

Job Posting: Breakfast Assistant (on call & casual)

Strathcona Community Centre is seeking a community-minded individual with an interest in food and working with youth to support the Breakfast Program during the 2025-2026 school year.

This position is on call and casual. The assistant may be contacted the night before or the morning of to cover staff absences or scheduled to cover planned days off. Additional shifts may also arise to support special event such as the annual volunteer appreciation lunch or other busy program days.

The Strathcona Breakfast Program serves 250–280 students daily through a grab-and-go model. The Breakfast Assistant works closely with the team to prepare and serve breakfast foods. Tasks include boiling eggs, making toast, filling cereal bowls, washing fruit, making pancakes, and setting up the breakfast table. They may also work alongside our volunteer at the breakfast table, engaging with students, teachers, and support staff as breakfasts are picked up.

After breakfast, the assistant helps with clean-up, dishwashing, and setting up the afternoon activities for the Grade 6 & 7 Breakfast Buddies. This may involve preparing supplies for cutting fruit, making grilled cheese sandwiches, baking muffins, or assisting in the preparation of a light lunch for the Breakfast Buddies.

This position will report to the Food Security Manager and will work closely with the Breakfast and Breakfast Buddies Leads

Dates: September 2025-June 2026

Rate of Pay \$19.85/hour + 4% in lieu of vacation pay

Hours: On call/ casual

Available days and hours: Monday -Friday; 7:00am-2:00pm

Notes: Some shifts can be scheduled ahead of time, but on-call staff should also be comfortable receiving texts the evening before or early mornings to check availability for last minutes shifts.

Duties and tasks:

- Support morning food preparation for 250-300 Breakfasts
 - Boiling eggs, making toast, cutting fruit, grilling pancakes and preparing cereal
- Setup and maintain the breakfast table for the grab and go breakfast
 - Greet the students, teachers and support staff
 - Assist them in choosing the breakfast
 - Tracking the number of breakfasts picked up
- Assist with dishwashing and kitchen clean up
- Support the Grade 6 & 7 Breakfast Buddies by:

- Setting up food prep activities

- Work with the Breakfast Buddies to complete their tasks for the day.
- Assisting in preparing a light lunch for the Buddies
- Occasionally support special events where extra cooking is needed (e.g Friday volunteer lunches,)
- Maintain a clean, safe and welcoming environment
- Follow food safety protocols

Qualifications:

We are looking for someone with the following qualifications, however we value a willingness to learn and are happy to provide training for the right candidate.

- Experience facilitating or assisting youth focused activities in program setting
- Passion for food and food educational activities
- Experience with basic food preparation in a group or community setting
- Comfortable working early mornings on short notice
- Ability to work in a team
- Friendly and patient
- Able to lift up to 20lbs and stand for longer periods (although many tasks can be done sitting)
- Ability to follow direction as well as take initiative
- Knowledge of child development and suitable foods
- Experience working with culturally diverse populations
- Familiarity with Strathcona Neighbourhood is preferred
- Fluency in a second language an asset, especially Arabic, Cantonese, or Mandarin
- Certification in Food Safe Level 1 is an asset
- Complete a Criminal Record Check

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to amy.weeks@vancouver.ca, with subject heading "Breakfast Assistant-on call ". Application deadline is Monday J 2025