

## **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:

Abbotsford School District's Early Learning  
Department – 778-880-8554 or  
[earlylearning@abbyschools.ca](mailto:earlylearning@abbyschools.ca)  
<https://earlyyears.abbyschools.ca/>



# **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 - 11:30am

### **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 9:00 am – 12:00am

**John Maclure Elementary** 2990  
Oriole Crescent Monday – Friday  
8:30am - 11:30am

### **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 9:00am -12:00pm

\*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://earlyyears.abbyschools.ca/>



## **Family Drop-in Programs**

### **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**

Thursday – 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
Tues & Thurs - 12:15pm - 2:15pm

### **PJ's & Storytime**

Tues & Thurs - 5:30 - 7:30pm

### **Saturday Family Fun**

Saturday - 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.**