

January 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are excited about welcoming your child to school in September 2022! At each of our thirty-one elementary schools, we are proud of the outstanding programming and early learning opportunities that are offered to our youngest students.

For more information about the exciting experiences offered in Kindergarten, please visit the Ministry of Education website at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/full-day-kindergarten>

To register for Kindergarten, your child must be five years old by December 31, 2022. You will need to provide both proof of age and proof of BC residency when you register. Parents can choose to delay entry to school for their child for one year, but we would ask that you consult with your local school principal before making this decision. Please **follow the registration process** and **carefully complete each portion**. The information you provide will be used for your child's safety in the case of an emergency.

As you help your child prepare to enter Kindergarten, we invite you to join us at one of our [Strong Start sites](#), or at various programs outlined at [abbyearlyyears.com](http://abbyearlyyears.com). Please also follow us on [Facebook - AbbotsfordSD](#).

We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you more next fall. We are committed to providing learners of all ages and abilities with a multitude of innovative and individualized programs that will enable each of them to excel. If you have any questions regarding your child's entry to Kindergarten, we welcome you to contact your local school principal.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kevin Godden  
Superintendent of Schools

## 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

Donna Wright

District Principal of Early Learning

604-897-7880

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



## 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

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.abyearlyyears.com/news-publications/important-dates-strong-start-programs>