



The KIC Beat

🍁 October Edition 🍁
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A message from KIC
Feeling at Home at Kingston Middle School



We're back, and it's so good to see you all! The first couple weeks of KIC have been about finding our rhythm again. We've focused on ensemble basics, refreshed our music knowledge, and figured out how to move through our new space at Kingston Middle School. So many familiar faces came back, and we're excited to welcome our newest students into the KIC family.

The ensembles are already working on new music, and yes, holiday tunes are in the mix. Individual lessons started this week which is always an important moment in our program year to develop skills and refine technique. It already feels like home here. We are enjoying letting our students help with the decor and adding warmth to our rooms!

As always, a heartfelt thank you to our Healthy and Whole team who volunteer on Fridays to teach our social emotional regulation curriculum. Naomi, Kim, Kirsten-we couldn't do it without you!

This fall we tried something new: we shared a KIC wish list for the first time. You showed up in a big way, and we're so grateful. It takes a lot of things to make the KIC magic happen: strings, rosin, music stands, snacks, and so much more. Every item you've sent helps keep our students playing. Thank you for supporting KIC in all the ways you do. If you haven't taken a look yet, [here's the link!](#)

The fun hasn't been limited to rehearsal. Laura took a small group of students who were able to take a day off of school for a field trip to Benaroya Hall to attend a Seattle Symphony open rehearsal. The kids were captivated, and they even got to meet Music Director Xian Zhang! We greatly value the partnership we have with the Seattle Symphony and are thrilled to get to perform in a side by side concert with them, once again, on the stage at Benaroya Hall. Stay tuned for more details!



🚗🚗 A loving reminder 🚗🚗

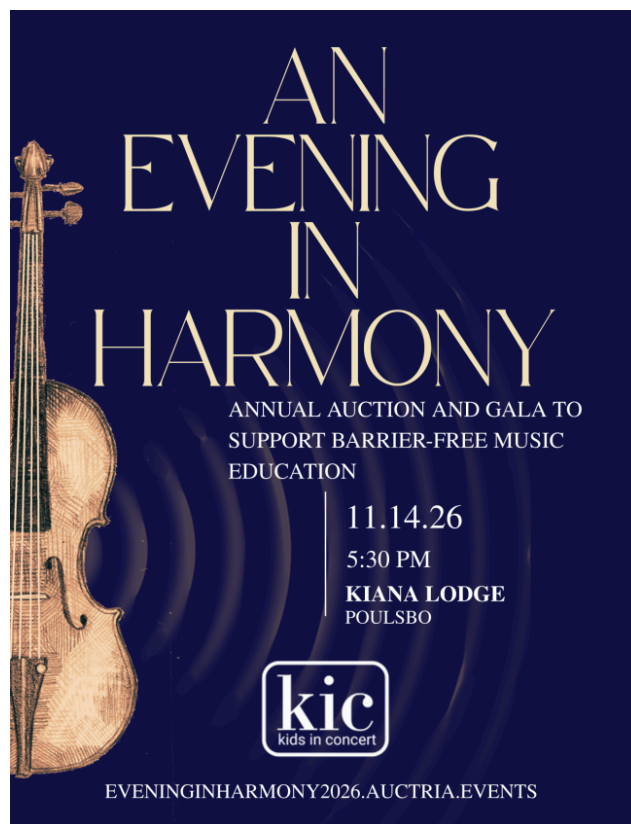
Please be sure to exit your car to come pick up your student so we can account for everyone. Thank you!

Did you know?

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and concert logistics!





Reserve your tickets here!

Help Make Our Gala Shine!

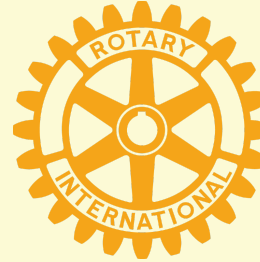
Our gala, An Evening in Harmony, is coming up on November 14 at the beautiful Kiana Lodge. This special evening celebrates "reverberations" - the lasting impact of each moment of learning, connection, and belonging at KIC. There are lots of ways KIC families can help us create an evening of music, celebration, and community:

- 🍰 Bake or donate a dessert. We're looking for showstopper desserts, the kind of cakes, tortes, and pastries that get guests out of their seats and bidding big. If you love to bake or know a bakery that might donate a treat, our wonderful volunteers Susan and Ellie would love to hear from you [here](#).
- 💖 Volunteer at check-in. We need two volunteers to help check guests in and out on gala night. It's a great way to be part of the evening! Sign up is provided [here](#).
- 📋 Connect us with a sponsor. Know someone who might like to sponsor our event? We'd love an introduction! Sponsorships start at \$500 and include gala tickets. Reach out to Rebecca at rebecca@kidsinconcert.org.
- 🗣️ Spread the word. Share the event with friends, neighbors, and coworkers who'd enjoy celebrating the KIC community and seeing a

special student performance. Tickets are \$125: [get tickets here](#). Early bird pricing ends October 16th.

Kingston-North Kitsap Rotary Supports KIC!

A big thank-you to the Kingston North Kitsap Rotary for a \$2,000 grant that helped us buy new chairs and rugs for our ensemble spaces at KMS. The rugs soften the echo, so our students can actually hear each other while they play. That's a big deal when you're learning to make music as a team. We're grateful to have neighbors who invest in our kids!



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

- October 12th: No KIC day
- November 14th 5:30pm KIC Gala at Kiana Lodge
- December 10th: 6:30pm Winter Concert at North Kitsap Auditorium
- February 12: Team A plays at Benaroya Hall.

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