

## 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

**\*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 8:45-11:45am  
Tues/Thurs 10:45am – 1:45 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 Way  
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

Check for information on any programs running on Pro D days and school holidays

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

Early Years Website

<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)
- No outside snack to be shared at the site
- Do NOT attend StrongStart if you or your child is sick

## First Visit

On your first visit to a StrongStart you will be welcomed by the facilitator and provided with a registration form to complete and return on your next visit.