



Horizons Access

NOTES FROM DENISE:

Dear Families,

What a beautiful fall we have had. With all this warm weather it's hard to believe that winter is just around the corner. As we head into the colder months it's a good time to discuss our outdoor play policy. Simply stated, we take the children out twice a day, all year round. When the temperature reaches -25C (including windchill), we will remain indoors. Please ensure your child is dressed for long periods of time outdoors every day. As many families source their children's clothing from the same local department stores, it is important that all items are labeled so we can ensure the correct items go home with the correct child.

Throughout the month of November we will be collecting non-perishable food items and spare change for Winnipeg Harvest. We ask that any families able to participate, to please bring their food donations to their child's room (do not place them in the yellow bin directly). Educators will use their group times to have age appropriate conversations around supporting and caring for those in need. Then, as a group they will bring your donations to the bin. A change collection bin will be located in the office.

Last but not least, a friendly reminder that we are closed at noon on December 4th, 2026 for our annual holiday celebration.

Take Care,

Denise

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HORIZON'S FUNDRAISING UPDATE



Grey Cup tickets available in the office.

Tickets and payment due November 13th.



'Holiday Bundle' Fundraiser begins November 16th.

Watch your messages on PARENT app for more information.

PLEASE SEE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CENTRE REMINDERS

We are closed
November 11th
for Remembrance Day

We are closed at
12 noon on
December 4th

Executive Directors 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 seated 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@horizonsec.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

Horizons Children's Centre

Good Food
Brighter Days
Stronger Communities

November

Hot Lunch Menu

Healthy Children
Stronger Communities

Nutritious meals for healthy, happy children!

TUESDAY

Nov
3

Fried Rice

Rice with mixed vegetables and egg



Nov
10

Chicken Fingers and Fries

Breaded chicken fingers with french fries



Nov
17

Falafel Wrap

Pita bread wrap with falafel and hummus



Nov
24

Hamburgers

Beef burger on a bun



THURSDAY

Nov
5

Lentil Soup

Lentil soup with a slice of whole grain toast



Nov
12

Peas and Carrots Stew with Beef

Beef stew with peas and carrots in tomato sauce with a side of rice



Nov
19

Pasta Primavera (Tomato Sauce)

Pasta with tomato sauce and meatballs



Nov
26

Cheese Pizza

Cheese pizza with a side of fresh vegetables



Remembrance Day
We remember and honour.

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

Menu items may be subject to change based on availability.

We will be accepting non-perishable food donations from November 3rd, -November 30th, 2026 for the Winnipeg Harvest.

There are some staple foods we **NEVER get enough of.**

Here are our top 10 most needed food items:

1. Canned Fruit
2. Canned Soup/Stew
3. Canned Tuna
4. Canned Vegetables
5. Pasta
6. Pasta Sauce
7. Rice
8. Peanut Butter
9. Baby Formula/Food
10. Instant Oatmeal




HARVEST
nourishing our communities

November 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3 	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Closed</i> 	12	13  Grey Cup tickets and payment due.	14
15	16  'Holiday Bundle' Fundraiser begins	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 	1	2	3	4 <i>Closed at noon</i>	



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 24, 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 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