



The KIC Beat 🎵



December 2025 Edition



A message from the directors

We've got two exciting performances coming up this month!

Our full KIC orchestra will take the stage on **December 10 at Kiana Lodge**, and on December 17 our KIC Quintet will join the North Kitsap High School Choir at the NK Auditorium. These opportunities let our kids shine and help them see what's possible when they work hard and work together.

This month also brought us a special opportunity: Laura, Any, and Kirsten had the honor of playing for the Suquamish Elementary kindergartners. They were

engaged, curious, and absolutely adorable—and we can't wait to go back!

Our last day of KIC for 2025 is **December 10**, and after that we'll be busy planning for an inspiring and music-filled 2026. We are especially excited to welcome several new young musicians from our waitlist in the new year.

Thank you for being part of this community—we couldn't do any of this without you!

We hope you have a peaceful and joy-filled holiday season.

Laura, Any, and Kirsten



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As the holidays approach, we would like to thank you, our wonderful families, for all you do to support your students' progress at KIC- from getting them to and from West Sound Academy and encouraging them to practice to volunteering at events, donating to bake sales, and attending concerts. We value each and every contribution.

A wonderful way to support KIC is through a one-time or recurring monthly donation via **One Call for All**. One Call for All is a Bainbridge Island-based fundraising platform that supports area nonprofits like ours. It covers all credit card fees, which means that every dollar you give goes directly to KIC. **Monthly donations, in particular, provide us with a reliable revenue stream**, allowing us to spend less time fundraising and more time supporting our students.

This holiday season, please consider the value of KIC to your family and give if you are able. **We value every gift- be it \$10 a month or a one-time gift of \$500.**

Another easy way to support our One Call for All campaign is by **spreading the word!** Like and share our social media posts, reach out to friends and family, or start your own fundraisers online!

As a registered 501(c)3, all donations to KIC are tax-deductible.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support, and happy holidays!

-Rebecca and Deborah

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Student of the Month: Dio L.

Dio L, a proud member of Team Puente, has been with us since he was just a little guy, and what a joy it has been to watch him grow. Dio brings the perfect combination of hard work and comic relief to every rehearsal. He's dependable, upbeat, and always ready to lift the room's energy. And with his silky-smooth voice, he's become our go-to narrator whenever a performance needs that extra touch of magic. We're so lucky to have him in KIC!



Gratitude Corner

This month, we are feeling especially grateful for our entire KIC family. Our kids show up after long days at school, ready to work hard, support one another, and dive into the music with heart. They've built a community that is not only dedicated and resilient, but also wonderfully loving. We're honored to be a part of it every day.

News from Healthy and Whole

Happy Holidays from the Healthy & Whole team!

Due to rehearsal schedule for the concert and then the school break, H&W will not meet for the month of December. We look forward to regrouping in January, when we will return to more mindfulness activities and hopefully some yoga again.

Meanwhile, we acknowledge that the holiday season can bring up a full array of emotional and sensory experiences for



our students and their caregivers. Having compassion for yourselves and others does wonders. Make accommodations as needed: offer quiet breaks at family gatherings, give hosts a heads up about your needs, and create a list of self-soothing options ahead of time (hint: caregivers, ask your student about some H&W coping strategies).

Be good to yourselves, dear ones, and see you in January.

-Kim & Naomi ❤️

KIC Sneak Peeks: We ❤️ our mentors!



Mark your calendars!

- **December 10:** Last Day of KIC and Winter Concert, 6:30 pm. Kiana Lodge.
- **December 17:** KIC Quintet plays with North Kitsap High School Choir
- **January 5:** Return to KIC

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