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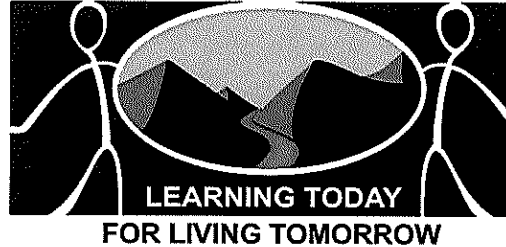
**This center is designed to work in partnership with parents, their children, an early childhood educator, and community partners.**

Community partners include: School District No. 53 (Okanagan-Similkameen), Communities for Kids, Child Care Resource and Referral, Interior Health, Speech and Language, Supported Child Development, Success by Six, OK Falls Lions Club, Royal Canadian legion-Branch 227, and other community agencies.

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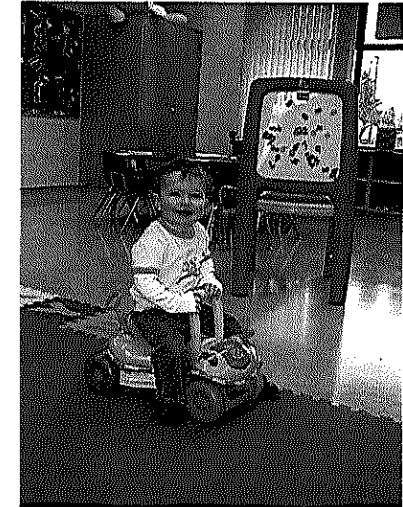
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**Okanagan Falls Elementary  
School**



**Okanagan Falls  
StrongStart Centre**

**A school-based  
Early Learning Program**



**StrongStart is a free program primarily focused on 3-5 year old pre-school children and their parents/caregivers.**

**Younger siblings are welcome.**

**Location**

**OK Falls Elementary School**

## StrongStart Centre

- A centre where parents are recognized as the first and most important teacher in a child's life.
- A centre where parents and caregivers are engaged in active learning through play with their infants and young children, and meet with other adults and children.
- A centre where children are free to explore and play in an environment that is friendly, safe, and inspiring.
- A place to start an educational partnership between families and schools.
- A center where information on parenting concerns, child development, school facilities and local community resources is readily available.
- A center where children can develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively.
- A center where you will get to share in the excitement and successes of your child's early learning experiences.



### A time for play

- Explore with sand and water
- Explore through art with a variety of mediums.
- Develop all senses
- Learn songs, enjoy music
- Learn fingerplays
- Listen to stories
- Play dress-up
- Do puzzles
- Build with blocks
- Climb, tumble, run and have fun in the gym.
- Pretend play with animals, little people, dolls
- Play with natural and real materials

**Nutritious snacks are provided!**

## Program Time

**8:30 – 11:30 A.M.  
Monday – Friday  
on school days**

**Families are free to drop into the program whenever meets their need and at no cost.**

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