

The Early Years Matter

Decades of research show the first eight years of a child's life are crucially important for social & emotional well-being. This is a period of rapid brain development, when brains are most readily influenced by the quality of a child's relationships and environment. Our early experiences are wired into our bodies and brains, providing the building blocks for educational success, economic productivity, responsible citizenship, lifelong health, and robust communities.

Learn Through Play!



free

**for preschool age children
& their families**

email earlylearning@sd22.bc.ca for more information

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	EVENT DETAILS
Wednesday November 30 2022	Alexis Park Elementary	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Linking Literacy & Play Story time, reading together, talking and exploring
Wednesday December 14 2022	Alexis Park Elementary	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Playing with Numbers: Early math in the home counting, dice games and card games
SATURDAY January 28 2023	BGC Okanagan Vernon Club Gym 3300 - 37 Ave	10:00am to 12:00pm	Early Years Fair Bouncy Castle, activity tables, crafts, reading corner, community presenters and resources
Wednesday February 8 2023	Alexis Park Elementary	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Starting Kindergarten: What every family wants to know Kindergarten classroom tour Registration information for SD22
Wednesday March 15 2023	BGC Okanagan Vernon Club 3300-37 Ave	6:00pm - 7:00pm	ABC's - Print in the Community Community walk to explore signs, directions and letters

Wednesday April 26 2023	Indigenous Gardens at Okanagan College	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Growing Together: Nutrition, screen time, planting, affordable snack and meal ideas, community food resource info
Wednesday May 31 2023	Alexis Park Elementary	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Welcome to Kindergarten Learning Through Play: talk, read, create and play every day!
SATURDAY June 17 2023	Marshall Fields Accessible Playground	10:30am - 12:00pm	Teddy Bear Picnic Bring your favourite stuffy to sing, craft and have story time at the park
Saturday July 15 2023	BGCO Okanagan Vernon Club Gym	8:30am - 12:30pm	SATUR/PLAY join us for a drop in style playgroup: connect, support and play!
Saturday August 18 2023	BGC Okanagan Vernon Club 3300-37 Ave	8:30am - 12:30pm	SATUR/PLAY join us for a drop in style playgroup: connect, support and play!