

Early Learning in SD64

- “Learning and being is a holistic process that happens as children and adults come together in relationship with each other, ideas, materials, places, and histories.” Early Learning Framework

SD64
**Early Learning
& Child Care**



Ready, Set, Learn Program

Foster positive connections between families, schools and local community agencies.

Events/transition supports to build a solid foundation for social, emotional and cognitive development.



StrongStart

2 centres & 5 outreach sites

High quality school based early learning parent/family participation programs for children who are not yet eligible for Kindergarten.

Seamless Day

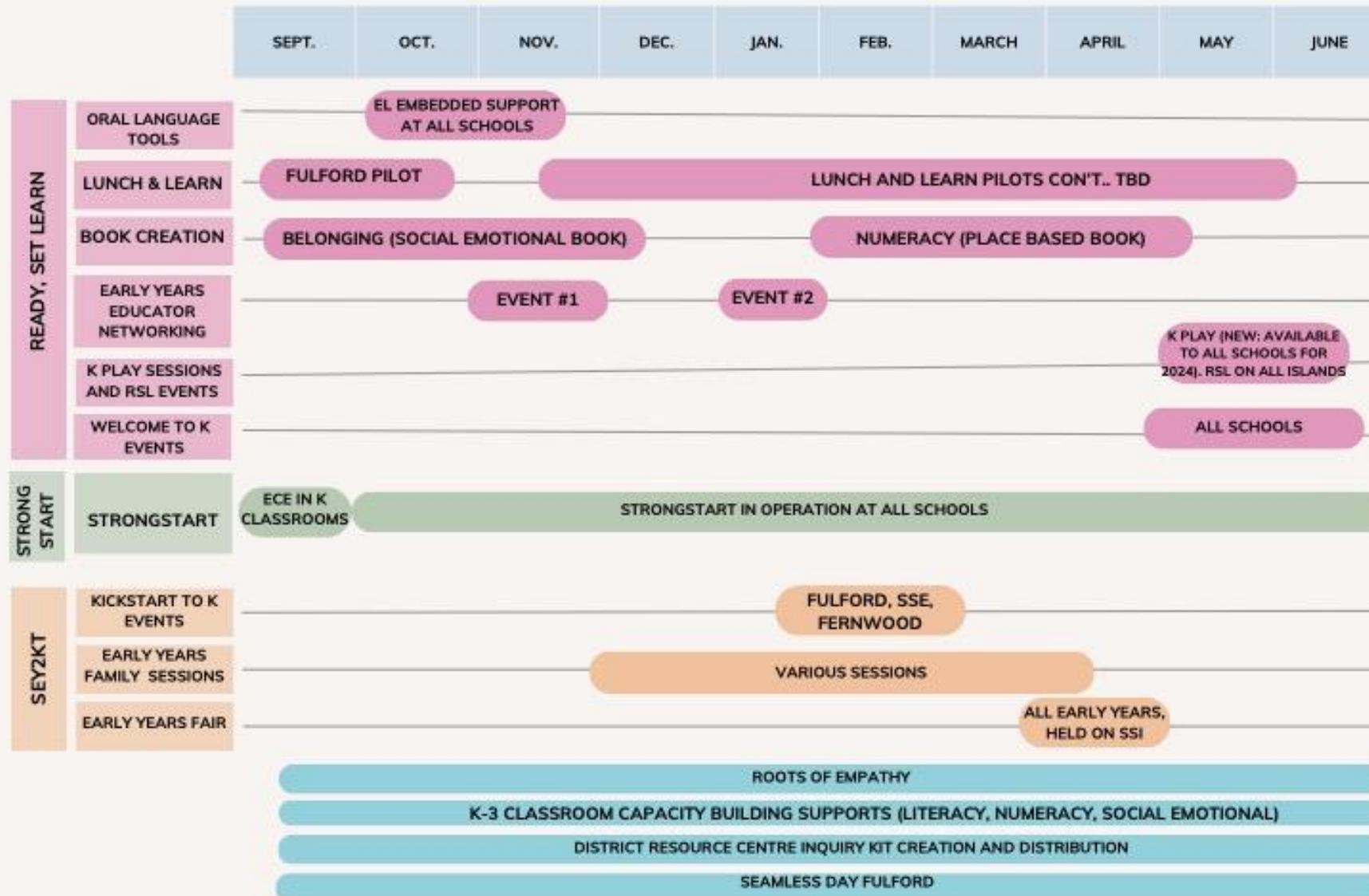
Designed to create before/after school care spaces in existing school classrooms, supporting continuity of learning for children.



Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten Transitions

Developing guidelines, models and partnerships to ensure children and families experience coherent transitions from community based early learning experiences to Kindergarten.

EARLY LEARNING CALENDAR

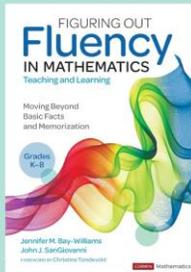




Lunch & Learn

Fall Focus:
Figuring Out Fluency in Mathematics
Moving Beyond Basic Facts & Memorization
 by Jennifer Bay-Williams & John J. SanGiovanni

Monday
 12:00-12:40
 October 16th & 30th
 November 13 & 27



In this optional professional book club, you are invited to join school colleagues to explore evidenced-based ways to build fluency through routines, tasks, and games. Between sessions, you'll have a chance to try some of the ideas from the resource in your own classroom. You'll also have the opportunity to receive support in the form of mentor teaching, co-teaching, or simply an extra pair of hands in the classroom.

All grade level teachers, Strong Start Facilitators, and support staff are welcome to participate! Participants will receive the book, and lunch will be provided at each session. Please register by Oct. 2nd.

This optional opportunity is supported by a partnership between SD64 Early Learning and Fulford School.

Scan to Register:



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Shared Purpose:

- Strengthen collaboration and networking among primary educators, StrongStart Facilitators, and community based ECEs
- Foster district-community networks to ensure culturally safe and positive transition practices for children under-5, and their parents/caregivers as they transition from community/family early learning contexts into Kindergarten

MEETING SCHEDULE: EVERY THIRD TUESDAY

- OCTOBER 17
- NOVEMBER 21
- DECEMBER 12
- JANUARY 16
- FEBRUARY 20
- MARCH (NO MEETING)
- APRIL 16
- MAY 21
- JUNE: TEAM CELEBRATION TBC

4PM-5PM

SD64 LEARNING HUB



NUMERACY FRAMEWORK KINDERGARTEN

We support and commit to our four enhancement agreement goals and call on our teaching assistants to help bring our goals to life through the [SD64 Enhancement Agreement](#).

Belonging - Culture - Community - Success

- Raven is the transformer, a symbol of creativity.
- Beaver is the industrious worker, a symbol of determination.
- Eagle is the visionary, a symbol of nobility and success.
- Salmon is the hardy, a symbol of resilience.
- Wolf is the great communicator, a symbol of cooperation.
- Bear is the thinker, a symbol of inner strength and quiet confidence.
- Hummingbird is the healer, a symbol of peace and joy.
- Orcas are the navigator of the sea, a symbol of family and territorial connection.

Early Learning Framework:
 The Early Learning Framework Principles set forth ways of thinking about childhood, learning, and practicing that underpin the vision of respectfully living and learning together.

Learning Standards & Targets: Ongoing throughout the year. Students will understand...

Make Connections and Incorporate: First peoples world views and perspectives in Mathematical concepts	Numbers: Represent quantities that can be decomposed into smaller parts.	Computational Fluency: One-to-one correspondence and sense of 0 and 10.	Geometry & Measurement: Objects have attributes that can be described, measured and compared.	Data & Probability: Familiar events can be described as likely, unlikely and compared.	Patterns: Repeating elements in patterns can be identified.
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Possible Instructional Progression: Students will do and know...

• Repeating patterns with 2-3 elements • Ways to make 5	• Number concepts to 10 • Ways to make 10	• Change in quantity to 10, using concrete materials • Direct comparative measurement (linear, mass, capacity)	• Concrete or pictorial graphs as a visual tool • Likelihood of familiar events • Single attributes of 3D shapes and 3D objects	• Equity as a balance and hierarchy as an imbalance • Financial literacy- attributes of coins and financial role-play
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Regular concept review embedded throughout and ongoing assessment and monitoring of progress and interventions.



K-12 Learning Progressions in Numeracy describe proficient cross-curricular skills linked to the Core Competencies (thinking, communication and personal social skills) found in all areas of learning.

Learning Progressions are a tool to support classroom assessment, they also focus on planning, teaching, and assessing numeracy.

Assessment Timelines

Term 1 • Informal Reporting	End of Term 1 • Formal Reporting	Term 2 • Informal Reporting	End of Term 2 • Formal Reporting	Term 3 • All student assessment data into IPass by June 15 • Summative Reporting
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SPARKING INSPIRATION: Better Together

Sponsored by the Island Early Years Network and PacificCare



Who is this for?

- Early Childhood Educators
- Primary Teachers
- Administrators
- ECE & Education Students
- Childcare Providers



Friday, October 20, 2023
 10:00am - 3:00pm
 (9-9:30 Refreshments & Registration)
Wellington Secondary School
 3135 Mexicana Road, Nanaimo

Keynote: 10 am Maureen Dockendorf
 2 pm Kathleen Kummer

- Inspirational Sessions: am 11-12:00 | pm 12:45-1:45
- Networking Lunch: 12:00-12:45
- Play-based * Outdoor * Door Prizes * Vendor Displays

Cost: \$50 includes lunch

SAVE the DATE! Registration information to come in September.



SD64 Early Learning & Child Care September 2023

SD64 Early Learning Newsletter Welcome Back!

SD64 StrongStart (ELF) educators are currently in Kindergarten classrooms working alongside teachers in supporting students in the transition to the new school year. ECE's in the classroom during this time help students in adjusting to new routines, and support children's intellectual, physical, social and emotional growth - fostering a continuity of learning.

StrongStart programs across the district will be ready to welcome families the week of **October 2nd**. We look forward to engaging families of children aged birth to five, in this early learning family participation program. StrongStart is designed to improve children's social-emotional skills, enhance numeracy, language acquisition and improve transitions to school.

Additionally, in SD64, the Seamless Day program is up and running for another year at Fulford school and the SD64 early learning team is active supporting StrongStart, Seamless day, Kindergarten transitions and planning new programs and projects for the 2023/24 school year.

Locations and Schedules

All programs run from 8:30-11:30am unless otherwise noted. Programs run from October - June in alignment with the SD64 Instructional Calendar:

Fulford School: Mon/Thurs/Free	Salt Spring Elementary: Mon to Thurs	Fulford Elementary: Mon to Thurs
Pender School: Monday 9-12	Mayne Island School: Mon/Thurs	Galiano School: Mon/Tues
Saturna Elementary: Tues/Thurs 9-12		

Things to know...

- If you are **new** to StrongStart, you will need to **register**. Please bring a piece of government issued ID for your child, such as a birth certificate or care card. All sites have registration forms available.
- Families are asked to sign in each day of **attendance**.
- Programs operate on a drop-in basis. Stay for as little or as long as you like. If you or your child are ill, please plan to attend another day.



Save the Date

StrongStart educator professional learning opportunity: Saanich, Victoria, Sooke and Gulf Islands

Meet colleagues from StrongStart across the region to share practice and learn together. ECE Pro-D certificates will be provided. Presentation topic TBD.

November 20, 2023. 12:30-4:30pm
 Location: Saanich. Possible remote option pending presenter requirements.