



The KIC Beat October 2025 Edition

A message from the directors

Dear KIC Families,

Welcome back to a new year at Kids in Concert! We are so glad to welcome both our returning students and families, as well as those who are joining us for the first time. This year marks our 12th season of KIC programming, and we are filled with gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead.

Our community continues to grow in beautiful ways. More and more people are learning who we are, and performance invitations keep rolling in. This spring, Team A will have the special opportunity to perform with Kingston High School as part of a full orchestra. We will also take our high schoolers on a college tour this fall—an experience we hope will inspire them as musicians and students.

With 85 students in our after-school orchestra and 34 children on our waitlist, our program is thriving and filled with energy. Most of all, we are thrilled to make music together again, and to continue building the supportive, joyful community that makes KIC so special.

Thank you for being a part of this journey and for supporting your child's growth at KIC. We couldn't do this without your love and care.

With gratitude,
Laura, Kirsten, and Any



KIC News: Students perform for Bainbridge Community Foundation, Back to KIC Night, KIC at Kidimu

It's been a busy couple of weeks at KIC and we're just getting started! On September 17th our KIC chamber group, led by Education Director Any Torres, performed at Heyday Farm on Bainbridge Island for a Bainbridge Community Foundation event. Not only did the students put on a beautiful performance, but this was also a great opportunity to share the magic of KIC with supporters in our community. Thank you to our chamber group for being such wonderful ambassadors for KIC!

We were delighted to see so many of our families at Back to KIC night this past Friday. This year our KIC CREW organized this fabulous event, complete with a "passport," milk and cookies, and lots of games for the kids. There were tables for instrument checks, volunteer sign-up, and Healthy and Whole. Thanks to our KIC CREW, parents, and mentors for all you did to make this year's Back to KIC Night a success. If you are interested in supporting KIC CREW but didn't get a chance to sign up at Back to KIC Night, [contact Pam BergLundh](#).

If you're looking for a fun Saturday morning activity for kids ages 0-6, check out [Singalong and Sounds](#), a concert series geared toward the youngest music lovers in our community. The first Singalong and Sounds event will be on **Saturday, October 25 at Kidimu**. A group of KIC students and mentors will be there at 9am for the opening act- a KIC ensemble and KIC-led instrument petting zoo! At 10:30, attendees will head to Bainbridge Island Museum of Art for a concert by local musicians Mike Derzon and Johnny Bregar. **Kidimu has generously offered to provide free tickets for KIC families with children under 6.** If you're interested in attending, please email [Deborah, KIC Development Coordinator](#), for tickets.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that our [KIC Families Google Calendar](#) is up and running for the year! If you would like to subscribe, you can do so by clicking "Add to Google Calendar" on the bottom left of the calendar on our website (click the + sign on mobile devices!).



Students of the Month: KIC Chamber Group



Gratitude Corner

As we open the doors to a brand-new season, we are filled with gratitude for the

Did you know KIC has a chamber group that performs in the community? This month we would like to recognize the fabulous members of our KIC chamber ensemble- River, Anya, Emma, Wyatt, Amelia, and Angeline. These students and mentors go above and beyond to shine the light on KIC in our wider community. Thank you, Chamber Group, for all your hard work!

music, laughter, and community that bring us all together. We're thankful for our students' bright spirits, our families' unwavering support, and our teachers' boundless care. Here's to a season of new beginnings, shared songs, and joyful memories!

News from Healthy and Whole

Happy autumn from the Healthy & Whole team! For the Month of October, we will discuss and practice ways of being Kind, Inspiring, and part of a Community, our core KIC values, as determined by our students themselves. We are excited for students to use their creativity in expressing these values. Look for posters of their work to be shared at all our KIC concerts throughout this school year. For more information, please reach out to volunteers Kim Goerlitz or Naomi Nichols.



Parent/Caregiver reading resource: *Good Inside*, by Dr. Becky Kennedy

-Kim & Naomi

Support KIC as a monthly donor

Hi everyone!

Thank you so much to all of you who offered to help with procurement and sponsorships for our auction on November 15th. It truly does take a village to make this event happen, and we are so grateful to all of you for reaching out to *your* villages to help us secure some wonderful items for our auction! **All donated items should be passed on to Deborah**, who will ensure that our donors get their tax receipts in the mail and that all donated items make it onto our auction website and to the event!

At Back to KIC Night, Rebecca shared with you the opportunity to become a **monthly donor**. If you are interested in making a monthly contribution to KIC, you can do so by **visiting the donation page on our website**. Monthly donations provide KIC with a reliable income source that allows us to continue offering our programming to every child that wants to participate. We are proud to be the **only free extracurricular music program** in North Kitsap. Regular financial contributions to KIC, be they \$5 or \$50, help us to ensure that we are able to sustain the level of programming that we provide to kids and families throughout the school year.

We recognize that **there are many ways to contribute, and that volunteering your time and talents are just as valuable as material contributions**. If you would like to share your gifts with us in ways other than financial, please **let us know**.

With deep appreciation for all that you do for KIC, our kids, and our community,

-Rebecca and Deborah

September Sneak Peeks!



Fall teacher training



Learning how to hold our instruments!



Mentor buddies catching up

Mark your calendars!

- **October 13:** No KIC
- **October 25:** KIC chamber group and instrument petting zoo at Singalong and Sounds (free tickets available for KIC families with kids ages 0-6. Contact **Deborah** for tickets or more information.)
- **October 29-30:** KIC College Tour (high school students only)
- **October 29-31:** No KIC
- **November 1:** Deadline to turn in auction items
- **November 3:** Last day to purchase [auction tickets](#)
- **November 15:** Night to Delight Gala and Auction

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