



Horizons Access

NOTES FROM LORI:

Dear Families,

Here we are in October and enjoying some great weather. After a summer where we had many days of not being able to be outdoors due to air quality we are thankful that we can extend our activities in nature.

In October we often take time to reflect and be thankful for the blessings in our lives. I know that I am thankful for the amazing educators at Horizons and the dedication they show to the children and our programs. I am looking forward to the Pedagogical Institute where educators in our field come together to be inspired and learn. From previous institutes that I have attended I always come back refreshed and encouraged about the work being done in our field. I look forward to sharing some of the learning with families as we incorporate new learning.

Finally I want to send out our congratulations to Delaney and family who welcomed a healthy baby daughter to their family in September. We wish them all the best during her maternity leave.

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Reminder Horizons is closed Friday October 17th for a Professional Development day. All educators will be participating in a Pedagogical conference from Thursday evening to Saturday.



Scholastic Books Orders are back up and running. Keep an eye out for the catalogs placed in your children's lockers. Ordering online and so easy! Plus, any order you make puts points in our account so we can continue to replenish our book shelves here. Win, win!

**\$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! You can sign up to always participate or you can email or stop by the office to be part of the fundraiser each time. A hot lunch fundraising fee of **\$6.50** per lunch will be added to the following invoice.



October 3

Pancit with Vegetables

Fruit

October 10

Turkey, Mash Potatoes and Gravy

Fruit



THURSDAY October 16

Rashta Kaba (Noodle and Chicken Kebabs)

Vegetable and Fruit



October 24

Pulao (Fried) Rice with Vegetables

Fruit



October 31

Pumpkin Pancakes with Greek Yogurt and
Chocolate Chips

Fruit



Executive Directors Report

Notes from Shannon

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	2	3 <i>Hot lunch</i>	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Hot lunch</i>	11
12	13 <i>Closed</i>	14	15	16 <i>Hot lunch</i>	17 <i>Closed PD DAY</i>	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Hot lunch</i>	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Hot lunch</i>	



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 9, 2025	**NEW** early closure at 5:00 pm
April 18, 2025	Good Friday: Closed
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 Centre closed at 5pm
June 30, 2025	**NEW** 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: Closed
November 11, 2025	Remembrance Day: Closed
December 12, 2025	Closed at NOON for 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
January 1, 2026	New Year's Day: Closed