



Horizons Access

NOTES FROM DENISE:

Dear Families,

This past month brought some change for our Access team. We said goodbye to Lori who lead our team for the past 3 years. For some of us, myself included, we had the pleasure of also working alongside her at our Grace location. This farewell left me with many feelings, but mostly confidence that her mentorship and guidance has set me and this team up for continued success. I am looking forward to continuing my professional journey with this team and the families of this community.

Somoud will return at the end of August from her vacation visiting family in Palestine. Upon her return she will be the new Program Coordinator for Access. Help me congratulate her! She has built some truly amazing connections with many of the children and families within these walls and I know she will excel in this new role.



If you can remember, this time last year we were struggling with smoke and poor air quality. I am sure that we have already had more hours outside this past month than we did all last summer combined. Our Assiniboine park day went off without a hitch. Although it got warm towards the end of the day, all groups got the chance to explore many areas of the park. Groups visited the museum within the pavilion, the gardens, the leaf and took a ride on the trolley before sharing a picnic together. It was a busy day and a great change from the ordinary.

A big farewell to all our graduates who are off to Kindergarten in the fall. We wish you so many wonderful years ahead. We have a couple graduates without a set last day. Reminder that you are required to give 2 weeks written notice.

Lastly, I would like to thank Erica, Katelynn and Phebean who all joined our program this summer as Students through the Canadian Summer Jobs Grant. We have enjoyed this time with you all and look forward to future possibilities of having you join our programs again.

I hope you all have a wonderful rest to your summer and a smooth transition into the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Denise

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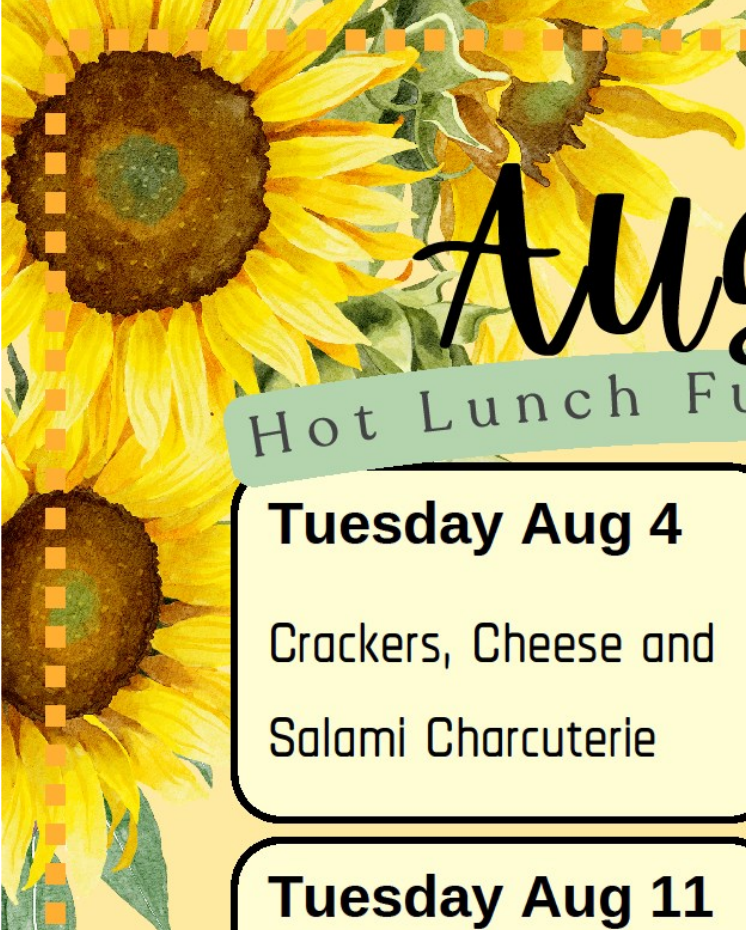
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At Horizons Children's Centre



August

All meals
served
with
vegetable
and fruit

Hot Lunch Fundraiser Menu

Tuesday Aug 4

Crackers, Cheese and
Salami Charcuterie

Thursday Aug 6

Pasta and vegetable
Salad with Chickpeas

Tuesday Aug 11

Bean and Cheese
Quesadilla

Thursday Aug 13

Falafel and French Fries

Tuesday Aug 18

Chicken Fingers and
Potato Wedges

Thursday Aug 20

Mac and Cheese

Tuesday Aug 25

Vegetable and Egg
Fried Rice

Thursday Aug 27

Shawarma and Pita



This Months Fundraiser Opportunity!



A chance to win up to **\$520!!!**

Please read the Executive Director's Report for more information

Reminders

**We are closed
August 3rd**

**2 weeks notice for with-
drawals in writing to the
office.**

Have fun in kindergarten!

Executive Directors Report

Notes from Shannon

August 2026

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the summer!

This year is already better than last, as the air quality has been so much better, despite wildfires burning in other parts of the country.

We have been making the most of our days with lots of water play, mud days, a visit from a fire truck at Access, color days, and other planned events throughout the month of July, and are now getting ready to say hello to the days of August!

We will be hosting our own version of a "Chase the Ace" raffle this month, beginning on Tuesday, August 4th!

We will number 52 cards and tape them face down to a board. You, your friends and family, will have the opportunity to purchase a numbered card from 1-52 for \$20. You can do this by emailing me at shannon@horizonscc.ca with your card number selection! We will record your purchase, and send a photo of the back of the card with your number to you by email, once confirmation of your payment has been received by cash, or e-transfer to hcc@horizonscc.ca. (Your number is not confirmed, until we have your payment!) The card we are "chasing" is the Ace of Spades.

The draw date will be Friday, August 21, 2026, where we will share a video of the cards being peeled from the board to reveal which numbered card is the Ace of Spades! The participant who selected the correct card, will win 50% of the funds raised, so if all 52 cards sell, the prize will be \$520!

Not a bad way to end the summer!

Thank you to our families who have come to the centers to volunteer and share their skills, or joined an outing with our programs. We truly appreciate your time and support!

At the end of August, we bid a fond farewell to our summer staff at each site: Val and Eka at the Grace site, Baljinder, Emma, and Gursimran at the Hampton site, and Erica, Katelyn, and Phebean at the Access site! To those who are returning to school full time, we wish you all the very best, and keep reaching for the stars! For those staying on to substitute in the Fall, thank you for all of your hard work and support this summer. We cannot function without your help!

Welcome to our "new" Centre Manager at the Access site, Denise, and our "new" Program Coordinator, Somoud! Not new to Horizons Access, but stepping into new roles where we know they will continue to do great things!

As we head into the Fall, we wish those children and their families moving on to Kindergarten, all the very best as they embark on this next exciting step of their life journey! Please ensure that your contact information and email address are entered correctly in PARENT for issuing your tax receipt at the end of 2026, as well as downloading any photos or items that you would like from your child's profile, as we will be removing access to PARENT for all withdrawn families, as an additional layer of security!

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

"August teaches us that endings are beginnings in disguise, wrapped in the golden glow of a setting sun." – Amy L. Marxkors

August 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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2	3 Closed	4 Hot lunch	5	6 Hot lunch	7	8
9	10	11 Hot lunch	12	13 Hot lunch	14	15
16	17	18 Hot lunch	19	20 Hot lunch	21	22
23	24	25 Hot lunch	26	27 Hot lunch	28	29
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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 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