

# ≡WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON≡

2023

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- ★ Oldstoberfest Rodeo
- ★ Getting to know new classmates
- ★ Honoring Canada's War Heroes on Remembrance Day
- ★ New newspaper routes
- ★ Enjoying the great outdoors
- ★ Music therapy with Ms. Kate
- ★ Sensory play

These past weeks students have done an excellent job as we practiced all of our safety drills (fire, tornado, secure our school and emergency lockdown).

Academics in all classes are in full swing. We are working hard on our soft start strategies to get each one of our students ready for learning!!

Chris Grudeski is teaching an academy at Deer Meadow School. One of the many ways Horizon School is engaging with our larger community and other schools!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nov 24: No school**

**Nov 30: Music Therapy**

**Dec 1: Swimming  
(Tentative)**

**Dec 23 - Jan 7: Winter  
Break**

## Parent Council and Parent Society

October 30, 2023 we met as a Parent Society group.

- ★ **Casino dates: February 26&27, 2024. Volunteers needed!**
- ★ **Donation from Grammys Nooks and Crannies - earmarked for student Chromebooks. Thank you!!**
- ★ **Approved the purchase of some musical instruments.**



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## School News

Hello, I'm Kerrie Howery and I'm the new Family School Wellness worker here at Horizon School. I'm super excited to be here and have loved getting to know these amazing students. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Child and Youth Studies and close to 15 years experience working with vulnerable youth in various roles. I'm at Horizon every Wednesday for the entire day and I love connecting with the students while I'm here!

The focus of the Family School Wellness program is to provide support for students who are facing emotional difficulties while at school. Together with students and parents, Family School Wellness can support information and referrals, student and/or family support, 1:1 short term support to students and parents, groups aimed at student growth, and help for families seeking external agency support. The FSW program is a voluntary program which requires parental/guardian consent for 1:1 support. We value and seek parental involvement and work as part of a multidisciplinary school team to provide school based support for children and families.

To discuss how the FSW program can help support your child and/or family, please reach out.

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## Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I'm sorry it has taken so long to get this newsletter out to you!

So many wonderful things have happened at Horizon this year so far. We harvested the garden, began to deliver newspapers and had an amazing Remembrance Day Ceremony with the quietest moment of silence in the history of Horizon!

The beginning of the year started out very tough as our family lost one of our valued team members to a car accident. We remember Shelley often and she lives on through our staff room wellness committee where we are creating a zen corner in her honour.

Unfortunately swimming has been postponed due to maintenance at the pool. We are hopeful for December 1 but have not received word that the pool is open yet.

Thank you so much to the staff at Horizon for all they have done so far this year. The care and love they have for our students shines through every day. Thank you to our families for entrusting your amazing children to us. We take their care and education very seriously.

As we look forward to Winter break in a few short weeks, may the weather hold out just a little longer so we can enjoy all of the outdoor activities that have been taking place!

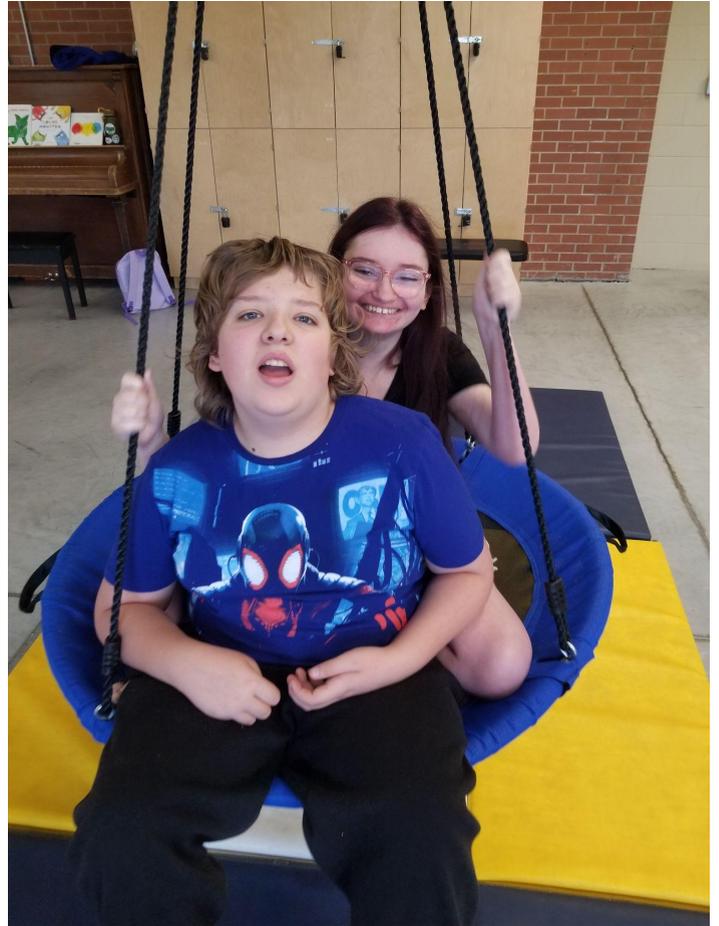
Enjoy all of the pictures to follow!

Coralie Mobley

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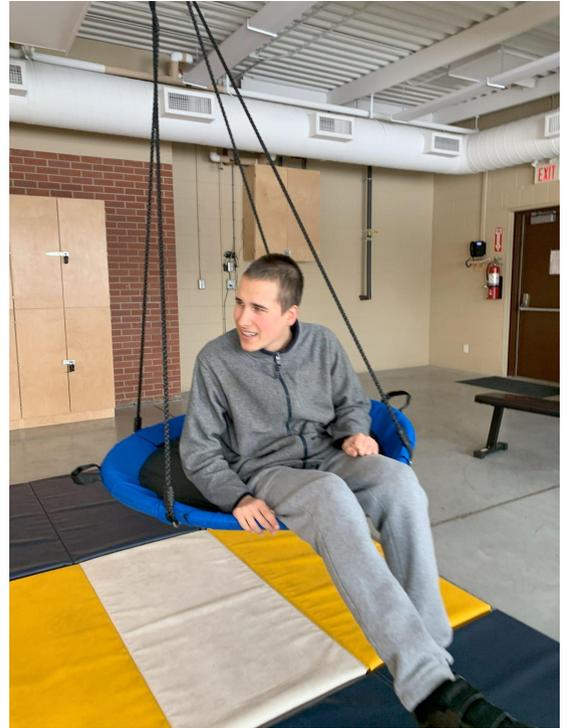
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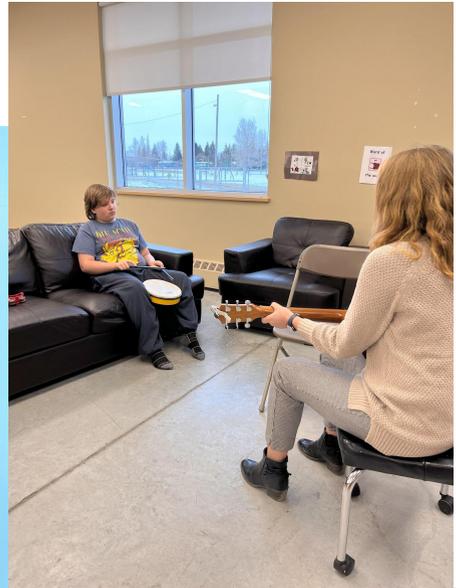


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*They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them,  
we will remember them.*

*From 'For the Fallen' (1914), by Laurence Binyon*

