

September 10, 2018

Dear StrongStart Families,

Welcome to an exciting year of early learning in our West Vancouver Schools' StrongStart programs.

StrongStart BC programs are free early learning programs for parents/caregivers and their children, from birth to the age of five. StrongStart is a BC Ministry of Education program operated by all public school districts across our province. Both children and adults benefit from StrongStart programs. Children have access to high-quality early learning environments in our public schools. Parents and caregivers have opportunities to learn together how to best support their children's growth and development in our community.

Here is our West Vancouver StrongStart schedule for 2018-19;

Day	Time	Location
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:30-11:30 am	Eagle Harbour Montessori School 5575 Marine Drive
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	12:15-2:45 pm	Hollyburn Elementary School 1329 Duchess Avenue
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	9:15-11:30 am	Chartwell Elementary School 1300 Chartwell Drive

It our pleasure to introduce you to our two experienced StrongStart educators;

- **Deanna DeVita** will be teaching our StrongStart programs at Hollyburn and Chartwell Elementary Schools. Ms. DeVita is an experienced Early Childhood Educator who has been teaching in our West Vancouver StrongStart programs for the past five years. She is well known in our community for her caring, thoughtful and skilled approach when working with young children and families.
- **Lindsay Holbrook** will be teaching our StrongStart program at Eagle Harbour Montessori School. Ms. Holbrook is also an experienced Early Childhood Educator who most recently worked in the Vancouver School District StrongStart programs. She is joining our team with wonderful ideas and a passion for the early years.

For more information about the BC Ministry of Education StrongStart program please visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/learn/strongstart-bc>

We look forward to seeing you and your family at StrongStart this year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may either by email sshortall@wvschools.ca or by phone #604-981-1088.

Kindly,

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