GRADUATION & FAMILY FUN DAY
AUGUST 15, 2018

Please join us at our Graduation Celebration honoring the Kindering Class of 2018 on Wednesday, August 15th at 9:30 a.m. We will gather in Crossroads Park near Kindering Bellevue between the pavilion & the play structure. We look forward to seeing Bothell, Renton, and Bellevue graduates there! Look for an invitation in the mail coming soon if your child will be attending graduation. Stick around after the ceremony for an opportunity to connect with other Kindering families with some fun activities and treats at the Family Fun Day in the grassy area behind the building. The Family Fun Day will be from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and is open to all Kindering families, including siblings.

KINDERING PARENT SURVEY 2018

Dear Kindering Families:
Quality improvement is very important to Kindering. We use the below survey to get feedback on how we are doing and what kind of improvements you would like to see.
Please complete this anonymous online survey by August 31, 2018. Go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Kindering2018
Thank you for helping us to evaluate and improve our services!
If you experience problems with this survey or need an alternate format, please contact us at surveys@kindering.org

NIGHT OUT FOR KINDERING IS AUGUST 21!

Join us for a fantastic evening of drinks, food, and friends in a fun and laid-back atmosphere! Our 3rd annual summer FUNraiser will showcase stories from courageous Kindering families and will feature small bites and masterfully-crafted cocktails by our event partner Tito’s Vodka!

When: Tuesday, August 21, 6pm – 9pm
Where: Ryan James Fine Arts (11905 124th Ave NE, Kirkland)
RSVP: Admission is free! Details and registration on the Night out for Kindering webpage, or email Anne (anne.acker@kindering.org).

SALUTE TO COURAGE LUNCHEON – REGISTER TODAY!

The Salute to Courage Luncheon is a chance to gather with family, friends, and the community to celebrate the courage of Kindering’s extraordinary kiddos! Join us for our signature fall event to enjoy a nice lunch and learn about our programs and the impact they are making on the children in our care.

When: Friday, October 5, 11:30am – 1:30pm
Where: Hyatt Regency Bellevue (900 Bellevue Way NE)
RSVP: Learn more and register on the Salute to Courage webpage, or email Jennifer (jennifer.schumacher@kindering.org).
BABY STEPS
Have you wished you could meet other parents of infants/toddlers with special needs? Have you wondered where you could take your baby to experience socialization, play, and also have adult contact? Would you like new play ideas and songs? If you answered yes to any of the questions, then Baby Steps may be for you!

Baby Steps is a parent/infant class that focuses on connection, play, support, and building relationships. In this class, the joys and challenges of raising a child with special needs will be shared, celebrated, and supported. Baby Steps is the first of many beginnings.

If interested, contact your family resource coordinator for more class details.

SIBSHOPS
If your child with special needs has a 6-11 year old typically developing brother or sister, Sibshops is a great opportunity for siblings to connect and share their experiences. Visit https://kindering.org/services/familysupport/sibshops/ or email sibshops@kindering.org.

FATHERS NETWORK
Join the Fathers Network mailing list to get monthly information about articles, workshops, conferences, classes and events. Anyone, not just dads, are welcome to be on the mailing list.

CHERISH
Do you know a foster child in King County age 3-5? Kindering’s CHERISH™ program now serves this expanded age group thanks to a Best Starts for Kids grant from King County. To find out more, please go to: https://cherish.kindering.org or call 425.653.4321.

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.

2018-2019 FAMILY CALENDARS
Family Calendar webpage, at: https://kindering.org/kindering-families/family-calendar/
Hi! My name is Jenna Osborn, and I am a new Speech-Language Pathologist at Kindering. I grew up in Edmonds, Washington, and completed my undergraduate studies in Psychology at the University of Washington. After working in a rehabilitation setting and discovering speech therapy, I earned my Master’s in Speech-Language Pathology from Eastern Washington University. I’ve always loved working with children, and have found a passion in early intervention. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, camping, playing tennis, and chasing after my nephews, 2 and 4. I am excited to join the Kindering team, and look forward to meeting you!

Hello! My name is Andrea Dickstein and I am a new Parent Child Home Program (PCHP) Home Visitor. I grew up in Minnesota and have lived in Seattle for 15 years with stops in Boston, Atlanta and Austin along the way. I received my degree in elementary education and human and organizational development at Vanderbilt University. After getting my Masters in Education with a focus on Risk and Prevention, I taught first grade in Boston and Atlanta. Most recently, I have led several PEPS groups for Moms and Newborns as well as a Parenting Group at Mary’s Place Shelter. I feel so fortunate to be working as a Home Visitor in early intervention with such a talented team. I am the lucky Mom of three kids ages 18, 16 and 11. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, exercising, reading and experimenting with new recipes.