

STRONGSTART BC

Early Learning Centers

StrongStart Closures

Winter break Dec 25, 2023, to January 5, 2024
StrongStart reopens January 8, 2024.

Jan 18 Administrative day
Jan 25 Changing Possibilities for Young Children

2 days a week drop in attendance at each StrongStart location.

We believe all StrongStart families in our community deserve equal and fair opportunities for their children to learn and grow. This is why when we were approached in December with a request for increased attendance at each location, we reviewed our attendance data and we spoke to our educators, school principals, and neighbouring districts for insight on how we can serve your needs. After exploring different ways to streamline our program, we concluded that maintaining our current attendance policies remains the best way for us to serve all our families in an equitable way. Strong Start is a free drop-in service that we provide to our entire New West community, and we want to ensure that families can flexibly attend at all of three of our sites up to 5 times a week if they wish, with the maximum of 2 days at each site. This allows all families many opportunities to engage in different Strong Starts and get to know different families and educators.

By maintaining a 2 day a week per site drop in policy, we can ensure that we rarely have to turn any families away and if new parents move to our community there will be space to allow them to join our drop in sites. There are many amazing and unique learning opportunities offered at each site that will expose your children to a variety of play based learning experiences. Given the small geographical size of New Westminster, families have an opportunity to experience all three sites and attend up to 5 times a week if they wish.

Uplifting quote + song that illuminates:

"Our task, regarding creativity, is to help children climb their own mountains, as high as possible" - Loris Malaguzzi



Inspiring song: "Let it snow" Frank Sinatra

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Happening this month:

Connaught Heights StrongStart

Jan 30 Talking about play with Ana Valle Rivera

Queensborough StrongStart

Jan 17 Dental Hygiene Practitioner

Jan 23 Kinsight consultant visit

Jan 24 Librarian Visit

Skwo:wech StrongStart

Jan 16 MOSAIC

Jan 19 YMCA/ CCRR consultant visit

Jan 23 SFU Infant language learning information

Jan 26 Kinsight consultant visit



Warmest wishes from our home to yours for a wonderful holiday season!

For our parents and caregivers:

2024 brings 6 in person sessions and 2 online webinars:

Talking about PLAY

with Ana Valle Rivera

We are pleased to welcome Ana at each of our StrongStart locations to engage with parents in conversations on play and how to best support young children's learning.

Ana is a proud mother of three,



a workshop facilitator, public speaker, a consultant, and the

founder of Early Years Thriving. Since 2007 Ana has worked with children and families with complex needs using inclusive and trauma-informed approaches as well as various capacity building roles in the early years field. Ana has a background in ECE, a bachelor's degree in child & Youth Care, and is currently completing a Master's Degree in Professional Education in ECE.