

April Newsletter *Thank you for inviting us into your inbox*

# STRONGSTART BC Early Learning Centers

*A learning story by Laura Demichina:*



**Reflection**

This is Charles. While walking to school, he came upon a familiar puddle that he has splashed through before. But this day, it was very large after a long rain... I noticed him taking intentional steps, 1 foot in front of the other, hands held apart – Ready if needed. His cap covered his face as he looked downward, and because he did not look up once I didn't catch a glimpse of his face, so I wondered what his expression was. Was he smiling or frowning, or is he thinking deeply? Was Charles listening to sounds his feet were making in the water? Did he see his reflection in the ripples his boots made as he forged forward? He continued back-and-forth four or five times to each end, until he seemed satisfied. Then he walked down towards the classroom door. This scenario paired well with the ELF Living Inquiry: engagement with others, materials, and the world. Linking the pathway of reconnection to land in place.

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### **Connecting with BC Early Learning Framework (BCELF)**

This moment connects well with the BCELF with the *'Engagement with others, materials and the World' Living Inquiry*, with a **Pathway for 'Connection to land and place'**.

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## Happening this month:

### Connaught Heights StrongStart

- April 16 Librarian Visit
- April 18 Kinsight consultant visit
- April 30 Talking about play with Ana Valle Rivera

### Queensborough StrongStart

- April 16 Talking about play with Ana Valle Rivera
- April 17 Dental Hygiene Practitioner
- April 24 Kinsight consultant visit

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- April 8 YMCA/CCRR consultant
- April 9 Librarian Visit
- April 16 SWISS worker visit

### Uplifting quote + song that illuminates:

*"Childhood ...not a phase of life, but a permanent human mind set ....a transversal human quality that preserves and feeds curiosity, imagination, a visionary attitude, the ability to create, empathy."*



Lorenzo Manera

Inspiring song: "Flowers" BY Miley Cyrus



## Announcing events by New Westminster Schools

Spring is here! Bring your little one to any of our four outdoor, drop-in sessions to play while you meet our staff and educators to find out how we can support your child's early learning and development and prepare for Kindergarten.

## COME, PLAY WITH US!

Sessions run from 4 pm to 5 pm at the following schools:

- April 24- Qayqayt Elementary
- May 8- Queen Elizabeth Elementary
- May 22- Skwo:wech Elementary
- May 29- Connaught Heights Elementary

Scan QR code to register:

