



The KIC Beat 🎵 🐣 April 2026 Edition 🐣

A message from the directors

Spring has arrived at Kids in Concert, bringing with it a sense of excitement and anticipation as we move toward the close of another meaningful year together. March has been full of performances across Kitsap, and we're looking forward to continuing to share music with our community in the weeks ahead.

We have several special events coming up:

- Our Chamber Group will perform with the Amabile Choir on April 24–25
- A special presentation for the Women's Giving Circle in May (date TBD)
- A guest visit from the Seattle Symphony on May 14, featuring world-renowned cellist Gabriel Cabezas, including a master class for our Team A cellists, and a community concert at WSA from 4:30-5:00 followed by a Q&A time
- Our Spring Concert on May 18, culminating in an exciting collaboration with the Kingston High School band and community members at the NK Auditorium
- Our Senior Celebration on May 28 at Suquamish Elementary
- Musical Theater Camp this summer—planning is in full swing, and we can't wait to share more soon!

KIC is full, vibrant, and thriving—and at the same time, we find ourselves in an important moment of uncertainty as we continue the search for our home for next year. Our directors are working tirelessly to find a space that meets the needs of this growing community, and we are so grateful for the support, ideas, and creativity so many of you have already shared. We still need your help as we think both short-term and long-term about where KIC can continue to grow.

Thank you for being such an essential part of this year. We are grateful for each of you. Let's finish strong—and together, find the next home for KIC to thrive this fall and beyond.

With gratitude,
Laura, Kirsten, and Any



Annual Caregiver Survey

This spring we are asking for all of our families to fill out our annual **KIC survey**. Information collected from this survey helps us to ensure that our programming aligns with the needs of our families and provides us with information that we can use to **secure needed financial support from donors and granting organizations**.

All responses are anonymous and the survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete. Thank you for your help in helping us collect this essential information!

[Take survey](#)



Student of the Month: Oliver

Our student of the month is Oliver! Oliver always arrives on time, he always has his music and is always helping to set up and put everything back. And recently, he has been teaching. He's doing a great job.



Gratitude Corner: Laura and Any

This month, we are so grateful for our incredible ensemble directors, Laura and Any! They work tirelessly to prepare our ensembles and chamber groups with care, skill, and high expectations, and they often give up their weekends to accompany students to performances. We are especially thankful for the thoughtful care they take in choosing repertoire that stretches our musicians while keeping them encouraged and confident as they grow. Their dedication helps our students develop not only as players, but as collaborators and performers. Thank you, Laura and Any, for the energy, heart, and time you pour into our kids and our community!

News from Healthy and Whole

🌸 Spring Into Wellness!

Just like flowers pushing up through the soil, we've been doing a little blooming of our own!

Our Healthy & Whole groups had a fascinating March — we explored neural pathways and discovered how powerful positive self-talk and visualization really is. Picturing the good stuff we want to happen isn't just daydreaming — it's actually rewiring our brains for success!

A huge, heartfelt thank you to the wonderful Joyce for another beautiful yoga session. You always leave us feeling unfolded and renewed!



Here's to a season of growth, good health, and good company!

-The Healthy & Whole Team



Get involved!

A GREAT Kitsap Great Give

Thanks to the hard work of so many people, this year's Kitsap Great Give was one for the record books! We are thrilled to share that we raised over \$25,000 for KIC this year, exceeding our \$20,000 goal. We could not have done this without the help of our students and families. For everyone who helped us smash our fundraising goal, THANK YOU!

Sponsorship Opportunities

As we think ahead to the 2026/2027 KIC year, we are looking for local businesses interested in becoming KIC sponsors. Sponsorship perks include recognition on our website and social media and at KIC events, plus tickets to our annual gala. If you know of a local business that might be interested in sponsoring us, please email get in touch with Deborah at deborah@kidsinconcert.org, who will share our sponsorship materials with you.

-Rebecca and Deborah

Mark your calendars!

- **March 30- April 10: NO KIC. Spring Break**

- April 24 and 25: KIC Chamber Group [plays with Amabile Choir](#). Rolling Bay Presbyterian, Bainbridge Island. 7:00pm.
- May 14: Community Concert with Seattle Symphony musicians. West Sound Academy. 4:30-5:00 pm.
- May 18: KIC Spring Concert. North Kitsap Auditorium. 6:30pm.
- May 25: NO KIC. Memorial Day.
- May 28: KIC Senior Celebration. Suquamish Elementary.

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