

SD83 StrongStart Program Reopening Information 2020



We are looking forward to welcoming our North Okanagan-Shuswap StrongStart families back to our programs starting on **Thursday, October 1st**. StrongStart is a free early learning program for preschool children, 0 to 5 years old, and their parent or caregiver. There will be COVID-19 guidelines in place at all programs to ensure the safety of our families, StrongStart educators, and school community.

REGISTRATION:

- Registration for all SD83 StrongStart programs will open on **Thursday, September 17th, 2020** and will be ongoing
- If your child was previously registered in a StrongStart program in our district, please call the school to indicate that you and your child are interested in attending the StrongStart program again this school year
- If your child is new to StrongStart, please phone the school to request a time to come in and complete the registration process
- Interested families will need to **choose one program to attend** as we will not be supporting participation at multiple programs due to COVID-19

Community	Location	Days of Operation	StrongStart Educator	Contact
Salmon Arm	District Education Support Centre (DESC)	Monday to Friday	Debbie Sprieszl	250-832-2157
Salmon Arm	South Broadview Elementary School	Monday to Friday	Michelle Russwurm	250-832-2167
Sicamous	Parkview Elementary School	Monday to Friday	Cori Miller	250-836-2871
Enderby	M.V.Beattie Elementary School	Monday to Friday	Patti Bliss	250-838-6434
Armstrong	Highland Park Elementary School	Monday to Friday	Lynn Robitaille Claeys	250-546-8723
Sorrento	Sorrento Elementary School	Tuesday	Kim Robison	250-675-2311
Tappen	Carlin Elementary/Middle School	Wednesday	Kim Robison	250-835-4520
North Shuswap	North Shuswap Elementary School	Thursday	Kim Robison	250-955-2214
Falkland	Falkland Elementary School	Tuesday & Thursday	TBD	250-379-2320

GENERAL SD83 STRONGSTART PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

- Families will be required to stay at 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 will be required to wear a mask while in the school and StrongStart classroom
- All families will be required to enter the building through a designated StrongStart door
- 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.
- Adults are encouraged to maintain physical distance from other adults
- Children will be encouraged to minimize physical contact
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols will be in place
- All programs will follow the current public health guidelines for [*K-12 Schools and Child Care Settings*](#)
- All programs will be open on their regular days but for shorter periods of time (2 hours per day) to allow for the enhanced cleaning protocols, contact with families, and attendance scheduling
- All families must be registered prior to attending the program
- Only 6 families may attend a program at one time (a family unit includes 1 adult plus the child(ren) of that family, ages 0 to 5)
- Once families have registered for the program, they will be contacted by the StrongStart Educator to discuss scheduling options for attendance
- Snacks for children will be provided in individual portions and served by the StrongStart Educator
- Coffee/tea will not be provided for adults, at this time, due to the need to wear masks and/or physically distance while attending the program
- Outside play and learning time will be encouraged as much as possible

We understand that StrongStart programs will look quite different due to COVID-19, but we are doing our best to provide quality early learning programming for families, while ensuring that everyone is safe.

Please contact Jennifer Findlay, District Principal, if you have any questions at jfindlay@sd83.bc.ca