



Kamloops
Community
YMCA-YWCA

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Child Care Resource & Referral



School District No. 73
(Kamloops/Thompson)

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Compassionate Systems Leadership - SEY2K



Our Journey.....



- While districts have multiple ways to reach families of children already enrolled in school, parents who are new to the school system aren't yet part of that communication chain.

Families are still unsure whether they will even enroll yet. Homeschooling option!

- Inconsistent messaging and programming across District:

HAVE and HAVE NOT Schools depending on Admin, or Kindergarten teacher or ECE participation and knowledge.

- Unable to train Kindergarten teachers and ECE's in person for SPARK roll out.

- Mental Health of children/families/schools



- District Resources – SPARK Bags to ALL schools
- Google Site with lesson plans, videos, sample letters, and resources for teachers and schools
- 7 Strong Starts – own dynamic safety protocols in place
- 3 Pilot schools – SPARK /Mother Goose programming targeted to new K families (ZOOM)
- Return of Ready-Set-Learn Funds
- Early Learning Table! – Lean on Community and Partnerships
- Full Time Early Learning Coordinator

Creative Tension



**Most resonated
with us...**

"You may not get what you're trying to do right the first time or the second time or the tenth time or the 100th time, but if you shut out of your mind the possibility of being licked, then you are bound to win."

-Henry Ford



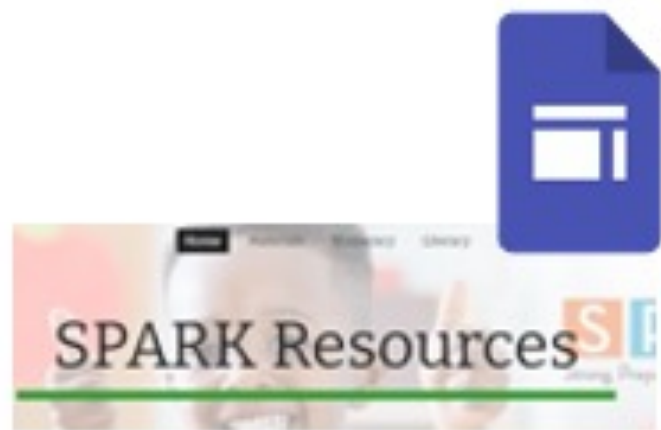
Project Vision



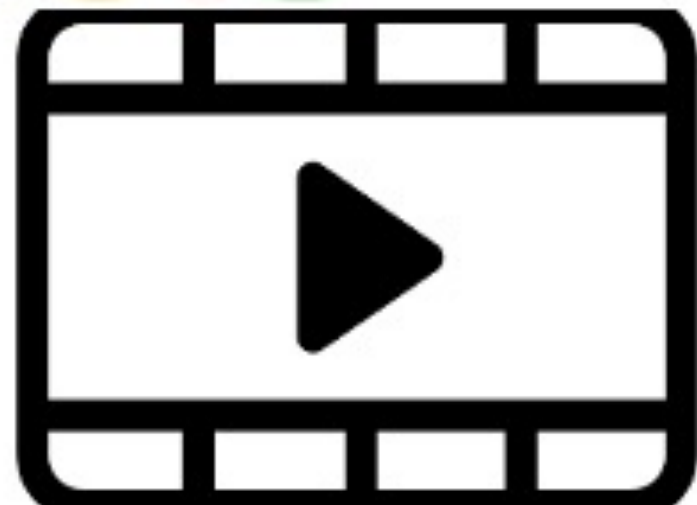
While most schools are unable to welcome families PHYSICALLY into their building for transition activities, we are continuing to strive to be closely connected with our families and have alternative ways to orient them to their Kindergarten year.

"Families are the first teachers, the primary caregivers, and the knowledge-holders of their children"

(Ministry of Education, BC Early Learning Framework, 2019, pg 16)



In all 33 **schools**





SPARK

Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten

Is your child excited for Kindergarten?

Entering kindergarten is a major transition for children and parents.

This free program includes:

- Time spent in the **SCHOOL** environment
- Parent education
- Snack
- Take away activities

*We can only permit one adult to attend with your

FREE!

Registration
required

May 4th

May 6th

June 1st

June 3rd

You may CHOOSE

3:30-4:30pm

or

5:30-6:30pm

Location
StrongStart
room #

Arthur H.
Elementary
School

OUTSIDE door
clearly marked

TO REGISTER
email:

Marlene Shep

StrongStart Schools...

In person sessions!





Piloting in 3

'Ready Set Learn'
schools

Kindergarten on the *Loose* with MOTHER GOOSE



S P A R K

Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten

PLEASE REGISTER AT

www.eventbrite.ca

S.P.A.R.K

(under online events)

For any questions, email Crystal:
crystal.murgatroyd@kamloopsy.ca

SPECIAL invite for NEW Kindergarten FAMILIES

Time: 5:30pm - 6:15pm

Where: ZOOM

When: MONDAYS April 12th - May 17th



Playing to Learn... Learning to Play

Build new Early Learning Kits to
increase SOCIAL EMOTIONAL
skills in our community
through developmentally
appropriate literature, toys,
and activities.





Seamless day into

Kindergarten!

Just Be 4

PRESCHOOL



Cultivating our
team . . .



Thank You!

