



The KIC Beat 🎵 ☀️ Summer 2026 Edition ☀️



A message from the directors

As we wrap up KIC's 12th year of after-school programming, we are filled with gratitude and pride. This year, nearly 100 students and mentors came together to make music, build friendships, and strengthen our community. We also celebrated five graduating seniors, and we couldn't be more excited for all that lies ahead for them.

It has been a year of connection and outreach for KIC, with more than 10 community performances across North Kitsap. Thank you to our students, mentors, teachers, families, volunteers, and supporters for helping make these experiences possible.

As many of you know, KIC will be moving to Kingston Middle School this fall. Throughout our search for a new home, we have felt an incredible amount of care and encouragement from our community. We are especially grateful to the North Kitsap School District for recognizing the value of our program and for their partnership in supporting the wonderful young people we serve.

We also have an exciting scheduling update for next year. Beginning this fall, Team A and Team B will move to a Monday/Wednesday schedule, while Team Thursday will continue meeting on Thursdays and Fridays. Because community-building remains such an important piece of the KIC recipe, we will host 4–6 all-program community events during KIC hours on Fridays throughout the year. This new schedule will also allow us to welcome more students from our growing waitlist into Team Thursday.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to share that Team A will once again participate in a side-by-side concert with the Seattle Symphony. Please mark your calendars now for **February 12 at Benaroya Hall**—it promises to be another unforgettable experience for our students and families.

Most of all, we want to congratulate our students, mentors, teachers, and families on another wonderful year of music, community, growth, and belonging. Thank you for being part of KIC.

If we don't see you at summer camp, we'll look forward to seeing you at Kingston Middle School this fall.

Have a wonderful summer, and we'll see you soon!

-Laura, Kirsten, and Any

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



A new rhythm for camp

For those attending this year's musical theater camp, please remember that camp this year will look slightly different from years past.

Here are the dates you need to know:

Audition & Bootcamp Day (Mandatory for all campers)

July 6 | 9:30am–3:30pm

Camp Week

July 13-16 | 9:30am–3:30pm

July 17 | 9:30am-6:00pm

Performance

July 17 | 5:00 pm

As always, because this is an ensemble-based performance experience, campers are expected to be present for the entirety of camp (unless there are extenuating circumstances or illness).

Online registration will begin this fall

Thanks so much to all of you who responded to our survey about your plans to return to KIC this fall.

As a reminder, we will be moving to an **online registration system** for the 2026/2027 school year. Please stay on the lookout for an email from Kirsten in August with more details about fall registration!

Our students inspire giving!

We are delighted to announce that KIC recently received two grants from local foundations, Bainbridge Community Foundation and the Alta Family Foundation. We are so grateful for their partnership and belief in our program!

We are also thrilled to announce that we received two unexpected donations totaling over \$15,000 by generous community supporters who were inspired to give after seeing our kids perform this spring!

This is a testament to the hard work of everyone at KIC- kids, teachers, and staff- who pour their hearts into teaching, learning, and working together to create beautiful music and inspire those around them.

We are in awe of the talent and dedication of everyone at KIC, and hope you all enjoy your well-earned summer break!

With gratitude,

Rebecca and Deborah



Make an impact

Did you know KIC has an amazon wishlist? This is an easy way to support the work we do by helping purchase necessary supplies.

To shop the wishlist, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

- **July 6: Camp audition and bootcamp day. 9:30-3:30. West Sound Academy.**
- **July 13-17: Musical theater camp. West Sound Academy.**
- **July 17: Camp performance. 5:00pm. West Sound Academy.**
- **February 12: Team A plays at Benaroya Hall.**

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