

Parent & Caregiver Tips

Use these suggestions to get the most out of your experience in a StrongStart BC program:

- Introduce yourself to the StrongStart BC facilitator and help your child introduce themselves.
- Sign in every day.
- Allow your child to observe an activity or group experience before participating.
- Help your child learn by experience.
- Teach them to help themselves, interact with others independently and create using their own ideas.
- Only offer assistance or instruction, when necessary, like when your child uses something for the first time or needs help resolving a conflict.
- Offer to write down your child's words to describe the pictures they create.
- Ask your child open ended questions about their experiences.
- Acknowledge your child's effort and offer encouragement frequently – especially after a disappointment.
- Relax, learn, and have fun with your child and other families.

StrongStart Centres are created through an agreement between school districts and the Ministry of Education. For more information on StrongStart or early learning visit the website at <https://curriculum.abbyschools.ca/>



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MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact:

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Early Learning Programs

*Nature Thursday

(check individual school websites for meet up location)



All drop-in, early-learning programs are free for pre-school aged children accompanied by a parent or caregiver.



Locations and Hours of Operation

STRONG START

Alexander Elementary

2250 Lobban Road
Monday – Friday 8:30am - 11:30am

Auguston Elementary

36367 Stephen Leacock Dr.
Monday – Friday 8:45am - 11:45am

Blue Jay Elementary

30995 Southern Drive
Monday – Friday 8:30am - 11:15am

Clearbrook Elementary

3614 Clearbrook Road
Monday – Friday 8:30am - 11:30am

Dr. T.A. Swift Elementary

34800 Mierau Avenue
Monday – Friday 8:30am - 11:30am

Godson Elementary

33130 Bevan Avenue
Monday – Friday 8:30am - 11:30am

Harry Sayers Elementary

31321 Blueridge Drive
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 11:30am

Jackson Elementary

33165 King Road
Monday – Friday 12:30pm - 3:15pm

John Maclure Elementary

2990 Oriole Crescent
Monday – Friday 8:30am - 11:15am

Margaret Stenersen Elementary

3060 Old Clayburn Road
Monday – Friday 8:45am - 11:45am

Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre

33355 Bevan Way
Monday – Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Ten-Broeck Elementary

2580 Stanley Street
Monday – Friday 8:30am - 11:30am

Terry Fox Elementary

3071 Babich Road
Monday – Friday 12:30pm - 3:15pm

*StrongStart Capacity – 24 participants per site (please try to limit 1 adult per family)



Check for information on which programs are running on Pro D days and school holidays.

<https://curriculum.abbyschools.ca/early-learning/strongstart>

Early Years Website

<https://www.abbyearlyyears.com/events>



Family Drop-in Programs

ASIA North Poplar Elementary

32041 Marshall Rd
Mon & Wed – 9:00am- 11:00am

Prince Charles Elementary

35410 McKee Rd.
Tues, Wed & Thurs – 9:00am- 11:00 am

Programs located at

Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre
33355 Bevan Ave

Emémel Spá:th – Little Bears

Tues & Thurs 12:15pm - 2:15pm

PJ's & Storytime

Tues & Thurs 5:30 - 7:30pm

Saturday Family Fun

Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm

* **ALL drop-in, early-learning programs are free** for birth to 5 years old children accompanied by a parent or caregiver.