

# STRONGSTART

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)

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## CARMIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Penticton, BC V2A 3G5  
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## COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1437 Allison Street  
Penticton, BC V2A 3X5  
Phone: 250-770-7676

## QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

330 Power Street  
Penticton, BC V2A 5X2  
Phone: 250-770-7680

## GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

10503 Prairie Valley Road  
Summerland, BC V0H 1Z0  
Phone: 250-770-7671



**StrongStartBC**



**STRONGSTART IS A FREE PROGRAM PRIMARILY  
FOCUSED ON 0—5 YEAR OLD PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN  
AND THEIR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS**

Locations:

CARMIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# STRONGSTART CENTRE

OUR STRONGSTART CENTRES are fully funded by StrongStart BC and are designed to work in partnership with parents, their children, an early childhood educator, and community partners including: School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha), Communities for Kids, Child Care Resource and Referral, Interior Health, Supported Child Development, Success by Six, OSNS Child Development Centre and other community agencies.

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For more information on why the early years are so important, please visit the Provincial Office for the Early Years website at:  
[www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/early\\_years/index.htm](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/early_years/index.htm)

- 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 centre where information on parenting concerns, child development, school facilities and local community resources is readily available.
- A centre where children can develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively.
- A centre where you will have an opportunity 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 and 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

8:45 — 11:45 a.m.

Monday — Friday on school days

*(see Queen's Park Elementary for exception)*

**FAMILIES ARE FREE TO DROP INTO THE PROGRAM  
WHENEVER IT MEETS THEIR NEEDS AND  
AT NO COST.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE CONTACT OUR EARLY  
CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS:**

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QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCOTT EDWARDS (PRINCIPAL)

8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Monday to Thursday

Wednesday: Dad's StrongStart evening 5:00—7:00 p.m.

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GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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