**JULY NEWS**

**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:


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

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**PLANT NITE:**

**JULY 26**

**7:00PM**

Create your own table top garden while enjoying a fun night out with friends – no green thumb required!

Our Plant Nite host will provide everything you need to make a beautiful terrarium so all you have to do make your vision come to life! The best part? A portion of your ticket will be donated to Kindering!


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Becoming a new mom is a journey of joy and excitement but there are other emotions too. Along the way, moms may experience intense feelings, stress responses, parenting concerns and conflict within the family. This class will help participants identify and nourish their emotional well-being.

Presented by: Rosanne Carter, Infant Mental Health Therapist at Kindering.

Location: Verdant Health Commission (4710 196th St SW, Lynnwood, WA 98036)
Light Refreshments and mingling from 6:00-6:30PM. Presentation and Q&A Session from 6:30-8:30PM.

NO CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE but young babies in arms are welcome.

Please RSVP to Colleen Willis at 425.289.7527 or by emailing colleen.willis@kindering.org before July 8th. Pre-registration is required.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Hello! My name is Meghan Love and I am very excited to join Kindering’s wonderful team of Family Resource Coordinators. I grew up right outside of Kansas City and just moved to Washington a couple of weeks ago. I received my bachelor’s degree in Human Services, Integrative Practice with an emphasis in Victim/Survivor services from Washburn University. I am currently working on a second bachelor’s in Communicative Sciences and Disorders online through Eastern New Mexico University. Before coming to Kindering, I worked as a substitute special education teacher in elementary and pre-schools in Topeka, Kansas. When I have free time, I enjoy hiking and camping with my boyfriend and dogs, playing soccer, and going to concerts.

Hello! My name is Dayna and I am a new Speech-Language Pathologist here at Kindering. I grew up in Puerto Rico. I visit my home town at least once a year, where I eat all my favorite foods and dance Salsa and Merengue! I moved to the United States in 2007 and attended the University of Utah where I received my Bachelor’s degrees in French Language and Literature and Communication Sciences and Disorders. I also received my Master’s in Speech-Language Pathology. After graduating, I worked for a year at a charter school in Salt Lake City, Utah called “Spectrum Academy,” a school for children with autism. In my free time, I enjoy trail running, dancing, climbing, reading, and writing!

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/ to learn more and register 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.

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