

## 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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District Principal of Early Learning

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Or Curriculum Department

604-504-4612



## Early Learning Programs Abbotsford

**\*Nature Thursday**  
(check individual school websites for meet up location)



**These 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 8:45am – 11:45am

### **Blue Jay Elementary**

30995 Southern Drive  
Monday – Friday 8:45am – 11:45am

### **Clearbrook Elementary**

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

### **Dormick Park Elementary**

32161 Dormick Avenue  
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  
Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Tues/Thurs  
11:00am - 2:00 pm.

### **Jackson Elementary**

33165 King Road  
Monday – Friday 8:30am – 11:30am

### **John Maclure Elementary**

2990 Oriole Crescent  
Monday – Friday 11:00am – 2:00pm

### **Margaret Stenersen Elementary**

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

### **Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre**

33355 Bevan Ave.  
Monday – Friday 8:45 - 11:45am

### **Ten-Broeck Elementary**

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

### **Terry Fox Elementary**

3071 Babich Road  
Monday – Friday 8:45am – 11:45am

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### **Little Bears**

#### **Indigenous StrongStart Program**

Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre  
33355 Bevan Ave.  
Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm – 3:00pm

### **PJ's and Story Time**

Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre  
33355 Bevan Ave.  
Mondays 5:30pm – 7:30pm

### **Family Fun & Story Time**

Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre  
33355 Bevan Ave.  
Saturdays 9:30am – 11:30am

Check for information on which programs are  
running on Pro D days and school holidays  
[https://curriculum.abbyschools.ca/early-  
learning/strongstart](https://curriculum.abbyschools.ca/early-learning/strongstart)

### **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)



## Communicable Disease Protocols

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

- MAX of 20  
participants per site  
(please limit 1 adult  
per family)
- Daily Health  
Assessment must be  
completed prior to  
entry
- Parents are required  
to wear a mask in all  
public areas
- No outside snack to  
be shared at the site