ALL IN FOR AUTISM, APRIL 29TH – JOIN TEAM KINDERING!

This annual family event is brought to you by the Bellevue Breakfast Rotary to raise funds in support of Kindering & projects benefitting children & families. All In offers a challenging 10k, a 5k for the whole family & a non-competitive Kids’ Dash open to all kids age 10 and under. Follow the link below to register as part of Team Kindering – general registration ends March 31st!

https://secure.getmeregistered.com/homepage.php?id=127441

Don’t want to run? We need volunteers! Follow the link below to sign up & remember to mention Kindering!

http://allinforautism.org/volunteers/

LAST GIVEBIG EVER ON MAY 9TH

Mark your calendars for GiveBig, the one-day online giving campaign, which raises crucial funds that support Kindering’s therapies, education, and more! This is the final year of this campaign, and we’re hoping to go REALLY BIG so we can reach more families than ever!

What: GiveBig, the one-day online community giving campaign
When: Wednesday, May 9 (all day)
Planning Ahead? Starting on April 26, you can pre-schedule your donation!
How: Visit Kindering’s GiveBIG page at:
https://www.givebigseattle.org/kindering

PAINT NITE WITH KINDERING!

May 10th at 6:30pm
Join Kindering for a fun & unique night out at BJ’s Restaurant in Redmond. Have a great time with friends & staff while creating a beautiful masterpiece to take home. A portion of your Paint Nite ticket & any food purchases from BJ’s Restaurant (flyer attached) will be donated to Kindering! Link to tickets:

PARENTING PLUS- FREE CLASS

Did you know, Kindering offers Parenting Plus, a free 10 week parenting class for parents of children ages 2 through 12. It is offered by Kindering and taught by Lois Ralph. The next class will be offered in our Bothell location, 19801 North Creek Parkway, May 7th - July 16th (no class May 28th). Registration is open. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Lois.Ralph@kindering.org, 425.653.4302 or sign up on line https://kindering.org/our-services/family-support/parenting-plus-registration/

“Kindering embraces children of diverse abilities and their families by providing the finest education and therapies to nurture hope, courage, and the skills to soar.”
April 2nd is National Autism Awareness Day (Please wear Blue)
April 5th the UN has designated it “Empowering Women and Girls with Autism” awareness Day.
So on April 2nd and throughout World Autism Month in April please wear blue, and have others do the same.
Also, don’t forget to take a selfie wearing blue and tag it #LightItUpBlue! If you are looking for tips to get started, click here.

STEPPING STONES TODDLER PRESCHOOL
We are currently enrolling children in our Stepping Stones Toddler Preschool program at our new location in Renton, as well as at our Bothell and Bellevue campuses. Our spaces for children who are receiving early intervention services are limited (your child may be added to the waitlist if they are not already). We are also enrolling community preschoolers- please refer friends or enroll siblings, ages 22-33 months. For more information, please contact your Family Resources Coordinator, your current providers or the Early Learning Coordinator Lauri Stoll @ 425.747.4004 ext. 4332 or email Lauri.Stoll@kindering.org.

2018 SPEAKER SERIES
We’re pleased to announce the 2018 – Kindering Speaker Series. Come as early as 6:00 pm for mingling and light refreshments. Please RSVP to Colleen Willis at Colleen.Willis@kindering.org or leave a message at 425.289.7527 so we can ensure space is available. Childcare is not available for the speaker series.
April 25th, 2018 – location 16120 NE 8th St, KINDERING BELLEVUE
“All Kids are Gen Ed Kids First” and other phrases of importance.
Taina Karru-Olsen, Inclusion for ALL
Prepare for when your child transitions through programs. Learn the real definition of meaningful inclusion, its importance, and strategies that will result in meaningful inclusion in education and in the community through cross-disability advocacy. The topic is presented by Inclusion for ALL, a grassroots cross-disability organization.

ILLNESS EXCLUSION AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY
Kindering is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all children, staff and other volunteers of the agency. We view parents as our partners in promoting the safety and health of others by preventing the spread of communicable disease. To that end, we consider the advice of the King County Health Department. Please take a minute to review the entire policy located in your parent handbook. Thanks for your continued support in the is area! Parent Handbook link: Parent Handbook

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY CLICK HERE

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Hello! My name is Kate Wilhite Brickell and I am a new CHERISH Social Worker here at Kindering. I grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii and then traveled to Washington State to obtain my degree in Psychology from the University of Washington. After receiving my Bachelor's degree, I worked in impatient settings with youth ages 5-18. Throughout this work, I became passionate about advancing my skill set to support these families. As such, I returned to the University of Washington to pursue my Master's in Social Work. During my Master's program, I worked with infants, pregnant people, parents, and families. After graduating with my Master's Degree, I have worked with prenatally substance exposed infants and their families in a medical setting. In my free time I love to camp, kayak, paddleboard, and spend time with friends and family.

Hi! My name is Tobey Close (they/them pronouns) and I am a new occupational therapist here at Kindering. I grew up in San Diego and then received my Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Rochester in New York. After I graduated I spent 2 years in the Peace Corps in Jordan teaching special education, then moved to Seattle, where I worked at Childhaven as a therapeutic teacher for children experiencing abuse and neglect. I stayed in Seattle for my graduate degree and recently completed my Masters in Occupational Therapy from the University of Washington. In my free time I enjoy playing the guitar and ukulele, hiking, camping, biking, reading, and spending time with family, friends, and my delightful cat, Fitzgerald. I’m very excited to join the Kindering team and look forward to meeting you all!

Hello! My name is Ting Hsiao. I am very excited to join Kindering as a BCBA and Early Childhood Special Educator. I am originally from Taiwan and moved to the States in 2002. I received my Master's degree in Early Childhood Special Education at University of Illinois in 2005 before becoming a mom. I took a career break staying at home for my kids, running a home business, and volunteering for children with autism in the community. As my children grow older, I decided to pursue my passion and become a BCBA. In Spring 2017, I completed my BCBA coursework and practicum at University of Washington and started working as a behavior technician serving young children with autism. It is amazing that I am able to work at Kindering where I used to volunteer. In my free time, I enjoy skiing, hiking, playing piano and watercolors. I look forward to meeting and learning with you all.