



NOTES FROM ATHENA:

Hello Families,

We have finally settled in after all the changes and are glad to have no more unexpected withdrawals. As the children start to adapt to their new routines and environment we see some special bonds and relationships coming to light, both with peers and educators.

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As cold and flu season is upon us, we will start to see many childhood illnesses coming through our doors. Please check the door for communicable disease postings so that if your child starts to show symptoms you would have an understanding of what it might be. I also encourage you to read our illness policy from our parent policy manual (page 37-40) so that you are aware of when your child can return to care after a certain illness. We request that you keep your child home if they are feeling unwell in order to minimize the spread of illness.

Staffing change— Prabhjeet from the Caterpillars room is almost finished her training as an ECE II and will be going over to our Access location to cover a maternity leave position. Her last day with us will be November 6th. In her place we are glad to welcome back Anjali who will be returning after her maternity leave.

Thank you to all the parents who purchased Grey cup raffle tickets. A reminder that the stubs and money are due November 13th. We still have a few tickets left if you are still interested. We appreciate all your efforts in helping us with our fundraising.



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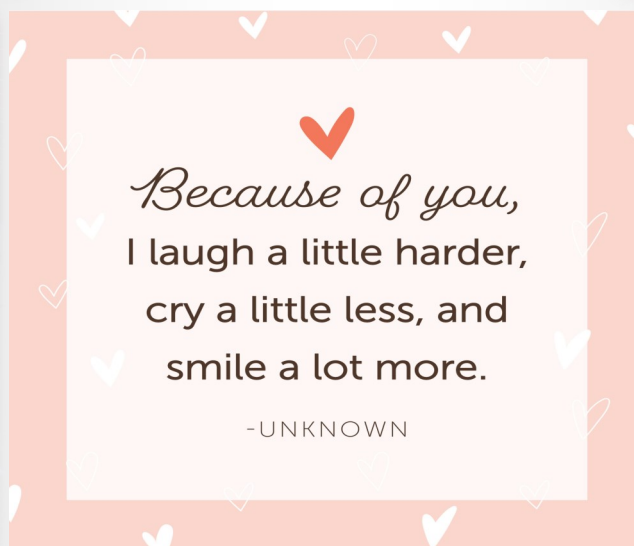
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Horizons Children's Centre



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Notes from Shannon

November 2026

We have certainly been enjoying the beautiful warm temperatures that October provided to us, and are preparing ourselves for the change of season to come!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Halloween Spirit week festivities at each site. We certainly enjoyed watching the children's excitement as we trick or treated through the hospital and Access building at Grace and Access, and from classroom to classroom at Hampton!

A reminder to everyone that we will close our centres on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 to honour those brave service people who have fought and continue to fight to protect our rights and freedoms in Canada. Having had the privilege to stand on Juno Beach in France and pay tribute to the soldiers who lost their lives in the first world war at the allied cemetery in Passchendaele, West Flanders in Belgium, I have a deep ceded gratitude and pride to live in Canada.

A big thank you to all of our families who have purchased and sold Grey Cup Raffle tickets! We have been able to accomplish two of our three planned projects this year, with artificial turf being installed on the infant yard at Access, and new carpet and flooring installed in the office and staff room at Grace! We are in the process of working towards supporting the costs for renovating the hallway and staff bathrooms at Hampton, and are so grateful for the donations and fundraising participation from you, our families.

Our next fundraiser will be our end of the year events, as we offer the online purchase of vouchers for poinsettias, wreathes, door swag and gift cards through Shelmerdine Garden Centre, paired with Bothwell Cheese and Archies Meats which was very popular for those holiday celebrations last year! We like to refer to this as our "Holiday Bundle"! A little something for everyone, to add to your get togethers with family and friends this holiday season. Please watch your messages on the PARENT App for more information!

We are hoping that all of our families have noticed our "Month At A Glance" bulletin boards at each site! It is on the wall just outside the office at Access, on the main entry door at Grace, and on the first stairwell landing at Hampton. On these boards, we will post information on the current fundraiser each month, any closure dates that may occur in the month, that months Hot Lunch offerings, and any events that will be happening each month such as a Parent Night, our Family Bar B Q, or our Annual General Meeting. We hope that you will find this helpful as we continue to support open communication for our families on what is happening in our programs!

As we grow closer to the end of the year, I wanted to begin to put an invitation out to any of our parents who might be interested in joining our Board of Directors! Our Board meets once per month each month except for July and December, virtually over Zoom. We will have some members stepping down in May 2027, and would love to have some new members joining any time now, so that we have time to overlap, and help everyone to get to know more about the responsibilities on our Board and our Strategic Plan!. If you would like more information, or if you think that you would like to contribute to the success of Horizons and have two hours per month (approx.) to contribute, please reach out to me at shannon@horizonscc.ca, and I will be glad to tell you more about it!

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

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

November 2026

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Sat

1	2	3 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	4	5 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	6 <i>Prabh Last Day at Grace</i>	7
8	9	10 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	11 	12 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	13 <i>Grey cup tickets and money due.</i>	14
15	16 <i>Holiday Bundle Fundraisers begin. See ED report.</i>	17 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	18	19 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	20	21
22	23	24 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	25	26 <i>Hot Lunch</i>	27	28
29	30					

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
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
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 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: Closed 12 noon
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

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NEW Billing Schedule 2026

Invoice sent the week of:	Payment due and EFT pull	For the period of:	
December 22/25	December 29/25	January 4 - January 31	20260104
January 19/26	January 26/26	February 1 - February 28	20260201
February 16/26	February 23/26	March 1 - March 28	20260301
March 16/26	March 23/26	March 29 - April 25	20260329
April 13/26	April 20/26	April 26 - May 23	20260426
May 11/26	May 18/26	May 24 - June 20	20260524
June 8/26	June 15/26	June 21 - July 18	20260621
July 6/26	July 13/26	July 19 - August 15	20260719
August 3/26	August 10/26	August 16 - September 12	20260816
August 31/26	September 7/26	September 13 - October 10	20260913
September 28/26	October 5/26	October 11 - November 7	20261011
October 26/26	November 2/26	November 8 - December 5	20261108
November 23/26	November 30/26	December 6 - January 2	20261206
December 21/26	December 28/26	January 3 - January 30	20270103

November Hot Lunch Fundraiser

An additional charge of \$6.50 will be added to your invoice for each hot lunch.

All hot lunches include fruit, vegetable and milk on the side.

November 3

Butter Chicken, rice, vegetable, fruit and milk

November 5

Spaghetti and meat sauce (beef), vegetable, fruit and milk

November 10

Chicken and vegetable wontons, fruit and milk

November 12

Chicken mac & cheese, vegetable, fruit and milk

November 17

Egg Fried rice, fruit and milk

November 19

Mini chicken and cheese pizzas, vegetable, fruit and milk

November 24

Chicken Alfredo, vegetable, fruit and milk

November 26

Chickpea curry, roti, vegetable, fruit and milk