

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 Abbotsford

- **Learn Laugh and Play**
- **Strong Start**



These early-learning programs are free for pre-school aged children accompanied by a parent or caregiver.



Locations and Hours of Operation

LEARN, LAUGH AND PLAY

Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre
33355 Bevan Ave.
Wednesday/Thursday 12:15pm -2:15pm

Dave Kandal Elementary
3351 Crestview Ave.
Fridays 1:00pm-3:00 pm

****Sign up to attend by email
abbyearlyyears@gmail.com**

STRONG START

Alexander Elementary
2250 Lobban Road
Monday – Friday 9:00am-11:00

Blue Jay Elementary
30995 Southern Drive
Monday – Friday 9:00am-11:00am

Clearbrook Elementary
3614 Clearbrook Road
Monday – Friday 9:00am-11:00am

Dormick Park Elementary
32161 Dormick Avenue
Monday – Friday 9:00am-11:00am

Dr. T.A. Swift Elementary
34800 Mierau Avenue
Monday – Friday 9:00am-11:00am

Godson Elementary
33130 Bevan Avenue
Monday – Friday 9:00am-11:00am

Harry Sayers Elementary
31321 Blueridge Drive
Monday-Friday 9:00am-11:00am

Jackson Elementary
33165 King Road
Monday – Friday 9:00am-11:00am

John Maclure Elementary
2990 Oriole Crescent
Monday – Friday 11:30am – 1:30pm

Margaret Stenersen Elementary
3060 Old Clayburn Road
Monday – Friday 9:00am-11:00am

Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre
33355 Bevan Way
Monday – Friday 9:00am-11:00am

Ten-Broeck Elementary
2580 Stanley Street
Monday – Friday 9:00am-11:00am

Terry Fox Elementary
3071 Babich Road
Monday – Friday 9:00am-11:00am

[For more information about programs being offered visit the Early Years Website
<https://www.abbyearlyyears.com/news-publications/important-dates-strong-start-programs>](https://www.abbyearlyyears.com/news-publications/important-dates-strong-start-programs)



COVID Protocols

For the safety of StrongStart facilitators and families the following changes have been made:

- Online sign-in is required at www.eventbrite.ca
- Only 1 adult per family is permitted to attend. MAX of 12 participants per site
- Programs will begin at 9:00am (except John MacLure 11:30) – NO LATE ENTRIES OR DROP - INS
- COVID health assessment must be completed at the door prior to entry.
- Parents are required to wear a mask in all public areas.
- Only bottled water and milk allowed. No outside food or drink permitted. No snack will be provided.