



The KIC Beat March 2026 Edition

A message from the directors

We've got a busy (and exciting!) spring ahead. March kicked off with a performance at Poulsbo Town & Country to celebrate the start of Kitsap Great Give. Then our chamber groups have a super-secret surprise birthday party gig on March 21, followed by providing music for Cedars Unitarian Universalist Church service on March 22. And we're not done yet. We have even more collaborations coming in April and May!

We love these performance opportunities. They give our kids the chance to play for appreciative audiences, stretch themselves musically, and build real confidence. Watching them rise to the occasion is one of our very favorite things.

Please note that we now have a date on the books for our **spring concert!** It will be on **May 18th at 6:30 pm at the North Kitsap Auditorium**. Be sure to save the date!

-Kirsten, Laura, and Any



KIC News: The Kitsap Great Give is in full swing

It's time to spread the word about supporting KIC during this year's Kitsap Great Give! **Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000 for KIC**, and we know we can do it with your support!

Here's how you can help us raise \$20,000 during the Great Give:

- Head to [KIC's Kitsap Great Give site](#) and **start your own fundraiser**, then share it far and wide!
- **Like, share, and comment** on all of our Kitsap Great Give social media posts
- **Share our postcards** with friends, family, and neighbors- they have an easy QR code for donations (if you need postcards, ask at pickup!)
- Put on a performance for your neighbors and friends and ask for donations

Kitsap Great Give



Student of the Month: Ellery

Ellery is the kind of human every community dreams of having. She jumps in to help with set-up and take-down, is endlessly sweet with the younger kids, and leads with kindness in everything she does. When we asked if she could fill in for an absent teacher, she said yes without a second of hesitation. We are so happy she's a member of our KIC family!



Gratitude Corner: Naomi and Kim

This month, we are so grateful to Naomi and Kim, who work tirelessly to make our Healthy and Whole curriculum engaging and joyful. These two wonderful humans generously volunteer their time to help our kids learn how to navigate big emotions. And they always keep it So. Much. Fun! We are incredibly lucky to have them.

News from Healthy and Whole

It's a joy to partner with you in supporting your children's social emotional skills in Healthy and Whole groups at KIC. We are grateful for your continued involvement and the care you bring to our KIC community.

Highlights of Healthy and Whole:

- **Challenge:** We asked our students to describe an orange without using the word "orange." This was a fun language and sensory challenge — try it at home! Ask your child to describe the fruit using their 5 senses; including things like color comparisons, texture, smell, or taste (for example: "like the color of a sunset," "bumpy skin," "sweet and tangy," "smells like summer"). Focusing on a sensory experience is a great coping skill - it helps reintegrate the parts of the brain so that the rational brain (Wise Mind) can help make decisions.



- Kindness in Action: Students played Kindness Bingo! They had so much fun going all over the room finding friends who had used Healthy and Whole skills or done kind things for others.
- Emotional Awareness: We used the dolls from Inside Out to explore feelings and help children name and manage emotions. This activity supported emotional vocabulary and helped students practice noticing their feelings in a safe way.

We are grateful for your ongoing support!
We look forward to building more Healthy and Whole skills and family partnership in the weeks ahead.

-Kim and Naomi



Help KIC find a new home!

As you know, we recently learned that West Sound Academy will not be renewing our lease for the 2026/2027 school year, so we are on the hunt for a new home for our programming.

Please help us spread the word that KIC is looking for a new home! We depend on community ties to support every aspect of our programming, and we KNOW that our community is going to help us find a facility that meets our needs.

Do you attend a church that might be a good fit for KIC?

Do you have ties to a school, community center, or unused commercial space?

If so, please get in touch with Rebecca Marchand, KIC's Executive Director at rebecca@kidsinconcert.org.

For more information about our search for a new home, check out and share our [press release](#).

Mark your calendars!

- **March 5-6: NO KIC.**
- **March 30- April 10: NO KIC. Spring Break**

- May 18: KIC Spring Concert. North Kitsap Auditorium. 6:30pm.

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