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## StrongStart Closures

<u>Feb 16</u> Non- Instructional Day <u>Feb 19</u> Family Day BC <u>Feb 29</u> Changing Possibilities for Young Children

### JOIN US 5 days a week for play and learning!

I wish to share that effective Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Strong Start Centers in the school district will welcome families to attend any location up to five days per week on a first come first serve basis. We continue with a drop- in approach and we welcome twenty (20) children, and their respective adults (a max of one adult per child) daily. There will be an opportunity for parents/caregivers to provide feedback regarding this change later in the spring to gauge if any adjustments to scheduling are needed. Thank you for your continuous engagement.

### From the art table at Skwo: wech

Stepping into the world of art and creativity together with your child means tuning our senses to the child and seeing the possibilities emerging through their hands. For a young child, "art is away of solving problems, conceptualizing the world and creating new possibilities" (Bentley, 2013, p3). Art means thinking though our senses, it is boundless, a sensory- rich language for learning.

### Uplifting quote + song that illuminates:

"Love is that condition in the human spirit so profound that it empowers us to develop

courage: to trust that courage and build bridges with it; to trust those

bridges and cross over them so we can attempt to reach each other" – Maya Angelou

Inspiring song: "You Gotta Be" by Des`ree

# Happening this month:

Connaught Heights StrongStart Feb 5 SWIS worker visit Feb 8 Kinsight consultant visit Feb 12 Librarian Visit

Queensborough StrongStart Feb 13 Talking about play with Ana Valle Rivera Feb 14 Librarian Visit Feb 21 Dental Hygiene Practitioner

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# **JUST B4 Preschool**



REGISTRATION OPENS on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

In its third funding year, Just B4 preschool

program has proven to be an invaluable resource for our youngest learners. Transition into Kindergarten is a significant milestone for both parents and children alike, and our program is particularly designed to support a positive early learning experience and a smooth transition into Kindergarten.

# Is your child born in 2020? This program is for you!

Just B4 preschool is build upon the foundation of play-based leaning, as children engage in play explorations, inquiry projects, visits to the Kindergarten classroom and the outdoors.

# Registration opens February 1, 2024, at 10 am. Click here to register.

We are genuinely excited about welcoming your child into the Just B4 preschool. Together, let's make the transition to Kindergarten an enriching and joyous experience!

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