

STRONGSTART BC Early Learning Centers

StrongStart Closures

- Oct 2** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct 4** Changing Possibilities for Young Children
- Oct 9** Thanksgiving Statutory Holiday
- Oct 13** StrongStart Regional Conference
- Oct 20** Provincial Pro D Day
- Oct 26** Collaboration Day for staff

Let`s talk about PLAY!

The benefits of play are recognized in current research and the lived experiences of children and their educators in B.C. and elsewhere. A play-based approach is grounded in learning principles found in the B.C. Early Learning Framework, the Core Competencies that inform B.C.'s Curriculum for Kindergarten to Grade 12, and First Peoples Principles of Learning. Early learning is envisioned as a dynamic process, actively supported by families and other adults who care for and teach children in their homes and communities. Children are recognized as co-constructors of knowledge as they engage with people, places, objects, and ideas. Learning and education is envisioned as a continuum as children transition between early years programs, schools, and other services (Ministry of Education, 2019). Play-based learning can be described along a continuum from free play, to inquiry, collaborative play, playful learning, and learning games. In the next few months, we will be exploring together the complexities of play.

Uplifting quote + song that illuminates:

"Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this their only chance to soar." - Delia Owens



Inspiring song: "Hold on" by Wilson Phillips

Looking Back at Play

What is your earliest memory of play?

What occurred?

Who else was involved?

Were you fully and deeply engaged in play?

How old were you?

Happening this month:

Connaught Heights StrongStart

- Sept 28** Dental Hygiene Practitioner
- Oct 17** SFU Infant language learning information

Queensborough StrongStart

- Oct 18** Dental Hygiene Practitioner
- Oct 24** SFU Infant language learning information
- Oct 25** YMCA/ CCRR consultant visit
- Oct 27** Kinsight consultant visit

Skwo:wech StrongStart

- Oct 3** SFU Infant language learning information
- Oct 10** MOSAIC visit
- Oct 11** YMCA/ CCRR consultant visit
- Oct 30** Kinsight consultant visit

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Learning stories, also known as Pedagogical Narrations, are a tool for understanding how children form theories about the world, but more than anything is a process for us, educators thinking about practice and understandings of knowledge, education, and learning.

Here is a story created by Taijus, while watching a squirrel:
"The squirrel is looking for food. She will find a tree and eat honey. Honey will slide down the tree then the bear will eat it off ground. He will lick it. The end"