 2026	Annual Family BBQ Centre closed at 5pm
July 1, 2026	Canada Day: Closed
July 31, 2026	Closed (in lieu of Easter Monday)
August 3, 2026	Terry Fox Day: Closed
September 7, 2026	Labour Day: Closed
September 18, 2026	Staff Professional Development: Closed
September 22, 2026	Parent night (watch for more information)
September 30, 2026	Truth and Reconciliation Day : Closed
October 12, 2026	Thanksgiving Day: Closed
November 11, 2026	Remembrance Day: Closed
December 4, 2026	Staff Holiday Celebration: Early Closure 12noon
December 24, 2026	Christmas Eve: Early Closure 2:00 pm
December 25, 2026	Christmas Day: Closed
December 28, 2026	Boxing Day: Closed
Dec 31, 2026	New Year's Eve: Early Closure 4:00 pm
January 1, 2027	New Year's Day: Closed