

Horizons Access

NOTES FROM DENISE:

Dear Families,

This past month, I had the opportunity to attended a workshop entitled *Gathering Together: Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Ways of knowing in Early Learning*, facilitated by Joanna White.

Throughout the workshop, I found myself returning to the same question: How can we, as educators, continue to keep Truth and Reconciliation present, meaningful, and relevant in the conversations and everyday practices within our Centre?

Throughout the 2027 year, we, as Educators, will be making a conscious effort to bring books by Indigenous authors into our programs. We already have a few books at the Centre and will also be taking advantage of the resources available through the Winnipeg library.

If any family members have any recommendation or suggestions, we would love to hear from you! Your input and support are greatly appreciated as we continue this journey together.

Take care,

Denise

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HORIZON'S FUNDRAISING UPDATE



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

CENTRE REMINDERS

We are closed

December 25

December 28

January 1

We are closed

December 4th at noon

December 24 at 2:00

December 31 at 4:00

Executive Directors Report

Notes from Shannon -December 2026

Here we are, at the end of 2026, feeling as though the year just flew by!

To recap 2026, in January, we surveyed our families on their satisfaction with the PARENT app, and determined whether a full daily hot lunch program would be feasible. This information led us to our current offering of two hot lunches per week!

February brought us to our online 50/50 raffle that was well received and helped us to raise $878.00 towards our projects for 2026.

In March, we held our first of three professional development days for our team, which focused on safe workplace practices and self care, as well as our first of two parent nights with our guest speaker, Kat Oksanan, and a focus on nutrition.

In April, we partnered with Glenlea Greenhouses for the first time, with our garden fundraiser that was well received, and earned $967.00 towards projects for 2026!

May brought us our Annual General Meeting, where we welcomed new Board Members, and celebrated milestones for our Educators for 5, 10, and 20 years with Horizons! We also held a fundraiser with World's Finest for Chocolate Covered Almonds, and were happily surprised at how well received this was! It will definitely be on our list for 2027, and raised $2500 towards our projects! We held our second professional development day for our Educators, welcoming Michele Grant to re-introduce singing back into our spaces, and experienced a chair yoga session to remind us to keep moving even when we are sitting!

In June, we celebrated 50 years of service in the St James Community for Horizons, highlighted by our Annual Family Bar B Q with entertainers, and a special acknowledgement by the Manitoba Child Care Association! We held a 50/50 at the event, and together with food purchases, raised $1130 towards our projects!

In July, we enjoyed the sunshine, and spent lots of time outdoors, welcoming our summer staff who were supported under the Canada Summer Jobs grant, and bidding a happy retirement to Lori Angenent, our former Centre Manager at the Access site.

In August, we introduced our very first Chase the Ace raffle! It came down to the wire, but all cards sold, and we raised $520.00 towards our projects! We were also able to accomplish the first of our three projects, with the installation of artificial turf on the infant play yard at Access!

September found us supporting our reconciliation journey with our third PD Day with Braving the Healing and the Blanket Exercise. We accomplished the second of our three projects, and installed carpet and flooring in the office and staff room at the Grace site! We held our annual family photo session fundraiser, and had beautiful weather, raising $1365 to assist with the bathroom renos for Hampton! We held our second parent night with Sara Juchnowski, Child Psychologist, around screen time for young children.

In October, we held our annual Grey Cup raffle with the prizes being awarded following the big game on November 15th! We paid out $1150.00 to winners, and earned $4000.00 to support bathroom renos.

November had us in a holding pattern for our bathroom renos due to delays in City permits, and we tackled a leak in the kitchen at the Grace site, which was an unexpected expense. Our Holiday Bundle fundraiser with Shelmerdine, Bothwell Cheese, and Archies began, with orders and payment due on December 4, 2026. Gift cards, and vouchers for Shelmerdine will be emailed directly to the purchaser, with delivery and pick up for Bothwell and Archies on December 17th!

As we prepare for this last month of 2026, we will be celebrating our amazing Educators with lunch, games and prizes on December 4, 2026 with each site closing at 12 noon. Thank you to all families who graciously donated towards the prizes for our celebration!

If you are wanting to know more about your child's program, and have time to volunteer, please consider joining our Board of Directors! We meet once per month, virtually, and share ideas, and support decisions related to Horizons, our program offerings, and financial management. If you would like more information, please reach out to Shannon at shannon@horizonscc.ca!

We wish everyone a very happy holiday season ahead, and thank you for the gift of sharing in your children's lives each day!

"Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are." – Marianne Williamson.

Horizons Children's Centre

December Hot Lunch Menu

Foods inspired by holiday and winter celebrations around the world

TUESDAY

DEC 1

Gazer Palaw
with Chicken Drumsticks

Kurdish Cuisine

Rice and chicken



DEC 8

Turkey Lunch

Canadian Tradition

Turkey and stuffing



DEC 15

Latkes with Greek Yogurt and Applesauce

Jewish Tradition

Potatoes and onions



DEC 22

Burritos

Mexican Cuisine

Chicken, rice, salsa, and cheese



DEC 29

Pancit

Filipino Tradition

Noodles and chicken



THURSDAY

DEC 3

Lazy Cabbage Rolls

Ukrainian Tradition

Cabbage, beef, and rice



DEC 10

Chicken Souvlaki with Lemon Potatoes

Greek Cuisine

Chicken and potatoes



DEC 17

Butter Chicken with Rice

Indian Cuisine

Chicken and rice



DEC 24

Three Sisters Soup and Bannock

Indigenous-Inspired Cuisine

Corn, beans, squash, and bannock



DEC 31

Baked Pasta

Italian Cuisine

Pasta, cheese, and meat sauce



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

December 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Closed at noon	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Closed at 2pm	25 Closed	26
27	28 Closed	29	30	31 Closed at 4pm		

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