



## SD22 StrongStart BC Program Information 2020-2021

We are excited to welcome children and families back to our StrongStart programs in Vernon, beginning on **Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. StrongStart is a free early learning program for families or caregivers and their pre-school aged children (0-5 years old). Our StrongStart programs are located at Alexis Park Elementary, Mission Hill Elementary, and Okanagan Landing Elementary.

Please familiarize yourself with changes to our registration procedure and program delivery due to COVID-19.

### REGISTRATION:

- Registration for SD22 StrongStart programs will open on **Tuesday, September 22, 2020** and will be ongoing.
- All families must be registered prior to attending the program.
- If your child has previously registered at one of our 3 StrongStart program locations, please call the school to indicate that you and your child are interested in attending the StrongStart program again this year.
- If your child is new to StrongStart, please phone the school to request a time to come in and complete the registration process.
- Families will be required to select both a **preferred StrongStart location and one preferred day of the week**.
- Capacity will be limited to 5 families per day (a family unit includes **1 adult plus the child(ren) of that family**, ages 0-5).
- Families will receive a confirmation email indicating location and day of the week once registrations are processed.
- Families will receive a welcome email from StrongStart Educators outlining COVID-19 protocols and entry locations specific to each school site.

Location	Days of Operation	Hours of Operation	StrongStart Educator	Contact
Alexis Park Elementary School	Monday to Friday	9:00-11:30am 12:30-3:00pm	Cori Novakowski	250-545-7289
Mission Hill Elementary School	Monday to Friday	9:00-11:30am	TBD	250-545-0639
Okanagan Landing Elementary School	Monday to Friday	9:00-11:30am	Lori Webb	250-542-1181

SD22 has the following guidelines in place for our StrongStart programs to ensure the health & safety of all participants.

**GUIDELINES:**

- All StrongStart programs will follow the current public health guidelines for [K-12 Schools and Childcare Settings](#) as well as the SD22 Exposure Control Plan.
- Families will be required to stay home when sick.
- Families will be required to complete a Health Check and sign-in prior to participating in the program each time they attend.
- All adults are required to wear a mask while in the school and the StrongStart classroom.
- Adults will be required to maintain physical distance from other adults.
- Children will be encouraged to minimize physical contact.
- All participants will be required to follow safe hand hygiene practices: sanitizing/washing hands before entering the school building/StrongStart classroom, before and after eating, after using the washroom, before using shared materials, etc.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols will be in place.
- Entry and exit will be through a designated door.
- Our StrongStart programs will be open on their regular days, but for shorter periods of time (2.5 hours per session) to allow for the enhanced cleaning protocols, contact with families, and attendance scheduling.
- All StrongStart locations are nut and allergen-free environments. A healthy snack is provided; please do not bring food.
- Outside play and learning time will be encouraged as much as possible.

StrongStart programs will look different due to COVID-19; however we are eager to welcome families back and are committed to providing an exceptional early learning environment where children and families are safe.

Please contact Jennifer Friesen, District Vice Principal of Early Learning, with any questions at [jfriesen@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:jfriesen@sd22.bc.ca)



SD22 Early Learning

We are excited to welcome children and families back to our StrongStart programs in Vernon starting on **Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. SD22 has revised registration procedures and program guidelines in place at all StrongStart locations to ensure the health & safety of all participants.

**REGISTRATION HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Registration for all SD22 StrongStart programs will open on **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** and will be ongoing.
- If you have **previously registered** your child in a StrongStart program with SD22, please call the school to indicate that you are interested in attending again this school year.
- If your child is **new to StrongStart**, please call the school to request a time to come in and complete the registration process, **or attend one of our registration sessions listed below.**

In-Person registration will be open on the following dates. Please go directly to the StrongStart classroom to register. ***You may register for your preferred StrongStart location*** at any site on these dates:

<b>Please bring your child's Birth Certificate and Care Card to register</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Friday, September 25th	9:00-11:30am	Okanagan Landing Elementary
Friday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>	12:30-3:00pm	Alexis Park Elementary
Tuesday, September 29th	9:00-11:30am	Mission Hill Elementary

Please read full details regarding the re-opening of our StrongStart programs below.