

# SD33 Early Learning & Child Care Summary Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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together for a common  
purpose~





**Chilliwack  
School District**

## **School District 33 Early Learning & Child Care Programs in our Schools**

**Operated by:**

### **SD33**

eg. Just B4, BASC

- staffed with SD33 Employees
- supervised by the SD33 ELCC Team (Nicole Driscoll)
- programs running in 12/21 of our Elem. schools
- rent free & cost neutral

### **Third Party**

eg. YMCA, Wind & Tide

- staffed by Third-Party
- supervised by the Third Party organization and SD33 Rentals (Mark Klassen)
- programs running in 11/21 of our Elem. schools
- rental agreement with SD33
- can be for-profit or not for profit

### **Community School Association**

- staffed by CSA
- supervised by CSA and SD33 Rentals (Mark Klassen)
- programs running in 6/21 of our Elem. schools
- cost neutral & rent free
- creating a Service Agreement for CSA



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# Early Learning and Child Care Programs Offered in SD33 Elementary Schools

School	0-5 Drop-in Programs		Preschool	0-5 Child Care	BASC School Age
Bernard	StrongStart				YMCA
Central	StrongStart	CCS	Community School		School District
Cheam					
Cultus Lake	StrongStart			Community School	Community School
E. Cwk					For-Profit
Evans					For-Profit
Leary IAT					YMCA
Greendale					School District
LME	StrongStart				YMCA
McCammon	StrongStart				For-Profit
Promontory	Community School		For-Profit		Community School
Robertson	Little Explorers		Just B4		School District
Rosedale	Community School				
Sardis					School District
Stito:s					YMCA
Strathcona	StrongStart				YMCA
Tyson					
Unsworth	StrongStart				School District
Vedder	Little Explorers		Just B4		School District
Watson	StrongStart		Just B4		YMCA
Yarrow	Community School				

# Our Early Learning & Child Care Team

- Nicole Driscoll – District Principal of Early Learning and Child Care
- Laura Callaghan (Management) – Early Learning and Child Care Coordinator
- Karen Allan (CTA) – Early Literacy Coordinator
- Amber Mothus (CUPE) – Early Years Family Navigator
- Amie Jalava (Management) – Learning Services Business Manager

SD33 ELCC has a total of 49 staff members (at multiple sites)



## Before After School Care (BASC)

- School aged care, on school grounds
- Licensed program under [Community Care and Assisted Living Act](#) and [Child Care Licensing Regulation](#)
- 6 sites (Central, Robertson, Vedder, Unsworth, Greendale and Sardis)
- Staffed with SD33 Before After School Care Assistants (CUPE)
- 3 ECE assist with transitions times at 3 sites (Robertson, Central and Vedder)
- Ages K – grade 5
- Signed LOU to allow EAs to work up to 8 hours (combined EA/BASCA hours)
- BASCA is a different rate of pay than EA

## BASC Funding

- District receives monthly funding based on enrollment reports – Child Care Operating Fund (CCOF) and Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI)
- Parents can apply for subsidy through the Affordable Child Care Benefit (ACCB)
- Parent Fees:
  - \$205 a month – Kindergarten
  - \$410 a month – Gr. 1-5
- Capital Funding – New Spaces grants

## Central Seamless Day

- Initial Ministry pilot to support Before After School Care on school grounds (targeted Kindergarten students)
- 1 ECE assists with transitions times to BASC and is a co-educator in the Kindergarten classes
- BASC staffed with SD33 Before After School Care Assistants (CUPE)
- Ages K – grade 5
- Licensed program under [Community Care and Assisted Living Act](#) and [Child Care Licensing Regulation](#)

## Seamless Day Funding

- \$55,400 from the Ministry of ECC for Central Seamless Day
- We are in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of a three-year grant (the Ministry extended it by one year)

## Just B4 Preschool

- Operated by SD33
- Taught by Early Childhood Educators (ECE)
- Full-time, continuing staff
- 3 sites (Vedder, Robertson and Watson Elementary)
- M/W/F & T/Th program
- For 4-year-olds
- Licensed program under [Community Care and Assisted Living Act](#) and [Child Care Licensing Regulation](#)

## Just B4 Funding

- \$25,000 from the Ministry of ECC
- We are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a three-year grant
- Funding will end after the 3<sup>rd</sup> year
- ECE is funded through parent preschool fees, Child Care Operating Fund and the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative
- Parents can apply for the Affordable Child Care Benefit
- Students who qualify for extra support – staffing is funded through Supported Child Development



## Little Explorers (replacing Mother Goose)

- Taught by Early Childhood Educators (ECE)
- Drop-in program for care givers and children aged birth to 5
- 2 sites (Vedder & Robertson)
- Takes place two times a week, in the afternoon

## Little Explorer Funding

- We can sustain this program using the full-time ECE hired to teach Just B4 Preschool and BASC.





## K/ECE Partnership

- SD33 created partnership at Vedder and Robertson Elementary
- ECEs support and co-teach in kindergarten classes 3 afternoons a week

## K/ECE Funding

- We can sustain this partnership using the full-time ECE hired to teach Just B4 Preschool and BASC.



## Early Years Family Navigator

- Connecting with families with community resources
- Supporting families navigating Provincial and Federal programs
- Parent education
- Supporting Kindergarten transitions
- Monthly visits at multiple sites: StrongStart, Little Explorers, Sardis Doorway, Downtown Family Place, Better Beginnings, Ruth & Naomi's

## Early Years Family Navigator Funding

- Sub-contract with Chilliwack Community Services



## StrongStart

- Taught by Early Childhood Educators (ECE)
- Part-time continuing staff (except Watson)
- 8 sites/7 ECE Facilitators
- Parent participation program

## StrongStart Funding

- \$224,000 from the Ministry of ECC
- Ministry has never increased funding for SS
- Additional funding provided by Ready,Set,Learn fund to cover deficit





## Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten Transitions (SEY2KT)

- Receive \$19,000 from Ministry of ECC

## Changing Results for Young Children (CR4YC)

- Receive \$11,250 from Ministry of ECC

## Ready, Set, Learn (RSL)

- Receive \$55,400 from Ministry of ECC
- Helps fund Kinderfair and Ready,Set,Learn events at every elementary school
- Any surplus helps cover StrongStart deficit

On behalf of SD33 Learning Services and Indigenous Education Department, we are delighted to give you a book to begin your child's journey into reading.

## Get In Touch

Please visit our Early Years page on our school district website for times, locations and registration details for all our programs.



We look forward to meeting you!

[learningservices.sd33.bc.ca/earlylearning](http://learningservices.sd33.bc.ca/earlylearning)



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**Welcome to SD33**  
*Early Learning*



## Books For Babies

Even though your baby can't yet grasp a book or sound out the letters of the alphabet, it's not too soon to introduce your little one to the magic of books.

Reading to babies and young children is important as it provides the building blocks of language and promotes attachment between parents and children.



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## Other programs offered



### ● Parent-Child Mother Goose

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is a **FREE** 8-week group experience for parents and their child up to 5 years old which focuses on the pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs, and stories together.

### ● Ready Set Learn

Ready, Set, Learn is an early learning program which welcomes preschoolers and their families to the school system. Schools throughout the Chilliwack School District will host open house events during the school year.

### ● Strongstart

StrongStart BC early learning programs provide school-based early learning services for adults and their young children, aged *birth to five*, **at no cost** to families. Qualified early childhood educators lead learning activities, including stories, music and art to help children get ready for success in kindergarten.

### ● JustB4 preschool

Our Just B4 Preschool program employs certified Early Childhood Educators to provide a positive and nurturing early learning experience while supporting children as they learn, grow and transition to kindergarten.



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## Ready Set Explore! 2024

Station	Photo	Materials Provided
I can tell a story with materials (oral language)		-Wooden trees and animals Forest Magic book
I can explore building materials		-2 boxes of wooden stacker blocks -forest animals
I can count!		-Counting pegs - 20 acorn counters -Over in the Forest book  (not supplied: small loose parts and Sum blocks)
I can explore feelings (SEL)		-Emotion stones -4 cork trivets -Googly eyes, pipe cleaners -Forest of Feelings (book) (not supplied: small loose parts)
Dramatic play		-push campfire set -I hear the Forest (book)  (not supplied: Camp seats, stuffed animals)
I can explore the alphabet		-laminated alphabet cards -play doh

## READY, SET, LEARN

Your local school is hosting an open house for preschoolers and their parents! **Ready, Set, Learn** is a series of fun and informative events focusing on early childhood learning.

**Ready, Set, Learn** is a great opportunity to connect with your preschooler's future neighborhood school. **Ready, Set, Learn** events can include school tours, visits to the school library, interactive play activities for children and their parents, information sessions for parents and caregivers, presentations by community agencies and other activities that support preschool aged children's learning.

**Please note:** Dates and times are subject to change, please contact the school prior to attending.

School	Ready Set Learn	Time
Bernard	February 27	10:30-12:00
Central	May 24	1:00-2:00
Cheam	April 25	10:30-12:00
Cultus Lake	April 16	12:45-1:45
East Chilliwack	April 9	9:00-10:00
Evans	April 8	9:30-11:00
Greendale	February 23	10:30-11:30
Leary IAT	March 5	8:45-9:45
Little Mountain	February 7	8:30-11:00
McCammon	June 7	9:00-10:30
Promontory	June 18	8:45-11:00
Robertson	March 6 April 18 May 10	1:10-2:10
Rosedale	April 19	9:00-11:00
Sardis	February 9	1:00-2:00
Stitts	May 3	9:15-10:45
Strathcona	May 9	9:30-10:30
Tyson	February 23	9:30-10:30
Unsworth	January 25	9:00-10:30
Vedder	May 29	8:15-9:15 9:30-10:30 10:45-11:45
Watson	February 21	10:00-11:30
Yarrow	June 4	9:00-10:00



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## KINDERFAIR



**Kinderfair** is an annual school event dedicated to supporting a positive transition to school for our upcoming kindergarten students and their families. At **Kinderfair**, we believe in the power of families learning together. Our activities are designed to be family-centered, allowing parents and caregivers to participate alongside their children. Families can enjoy shared reading experiences, engage in games, puzzles, and explore collaborative learning opportunities. **Kinderfair** also provides a unique opportunity for children and parents to meet and interact with school staff. This gives families a chance to familiarize themselves with the school environment, ask questions, and establish a connection with key educators who will support their child's educational journey.

School	Kinderfair	Time
Bernard	June 18	10:30-12:00
Central	May 24	1:00-2:00
Cheam	June 4	1:00-2:00
Cultus Lake	June 12	12:45-1:45
East Chilliwack	June 4	9:00-10:00
Evans	May 13	various
Greendale	May 28	9:00-10:00 10:30-11:30
Leary IAT	April 30	8:45-9:45
Little Mountain	May 29	8:45-11:40
McCammon	June 7	9:00-10:30
Promontory	June 18	8:45-11:00
Robertson	May 23	9:30-11:00
Rosedale	May 30	9:00-11:15
Sardis	May 23	8:30-11:30
Stitts	June 7	9:15-10:45
Strathcona	June 20	9:30-10:30
Tyson	June 7	9:30-10:30
Unsworth	June 13	9:30-10:30
Vedder	May 29	8:15-9:15 9:30-10:30 10:45-11:45
Watson	May 15	8:30-12:00
Yarrow	June 4	9:00-10:00

**Kinderfair** strives to create a nurturing and comfortable atmosphere where children can not only have a great time but also feel supported and ready to embrace their new school experience with confidence.



## Circle of Security

Dates: Wednesdays – Starting September 25th  
9:30am-11:30am at Central Elementary

## Emotional Adaptability

Dates: Thursdays – Starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9:30am-11:30am at Unsworth Elementary

## Anger CPR

Dates: Thrsdays – Starting October 24th  
9:30am-11:30am at Leary IAT

A purple and pink poster for the 'Circle of Security' program. It features a collage of photos: a group of smiling children at the top, a family sitting on a picnic blanket in a park in the middle, and a man, woman, and child smiling at the bottom right. The text on the poster includes the title 'Circle OF SECURITY', a description of the program as research and relationship-based, and details about an 8-part series at Central Elementary Community School. It lists dates (Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13), time (9:30 - 11:30 AM), and that childminding is included. A QR code and a 'REGISTER NOW' button are also present.

**Circle  
OF  
SECURITY**

A research and relationship-based program that takes much of the guess work out of being a caregiver; improving confidence in recognizing your child's emotional, relational needs; and providing information to help interpret your child's behaviour.

**8 Part Series**

**Central Elementary Community School  
Bottom Floor**

Sept 25  
Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Nov 6, 13

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Childminding included**

**REGISTER  
NOW**





# Thank you!!

