



## Horizons Access

### NOTES FROM LORI:

Here we are at the start of a new year. Reflecting on the previous year and looking forward to all of the possibilities in 2026. There have been continued positive changes for the field of Early Childhood Education in 2025. The provincial government provided additional funding to boost wages so that all ECE's and CCA's are able to earn a living wage. There is still much to do in creating new spaces for families so that everyone who needs child care is able to access care. Our waitlists are long and I'm sure that you have friends or coworkers who are looking for quality childcare. I would encourage families to reach out to your local MLA (for Kirkfield Park it is Logan Oxenham, [Logan.Oxenham@yourmanitoba.ca](mailto:Logan.Oxenham@yourmanitoba.ca) or the MLA for Education and Early Learning and Child care is Tracy Schmidt at [mi-needl@manitoba.ca](mailto:mi-needl@manitoba.ca)) Let them know about your experiences and where you would like to see change or growth in our sector.

I am still excited about the future for ELCC in Manitoba. I have seen so many amazing changes in the last few years. As a long term ECE (I started in child care back in 1989 as a CCA) I have seen the struggles and been part of the letter writing, walks and rallies at the Legislative building. To now witness the change and know that educators entering the field can view this as a long term career where they are invested to provide quality care makes me so proud.

Finally I want to say thank you to all of the families who brought in some treats or a gift for educators in the their child's group. Your thoughtfulness and appreciation is a huge reason we have so many dedicated employees at Horizons.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year filled with amazing experiences!

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## BULLETIN BOARD:



⇒Another big thanks for all of your donations to Harvest Manitoba. Together with the Horizons Grace site we collected 230 pounds of food.

⇒The billing schedule for 2026 is attached, please print for your reference or if you need a paper copy please send me a message.

⇒Reminder children do go outside to play as long as the temperature is above -25 degrees with the windchill. So please continue to bring all their outdoor gear so they are warm and able to enjoy winter pursuits.

**\$6.50/  
lunch**

## Hot Lunch Fundraiser

**EXCITING NEWS!!!** We now offer optional Hot Lunch every Friday! A great way to end the week with no lunches to make. Whoop Whoop! The survey will go out by December 30th for those that prefer to pick and choose. If you are not on the 'always' list and would like to sign up, you can message in Parent App, email or stop by the office to let us know. A hot lunch fundraising fee of **\$6.50** per lunch will be added to the following invoice.

### Friday January 9

Bean and Veggie Stew  
With Rice and Fruit



### Friday January 16

Chicken Kababs, Potato Wedges  
Bun, Vegetables and Fruit



### Friday January 23

Beef Stroganoff with  
No-Yolk-Egg-Noodles  
Vegetables and Fruit



### Friday January 30

Cheese Pizza  
Salad and Fruit



# Executive Directors Report

## Notes from Shannon

A New Year begins filled with new possibilities for our programs, our team of educators, our children and their families! From all of our team here at Horizons, we wish you all a very Happy New Year, and all of the very best for 2026!

As we begin the new year, it is time to prepare income tax, and charitable donation receipts for child care fees and donations paid to Horizons in 2025.

Income tax receipts for child care fee payments received in 2025 as well as charitable donations will be emailed to all families by **Friday, January 16, 2026**. Please watch your email for these receipts, and note that they will come from the general email for your child's current site of enrollment (ie. [hampton@horizonscc.ca](mailto:hampton@horizonscc.ca), [grace@horizonscc.ca](mailto:grace@horizonscc.ca), or [access@horizonscc.ca](mailto:access@horizonscc.ca)) It will be important that you also check your spam and junk folders, and ensure that this email address is a trusted contact for your email inbox.

Due to our move to the PARENT app, you will be receiving an individual tax receipt for each child. If you would like the total cost of all fees paid for all children combined on one receipt, please let me know via email to [shannon@horizonscc.ca](mailto:shannon@horizonscc.ca) by **Thursday, January 8, 2026**.

If you would like to request changes or have not located your receipt in your inbox or spam/junk folder by **Saturday, January 31, 2026**, please let me know via email to [shannon@horizonscc.ca](mailto:shannon@horizonscc.ca) so that a new receipt can be generated and sent to you.

Any requests for changes or receipts received after this date will be subject to a \$10 Duplicate Receipt fee which must be paid before the receipt can be re-issued for you, as per our Fees Policy (see page 25 of the Horizons Centre Policy Manual).

In the month of January, we will be sending out two important surveys to gather your feedback on! The first will be a survey to gather your feedback on your experience with the PARENT APP so far. We have been working with our Customer Care Team regarding functions that we would like to see adapted for our program, and would love to hear your thoughts as well! The second survey will be used to gather information regarding our Hot Lunch Fundraisers. As you know, in September we moved to offering lunch 1 day per week, to determine if there would be enough families interested in weekly participation to consider a full time lunch program. While some families have selected to participate in all, there have not been enough families selecting this to confirm that a full time hot lunch program would be well received, so we are once again looking for your feedback!

We will be re-electing, and welcoming applications for positions on our Board of Directors in May, and invite those who would like to volunteer on our Board to ask for more information! If you are interested, and have skills that include previous experience in note taking, accounting or book keeping, board governance, or planning and leading meetings, particularly in the non-profit sector, please consider joining our Board!

For more information, you can reach out to me at [shannon@horizonscc.ca](mailto:shannon@horizonscc.ca), or to our current board at [board-fdirectors@horizonscc.ca](mailto:board-fdirectors@horizonscc.ca). As a licensed organization, we cannot operate, without a volunteer Board of Directors, and this is an opportunity to learn about how a non-profit centre functions, and support Horizons growth for our children, and our community!

Finally, we would like to thank all of our families for their kind gifts, words, and gestures for our team of Educators this holiday season and always. We are so grateful for the kindness and care that you offer to our team, and thank you for the support that you continue to bring to our care community in so many ways!

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

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt*

# January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				1 <i>Closed</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Hot lunch</i>	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Hot lunch</i>	17
18	19 <i>Invoices sent out</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>Hot lunch</i>	24
25	26 <i>Fees Due</i>	27	28	29	30 <i>Hot lunch</i>	31



**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 24, 2026	Christmas Eve: Early Closure 2:00 pm
December 25, 2026	Christmas Day: Closed
December 26, 2026	Boxing Day: Closed
Dec 31, 2026	New Year's Eve: Early Closure 4:00 pm
January 1, 2026	New Year's Day: Closed

**Horizons Children's Centre Inc.**  
**Access Location**  
**Billing Schedule 2026**

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