Welcome to New Horizons! Our staff is looking forward to an exciting time and many positive learning experiences.

DO’S AT NEW HORIZONS

- DO complete ALL portions of your registration forms.
- Parents are always welcome to visit! DO say “Good-bye” before leaving, especially to your child. Let staff know also.
- DO sign in on the daily Attendance Record and sign out upon picking up your child. This procedure is very important for Emergency Roll Call.
- Upon arrival at school DO walk your child outside and in view of a teacher.
- DO attend Maintenance Days. Bring tools, cleaning supplies, etc., if possible. Arrange for make-up time if unable to attend.
- DO attend mandatory quarterly meetings.
- DO bring to school a change of clean clothes in a plastic shoebox with name on end of box for your child to keep at N.H. DO label clothes, jackets, sweaters, and lunch boxes. Use a permanent marker and put your child’s name on EVERYTHING.
- DO pack a nutritious lunch for your child each day. Please limit sugar to 1 treat.

Co-op parents- DO come to class on your participation day 15 minutes early for set-up and plan be 10-15 minutes after for cleanup. DO make arrangements for a substitute if you cannot work on your assigned participation day. DO realize this procedure is very important for our teacher-child ratio. DO sign the Attendance Sheets for CO-OP participation. (The binder is located near the sign in/out sheets). Do have a teacher sign off on your work.

EVERYONE, DO HAVE FUN this year! Enjoy the children and adults involved in New Horizons.

Sincerely,
Robin Eng (Director)

Prior to First Day of Session all Enrollment Forms are to be completed and submitted to the office. In addition, all fees and tuition’s are to be paid.
Preschool Child Development Program
New Horizons Child Development Program is especially designed to meet the needs of working parents. New Horizons operates a unique program for children between the ages 12 weeks and 5+ years. The hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily except during New Horizons holidays. (See New Horizons Calendar of Events.) Leaving a child longer than 9 hours is hard on most children.

The curriculum areas in each New Horizons program are non-competitive games and sports, physical fitness, arts and crafts, perceptual motor development, cognitive tasks, and cultural activities. Community field trips will be available as transportation, scheduling and funds permit.

A qualified full-time staff conducts the program at New Horizons. All staff members meet the educational requirements established by the State of California Department of Community Care Licensing. Our facility is fully licensed. The staff consists of sensitive and mature individuals who are able to relate well to both children and adults. The staff has the personality and ability to provide children leadership and stability to the program. The staff will maintain a child staff ratio of twelve (12) children to one (1) adult as stated in the Community Care Licensing Regulations. Usually our ratios are much lower.

New Horizons adheres to the State of California discipline regulations for childcare providers.

New Horizons’ goal is to provide a comprehensive childcare environment, which includes parent support for recommending and implementation of the program. In addition, parents are required to perform quarterly maintenance, and to attend parent meetings.

Infant/Toddler Program
Caregivers provide a support system for the family. Staff provide a loving and nurturing environment for babies and toddlers.

VISITING POLICY: Prior to enrollment, visiting with the child is mandatory. Infant/toddlers and staff need the opportunity to develop a bonding relationship. Therefore, a minimum of two 1-hour visits to the infant center is necessary to become acquainted.

DAILY ATTENDANCE SHEET must be signed with full name and time of day.

WHAT TO BRING: Disposable diapers, wipes, 2 - 3 changes of clothing, daily formula/food, and snacks. A favorite blanket, a crib sheet, and a stuffed animal may be kept in the sleeping area. Remember to label food, clothing, blanket(s), stuffed animal(s), etc., with your child’s name.

New Horizons Infant/Toddler Program is especially designed to meet the needs of working day care parents, those in training sessions or attending due to respite care recommendations for special circumstances. Basic services will include loving, nurturing physical care for infants from 12 weeks to 24 months. At 24 months the toddler will be incorporated into the preschool program. Unstructured curriculum geared for varied age levels which includes large and small motor development opportunities, both indoor and outdoor activities.
as well as activities for sensory stimulation.

The hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily, except on New Horizons Holidays.

The staff will maintain a ratio of one teacher for every 4 infants or toddlers. Additional staff will be added as additional infants or toddlers are served. The Director will administer staff supervision.

**Pre-K Programs**

New Horizons’ Pre-school Program is designed for children 2+ to 5+ years old. The children will experience some sorting, sequencing, patterning, consequences, name recognition and “writing”, problem solving, and many self-help skills. In addition the children are exposed to simple forms of abstract thinking such as time and conservation.

**ALL PROGRAMS**

PROGRAM CONTENT: The program contains a variety of experiences including: non-competitive games and sports, physical fitness, art and crafts projects, perceptual motor development, environmental education programs, and cognitive tasks. Cultural activities will also be included.

**Registration**


- Each child must be registered. Registration information is treated in a confidential manner.
- A non-refundable $100.00 registration membership fee in New Horizons is due upon registration for the New Horizons Program. This fee covers orientation literature, printing costs and rostering through licensing.
- One month’s tuition is required to hold a spot in our Infant/Toddler Program. This amount in non-refundable but may be used toward the first month’s tuition.
- Telephone registrations are not acceptable. A one-hour visit to our site and observation of program are necessary prior to enrollment and registration.
- If there are children that cannot be accommodated, a waiting list will be established for the program.

**Tuition**

- Tuition must be paid in advance. Monthly payments are required.
- Upon registration, and on the first day, the first month’s tuition is required.
- Monthly payments are due on the 1st of each month. The payments are considered late on the 5th and are then subject to a late charge of $20.00.
• If balances are not completely cleared by the 5th of each month a $20.00 late fee will be assessed. If balances are left unpaid an additional percentage (10%) will be assessed on the 15th each month thereafter. (If the 1st of the month falls on a weekend or a holiday, the Payment is due and must be paid the next day New Horizons daycare is in session. A late charge of $20.00 will be added on the 5th day payment is not received.) If YOU have missed two monthly tuition payments or two late charges, your child will be INELIGIBLE to attend school on the 11th day of the second missed payment. When special circumstances arise please speak to the Director or Office Manager in advance. Bi-monthly payment arrangements may be made with the Office Manager. Late fees ($20) will be assessed on the 5th and 16th for families who pay bi-monthly.
• It is a policy that all parents must sign a tuition contract agreement.
• It is a policy that a parent must pay for an entire month of use. (Any exceptions must be pre-arranged with the Director or Office Manager in writing.
• New Horizons tuition is based on a year round tuition system. Vacations & illnesses are billed at the regular tuition rate. This applies to all sessions: full time daycare, preschool only, school age program, and Infant Center. Families may request a leave of absence and have their spot held for a predetermined amount of time after paying a deposit and receiving approval from the office manager.
  ▪ Reduction in tuition, Agreement for Maintenance, or any other in kind agreement may be made by applying to New Horizons Board in writing.
  ▪ Confidentiality will be of utmost concern for all families needing assistance.
• Returned Checks and Late Payments:
  For the first late payment or returned check, there is an automatic $20.00 penalty payable immediately.
  For a second late payment or returned check, the child is subject to immediate dismissal from the program.

** 30 DAYS NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN ON ALL RATE CHANGES/INCREASES.

SCHOOL HOURS
We open at 7:00 a.m. and close a 6:00 p.m. Our Preschool Program is from 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The teacher is very busy getting projects set up before the children arrive and then gets the school in order at the end of the day. (The children work hard and are ready to go home. Please be as close to schedule as possible.) Supervision of all children is of utmost concern. If you are early, plan to stay with your child until the session begins.
There are exceptions to schedules such as party days, field trips and visiting days. You will be informed of any changes ahead of time by way of the bulletin or a note from the school.
PLEASE PHONE the school if your child will not be attending that day. Let us know before 10:00 a.m.

Withdrawal Policy
A written letter/Change of enrollment form, requesting withdrawal from New Horizons Membership needs to be submitted after which a percentage of monthly tuition may be returned. Monthly tuition is refundable on a pro-rated basis providing all of the following conditions have been met:
• Two weeks written advance notice is given before leaving school. Infant room requires 1 month notice.
• Membership contract has been fulfilled.

Fundraising
Income from fundraisers helps to make purchases for equipment and maintenance, and pay operating expenses. We will have occasional fundraisers to help with specific operating costs and improvements.

Maintenance
Families are required to do maintenance at the school for a period of 2 hours per family per quarter: Fall, Winter, Spring. Each maintenance day is valued at $50.00 per quarter. A scheduled maintenance day will be held one Saturday morning each quarter. Maintenance jobs may be completed 2 weeks before, or 2 weeks after the scheduled maintenance day.

Co-op Participation
Participate, as agreed, on an assigned day in preschool session. If participation is not possible, arrangements are to be made by the member by trading workdays with another Co-op member, providing a suitable substitute or making up the hours missed in service to the school. Creative Co-op and regular Co-op both consist of 1 and 1/2 hours per week or 6 hours per month. Signatures are required to verify participation. Standard rates will be billed if non-participation occurs.

Mandatory Parent Meeting
Parent Meetings are scheduled quarterly and each family is required to attend. Families may attend a Board meeting if they are unable to attend the mandatory meeting. For every hour that a Director spends with a family bringing them up to date on New Horizons’ business, as a result of missing a mandatory meeting, that family must make up the time in donated time or pay a fee ($25.00).

Snack/Meals
New Horizons serves morning and afternoon snacks daily.
LUNCH IS TO BE BROUGHT FROM HOME DAILY. Be sure to write your child’s name on the outside of his/her lunch pail. A thermos can be used to keep food warm. No glass containers please. New Horizons will provide milk and water. DO NOT send gum, soda or candy. Any child who does not come to school with a lunch will be provided a "lunchable" type meal, the family will be assessed $10.00 per lunch.
BREAKFAST/SNACK POLICY - Breakfast is offered from 7:00-7:45 AM. Snack is served once mid-morning and again mid-afternoon. All snacks are purchased and prepared by New Horizons and the cost is included in the tuition.

Pick Up of Children
• A sliding late fee will be assessed at night for families who arrive late to pick up their children. For the first three offenses they will be charged the current fee of $1.50/minute they are late, the clock is running until they exit the building. This fee will go up to $3.00/minute after the first three offenses. If
this occurs a fourth time or more the fees will go up to $5.00/minute. (Please secure and file with New Horizons records at least three contacts on your Emergency Phone List to be used when you are going to be late. Be sure to confirm this responsibility with your contacts and update your contact list promptly when needed.) Local police will be contacted if a child is not picked up by 7:15 p.m.

- If a child is picked up after 6:00 p.m. too many times, the child is subject to immediate dismissal from the New Horizons Program.
- If you know that you are going to be late, please let us know as soon as possible. A late fee is still assessed, even when a phone call notifies the Staff of a late arrival.
- Late fees will also be assessed for ½ day pre-school families who arrive late to pick up their children. If children are picked up after 12:10, and NH is notified by phone prior to 12:05 the family will be charged for an additional hour. If NH is not notified families will be assessed the sliding rate as noted above.

Late Arrival
New Horizons Staff try very hard to maintain a consistent and educationally experiential circle time. Students arriving late are disruptive to the Teachers and fellow classmates. Because of this any child arriving between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:30a.m. is required to quietly wait outside the classroom with their parents until an appropriate time to come in occurs.

Termination
Any child or parent, who continually exhibits unacceptable behavior, following a parent/site director conference and remains a problem, is subject to termination from the New Horizons program.

Health/Illness
Health forms will be provided to parents for each New Horizons participant and must be completed and returned upon registration. (You may request our staff to obtain a copy of medical forms filed at another childcare center.)

- If your child is ill, please keep him/her home and notify New Horizons staff by 10:00 a.m. that he/she will not be coming in.
- Illness policy: PLEASE assess your child daily **BEFORE** bringing them to school. Sick children need to stay home. *Children need to be fever free for 24 hours, without medication, before returning to New Horizons.* PLEASE inform a teacher if there is anything abnormal about his/her health. PLEASE be sure we have a phone number you can be reached at. PLEASE make any necessary notes on the Roll Over book In the Kitchen that we need to know about your child on any given day.
- A note must accompany any medication from the physician. A specific outline of the procedure and schedule must accompany the medication. The child's name must be on the prescription as well as the dosage. The medication must be in its original container.
- Do not send your child if you feel he/she is coming down with something. Have your child stay home for 2 or 3 days after the onset of a cold.
- When your child has been exposed to a communicable disease, he will need to stay
out of school during part of the incubation period. We will need to be notified of such illnesses so we can help figure out dates, and notify our other members.

- For certain conditions please request a note from the attending physician stating your child may return to New Horizons and is not contagious. California State Community Care Licensing Agency designates New Horizons as a well care facility; therefore we cannot care for sick children.
- Illness/time away from N.H. for less than 1 month must be paid as regular tuition. This includes months for spring and winter breaks and all other half-month tuition’s.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP IF:

- They have a fever of 100∞ or higher.
- They vomit.
- They have uncontrollable diarrhea.
- They have signs of pink eye.
- Child appears lethargic.
- They show signs of a “new” cold or infection: sneezing, watery eyes, coughing, etc.
- An injury to the head occurs.
- The Teacher/Director finds something else relevant that requires your immediate attention or a visit to the Doctor.
- Unknown rash

These requirements have been set by the California State Community Care Licensing Agency in conjunction with health regulations and adopted by New Horizons.

SEPARATION ANXIETY

The school year represents a change. A new classroom, start of Kindergarten, or a new daycare provider is a move for a child and may bring on symptoms of stress. Just as in home moving, there are some relatively simple steps that may be taken to relieve anxiety in the child and make the experience of starting school or changing classroom an exciting positive one.

SHOW a positive attitude about the change. Children are more likely to be accepting of it.

PREPARE your child for the new experience. Answer questions honestly. Explain what will happen in terms the child can understand. "We'll get up and dressed for school, then we'll go to Connie's house where you'll have breakfast just like always. Then Joshua's mother will drive you to school. Connie will pick you up from school and you'll have lunch and nap at Connie's just like always and I will pick you up just like always."

LISTEN to the child who is resistant to going to school. Be understanding and empathetic. Let the child talk about his/her feelings. Don't argue the issue, accept going to school as part of the normal routine to be followed. Suggest a goodbye routine to be established i.e. 3 hugs/3 kisses and a wave at the window or gate.

ANXIETY can often be relieved by letting the child carry some small personal object/photo in a pocket as a reminder of the security of home. One doesn't feel quite so alone with mommy or daddy’s comb
picture or handkerchief in a pocket.

**RESEARCH** has shown that parent involvement is a key to quality education; Let your child's caregiver and teacher know you want to help in whatever way you can. Nearly everyone can save the yogurt, egg, and milk cartons that classrooms always seem to need.

**LAST BUT NOT LEAST** put time to “talk over the day” in your normal routine.

By listening to a child’s concerns, answering questions honestly and relating changes to what the child is familiar with, and arranging time to share daily activities you will help your child develop positive techniques for dealing with new experience in life.

*If all of these techniques still cause tears upon separation, the staff at New Horizons are trained to work with separation anxiety and will nurture your child while at N.H. Usually tears end within 5 minutes.*

**Bulletin**

There will be an occasional bulletin in which we will include plans, group activities, and changes as they occur. This is a free service to all families. Articles/advertising are welcome and may be submitted each month. These will be put in your child’s Mailbox. Please check the Mailbox regularly for this and other important information.

**Releases**

No child will be released to anyone whose name does not appear on your application without your specific instruction. Please send a note if your child will be picked up by someone who is not listed on the application. Remember to update your list of persons authorized to take your child from N.H. We will not release children to minors, drivers without car seats or adults who seem impaired.

**Discipline**

California Department of Social Services regulations prohibit childcare providers from using corporal (physical) punishment, imposing humiliating discipline or mental abuse, or from interfering for punitive reasons with daily functions of living such as eating, sleeping, or toileting (Ca. Admin. Code, title 22, Div. 6, Chapter 1, Sec. 80072, Chapter 8.5 Sec. 88036.)

Note that this standard of behavior for childcare providers is more stringent than for parents, who are permitted greater leeway in administering "reasonable discipline." Under California law, a parent may not even contract with a provider or give permission to administer corporal punishment. (Johnson vs. Ca. Dept. Social Services (1981) 123 Cal. App. 3d878).

There are occasionally behaviors that could require a parent to pick up their child from school: Specifically, 1)A child deliberately causing injury to another child / staff member, 2)A child leaving the premises without permission, 3)Using inappropriate language or gestures, 4)Deliberately breaking equipment or structures. Parents will be notified and a conference may be decided on before a child is dismissed.

**First Day of Session Preschool/Kids Club**

- Plan to come and stay with your child for a while, to become familiar with routine and to become acquainted with teachers and school.
- Bring a labeled change of clothing.
• Bedding - Day care children need to bring 1 pillowcase, 1 crib sheet, 1 child-size blanket, and a travel pillow to be left at school. Label these items with your child’s name in large letters at the bottom of each. You will be responsible for laundering your child’s bedding at home once a week. If New Horizons has to provide or wash bedding, there will be a charge of $5.00.

First Day of Session: Infant/Toddler Programs
• Plan to come and stay 1 hour with your child to become familiar with routine and to share information about your infant/toddler.
• Assist in setting up meal information about your infant/toddler.
• Bring 1 crib sheet, 1 blanket, disposable diapers, changes of clothing, foods and formula or milk supplements. Do label clothing, etc.
• Discuss allergies, physical limitations, and personal data with staff.

Outside Curriculum
New Horizons philosophy includes children’s active role in exploring the earth. Daily occurrences at school include such things as digging in the garden; using "construction vehicles" (toy trucks, tractors) in the tan bark, sand; and water play both as a science and as a physical experience. We believe learning takes place when children become actively involved rather than experiencing unimaginative, sterile childcare atmosphere. Children play hard at New Horizons. A commonly heard comment from our parents is “Well, I know you had fun today as you got dirty while playing.”

An extra complete set of clothes, weather appropriate (including underwear, socks, shirt and pants), is important to help your child be comfortable. For warmer weather please include a bathing suit or shorts and top, towel and water sandals. Also bring a labeled bottle of sunscreen. No flip flops or flimsy sandals, please.

Holidays
The following days New Horizons will be closed:
New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Day, President’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day Labor Day, Veterans Day, Wednesday before, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week, and Christmas week.

The Parent Board of Directors may vote to close additional day(s). (2 Staff Devt. Days)

CHILD'S SPACE
Each child has a cubby in which to put his lunch and jacket. His projects are put there to take home. We will put any notes or bulletins for you in your mailbox. It is the child’s responsibility to take the things from his/her locker. It is each adult’s responsibility daily to check the mailbox for bulletins, notices, etc.

Please Note: We request that no facemasks, knives, guns, weapons, candy or money be brought to school. The children may bring toys, books or other favorite things to show on their sharing day. Please label sharing toys.

CLOTHING
Please bring a complete set of clothing in a shoebox labeled with your child’s name to keep at N.H.N.S. Include shirt, shorts/pants, underwear, and socks to use when clothes become soiled or needed due to
change of weather. LABEL EVERYTHING PLEASE! Please have all clothes worn by children be as comfortable as possible. Do wear play clothes and tennis shoes. Flip Flops and platform sandals are not allowed. Use clothes you will not mind the children getting dirty. Light sweaters, windbreakers and sweatshirts are more practical than heavy jackets, unless weather is extremely cold. A long sleeve shirt with a sweatshirt works great.

**EMERGENCY PLANS**

Should a non-threatening crisis occur such as fire or an earthquake, safety procedures at N.H. will be followed and childcare will be given until a parent or other designated person arrives. Should there be a national disaster, the New Horizon staff will care for the children in their charge. By law, school staff members become emergency service workers in the event of a disaster. Depending on the severity of the disaster, the following procedures will be followed:

**FIRE** - Evacuation of the building. Parents or emergency contacts will be called if necessary. Meeting location: Rancho Las Positas Elementary School. A note will be posted outside N.H.N.S. to designate where the children are being cared for.

**EARTHQUAKE** - Evacuation of the building. Parents or emergency contact persons will be called if necessary. Meeting location: (1) Rancho Las Positas Elementary School or (2) Pine Street Fire Department at the corner of Pine & Rincon Avenue.

In the event of an emergency, please keep the following in mind:
- **DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL** - We need our phone lines free to summon emergency vehicles (if needed) and to report in to our central administrative office which becomes the emergency communications center. We encourage you to tune in to our local FM radio station, KKIQ (102 FM dial). Station personnel have been most cooperative in broadcasting school information in time of crisis.
- **DO NOT DRIVE TO THE SCHOOL TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD** - Parked cars can block access of emergency vehicles, thereby potentially endangering students’ lives. Please walk to the school from a safe distance to pick up your child.
- **CHILDREN WILL BE RELEASED ONLY TO THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE NAMED ON YOUR CHILD’S EMERGENCY IDENTIFICATION FORM.** This rule is also enforced even during the time of a natural disaster. Make sure you list on this form anyone who might be available to pick your child up in any emergency. Update this form frequently. Add contact names frequently. And be sure to let your contacts know of their responsibility.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW HORIZONS CHILDCARE PROGRAM**

Our primary goal is to provide a comprehensive child development program especially designed to meet the needs of working parents. In doing so, we endeavor:

- To provide a safe and happy environment in which the child will be encouraged to express himself/herself in a variety of ways.
- To facilitate creativity through play.
- To help the child grow as an individual and enhance self-image.
- To facilitate group dynamics, interpersonal relationships, and communication skills.
- To provide exposure to the environment and extension of the program into the community.
• To help the child continue to develop self-discipline.
• To have fun.
• To prepare them for Kindergarten

Our second goal is to provide parent support, involvement, communication, and strengthen the family unit by:

• Providing opportunities for parents to participate in constructive activities with their child/children.
• Providing orientation meetings to help parents understand New Horizons’ policies and procedures.
• Scheduling quarterly parent meetings to discuss parent concerns about New Horizons’ Program and to exchange program ideas.
• Acting as a family advocate and support by providing information and referrals concerning family needs.
• Supportive forms of communication will be:
  Letters regarding enrollment and information, Written communication, Newsletters and memos, Bulletin boards for parents, Parent handbook, Calendars of activities.

The third goal is to carry out research and evaluation regarding the child care in order to:

• Continually upgrade the services provided.
• Provide facilities and supplies that are conducive for child development.
• Provide for a systematic evaluation of all of the above stated goals and objectives.

Parents could enrich their child’s participation in the program by:

• Participating on the Parent Advisory Board and attending Board Meetings. This will enable you to better determine quality childcare for your child. Monthly meetings in the evening are arranged at the convenience of the board members.
• Providing materials and supplies for use in the program.
• Conducting a mini session on any skill, cooking, handicraft, carpentry, sports, or any area in which you have expertise.
• Assisting with newsletter preparation.
• Planning family-oriented type events.
• Volunteering to help N.H. program during vacation or non-working days.
• Helping to promote New Horizons and recruit new families for membership,
• Providing supervision on field trips.
• Participating in New Horizons fundraisers.

New Horizons is a private non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors. It is licensed through the Community Care Licensing Agency, State of California Health and Welfare Agency, Department of Social Services, 744 P Street, MS 19-62, Sacramento, CA 95814, phone # (916) 920-7712. License #010209783 for the Preschool/Daycare Center has a child capacity of 49 and ranges from age 2 to entry into first grade.
License #010211680 for the Infant Center has a capacity of 4 infants to 1 teacher or 5 infants with the addition of a teacher aide.

This school abides by regulations for Child Care Centers, Title 22.

New Horizons implements all current regulations written by Community Care Licensing, Department Social Services. In addition, we are all mandated reporters.

New Horizons is dedicated to providing a quality education program to all children in the Livermore Valley. People of all races, nationalities, physical abilities, and economic backgrounds are invited to attend. Visitors are welcome.

New Horizons has provided services to families working with subsidized programs. In addition, families needing assistance in tuition may apply for scholarships funds.

What makes New Horizons different/unique from other private schools? We encourage parent/primary caretaker involvement in our program. Involvement is of ultimate concern to work together as a team fulfilling the best program for each child. It is our belief that parents are first teachers of their own children and New Horizons staff are the support system to fulfilling quality childcare and preschool programs.

**HISTORY OF NEW HORIZONS**

There were 13 families in October 1980 when the class started as Rincon Parent Coop. It grew to 18 families by spring of 1981. Though the group was small it was energetic and gathered equipment and supplies from garage sales and donations.

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District office allow them to set up a class in one of the school district’s closed down public school sites at Rincon Elementary School.

At that time all tuition money collected was paid directly to the Livermore Valley Unified School District for rent, utilities and supplies. The director’s salary was paid from these funds, and ADA (Average Daily Attendance) signatures. All 13 families participated in class sessions and night meetings.

A tremendous move took place in October 1983 when the parents, Board, and staff moved their program to its present location (then known as the Del Valle Modular Building site).

In the summer of 1982 the first Parent Board of Directors was formed to help make Policy and practices, and represent families within the school. A Private scholarship fund was established to help families unable to continue with nursery school because of an emergency in the family.

Roberta DePiano initiated State Licensing application in August 1982. It took 4 completed applications submitted to Community Care licensing and 2 years before the New Horizons Board completed licensing procedures.

The school has grown and changed to meet the needs of the community. Enrollment has expanded to approximately 50 families as well as a variety of programs offered. Additional teachers joined the staff allowing families a non-participation status as well as full time childcare.

A Board of Directors currently governs the New Horizons, Inc. This is a group of volunteer parents dedicated to the betterment of parent education and the New Horizons Program. Board meetings are planned and posted monthly. All adults are invited to attend Board meetings. Funding from Livermore Valley Unified School District was withdrawn in 1989. New Horizons funds include tuitions, fundraising, and donations.

*If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call (925) 455-6082*