



NOTES FROM ATHENA:

Hello Grace families,

It's like we blinked and September has passed us by and its time for yet another change in season. We are loving the continuing warm weather and making the most of it outside. As the weather changes , the children will require clothing accordingly. A light jacket, mittens and beanie for the cooler morning. Muddy buddies are great for keeping dry. Please label all new items so that they can be easily identified and returned to your child's locker.

This past month we have had some unexpected withdrawals in the caterpillars room. We bid farewell to Jessa, Sully and Gunwaris and welcome Alithea, Jacinta and Man Chit.

The staff have been working hard on documentation and have been posting to the newsfeed on the parent app. We encourage you to please comment or like the posts so that we know that they are being viewed.

Fall is a time for professional development and a reminder that we will be closed October 17 for our team to attend a full day professional development opportunity!. All staff will be attending a Pedagogical institute from Thursday evening to Saturday.

Our Grey cup fundraiser is currently ongoing and we encourage you to pick up a pack of tickets from the office to sell.



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Risky Play!

"If you are not willing to risk the unusual, you will have to settle for the ordinary": – Jim Rohn



Hot Lunch Fundraiser October

October has 5 Wednesdays so hot lunch will be offered 5 times this month at an additional charge of \$6.50 per lunch. There is a sign up sheet on the clipboard by the locker room gate. You can also text or email us to sign up.

Wednesday, October 1st

Egg fried rice, veggies, fruit and milk

Wednesday, October 8th

Turkey, potatoes, vegetable, fruit and Milk.

Wednesday October 15th

Beef taco bowl , veggies, fruit and milk

Wednesday October 22nd

Chicken stir fry, veggies, fruit and milk

Wednesday October 29th

Beef chili, veggies, fruit and milk .

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Notes from Shannon

October 2025

What a wonderful Fall we are having! The children and staff have been enjoying the late September warmth, as we enjoy all of the new elements on our play yards and continue to explore our community parks, soaking up as much time in nature as possible before we need to get back into winter jackets, snow pants, mittens and boots!

A big thank you goes out to all of our families who came out to have a Family Photo Session in September! Thanks to your participation, we were able to raise \$1170.00 for Horizons programs.

Our currently running fundraiser is the Grey Cup Raffle Tickets!

As a Blue Bomber season ticket holder, I have simply taken them to the games, and been able to sell several packs of 10, however you do not need to be a football fan to purchase, or to sell these tickets, as it is first and foremost, a raffle!

Tickets are \$5 each. The small stub at the end is where the purchaser fills in their contact information. The larger part, stays with the purchaser and the money and small stub are returned to the centre.

Prizes this year are \$100 for the correct score at the end of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters, or \$50 for the correct score in reverse. (I.e. If the correct score is 14 for the West, and 3 for the East, and that is what your ticket reads, you would win \$100. If your ticket reads 3 for the West and 14 for the East, you would win \$50!)

At the end of the game, any tickets with the correct final score win \$200, and the correct score in reverse will win \$100. Who doesn't like to win money? Please consider picking up a set of 10 tickets or more and try your luck in selling them to friends, family and colleagues in support of our programs!

How are you all enjoying Hot Lunch happening every week? We are using this as a way to determine if a full-time hot lunch program would be feasible for our centres, and will be sending out a survey by mid November via the Parent App, to determine family's interest. A hot lunch program would be much like the snack program. If you sign up, then you will be billed for the full billing period, each day, and lunch would be provided each day for your child, so it would not be a situation where you pick and choose days to register. As one of our pillars in our Strategic Plan, we want to ensure that we are fully investigating feasibility before proceeding!

We will also be sending out a survey in January 2026 to get your feedback on the new PARENT APP, both positive and negative, to determine if the app is meeting the needs of our parents as well as our staff, so please ensure that you are signed up for the app, and checking for these surveys and other important messages regularly! We know it is another app to monitor, but want to ensure that we are moving with technology, and meeting our parents needs effectively.

We would like to take this time to welcome some new faces at our sites! Welcome to Sarita, Samy and Pavreet, who are joining us in the Owls and Bisons rooms at Access, and to Marykate (2nd year student, Red River Polytech) Nerissa and Heather in the Hatchlings room at Hampton! We hope that you are feeling a part of this warm and wonderful Horizons community, and thank you for all that you do!

We are looking into new projects to tackle in 2026 at all three sites, now that the grant writing season is upon us, and hope to accomplish more items on our wish list in the year ahead!

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

"Just because I cannot see it, doesn't mean I can't believe it!" – Jack Skellington – Nightmare Before Christmas.

October 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 Hot Lunch	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Hot Lunch	9	10	11
12	13 Thanksgiv- ing. Centre Closed	14	15 Hot Lunch	16	17 PD Day Centre closed	18
19	20	21	22 Hot Lunch	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Hot Lunch	30	31	



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 18, 2025	Good Friday: Closed
NEW April 9, 2025	Early Closure: 5pm for Staff PD
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 (rain date, June 24, 2025) Please note: Early Closure 5:00pm
June 30, 2025	Centre 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 17, 2025	Staff Professional Development Day: Closed
November 11, 2025	Remembrance Day: Closed
December 12, 2025	Early Closure: 12:00 noon—Staff Holiday Celebration
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

Horizons Children's Centre Inc.
Grace Location
NEW Billing Schedule 2025

Invoice sent the week of:	Payment is re- quired on: Mondays	For the period of:	
December 16/24	December 23/24	January 5- February 1	20250105
January 13/25	January 20/25	February 2- March 1	20250202
February 17/25	February 24/25	March 2-March 29	20250302
March 10/25	March 17/25	March 30- April 26	20250330
April 14/25	April 21/25	April 27-- May 24	20250427
May 12/25	May 19/25	May 25-June 21	20250525
June 9/25	June 16/25	June 22-July 19	20250622
July 7/25	July 14/25	July 20- August 16	20250720
August 4/25	August 11/25	August 17-September 13	20250817
September 1/25	September 8/25	September 14-October 11	20250914
September 29/25	October 6/25	October 12-November 8	20251012
October 27/25	November 3/25	November 9- December 6	20251109
November 24/25	December 1/25	December 7- January 3	20251207
December 22/25	December 29/25	January 4- January 31	20260104

October Hot lunch Menu

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