JULY NEWS
FOR THE PARENTS OF KINDERING CHILDREN

GRADUATION & FAMILY FUN DAY
Please join us at our Graduation Celebration honoring the Kindering Class of 2019 on Friday, August 16th 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 Bellevue, Bothell, Redmond, and Renton graduates there! Look for an invitation in the mail coming soon if your child is in the Class of 2019. Stick around after the ceremony for an opportunity to connect with other Kindering families and enjoy some fun activities and treats at Family Fun Day in the grassy area behind our building. Family Fun Day will be from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and is open to all Kindering families, including siblings.

SAVE THE DATE!
You’re invited to join Kindering for an evening of summer fun! Admission is free, so bring a friend and enjoy Washington wine and tasty tapas while playing lawn games, trying your luck in the wine toss, bidding in our silent auction and much more.

RSVP Here!

SALUTE TO COURAGE
Join us for our 14th Annual Salute to Courage Luncheon on Friday, October 25 at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue. Kindering’s Salute to Courage Luncheon is a chance to gather with family, friends, and the community to celebrate the courage of the extraordinary children who walk through Kindering’s doors every day! This event allows our community to sit down to a nice lunch and learn about our programs and the impact they are making on the children in our care. Our keynote speaker this year will be Dr. Jeff Sperring, CEO of Seattle Children’s. For more information and to register, visit: kindering.org/luncheon

KINDERING PARENT SURVEY 2019
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.

Click here for the anonymous, online survey. Please complete by August 31st, 2019.

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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2019 CALENDAR

JULY 1-5
EARLY INTERVENTION JULY BREAK
No Classes or Therapies for EI
Programs Only
KidsClinic will be open except for July 4th

JULY 4
HOLIDAY—CLOSED
Early Intervention and KidsClinic
No Classes or Therapies

JULY 18
NIGHT OUT FOR KINDERING at WOODHOUSE WINE ESTATES in Woodinville
6:00-9:00 PM

JULY 30
SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP SERIES
Sensory Play Strategies for Home
KINDERING BELLEVUE
6:00-8:30 PM

AUGUST 16
GRADUATION & FAMILY FUN DAY
KINDERING BELLEVUE
9:30-11:30 AM
SIBSHOPS
WHAT ARE SIBSHOPS?
Sibshops are fun, action-packed workshops in which siblings of children with special needs are encouraged to share challenges and celebrate joys with brothers and sisters in similar situations. It’s a celebration of the many contributions that brothers and sisters of children with special needs make to their families and communities.

WHAT HAPPENS AT SIBSHOPS?
Based on the Children’s Hospital program model designed by Don Meyer, each Sibshop mixes information and discussion activities with new games, active play, and art projects! Dinner and dessert will also be provided.

WHEN & WHERE ARE SIBSHOPS?
Kindering is pleased to offer Sibshops at the Bellevue, Bothell, and Renton campuses. Sibshops will be hosted at the following locations/times:

Bellevue – 16120 NE 8th St, (behind Bellevue fire station 3)
October–June - Third Friday of each month from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Renton – Meadow Crest Early Learning Center
1800 Index Ave NE
October-June – Second Thursday of each month from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Bothell – coming soon!

WHO CAN ATTEND?
Typically developing 1st-6th graders. Groups may be split by age/grade for some activities.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
$30 per session, per child. This includes dinner. Scholarship funds may be available upon request. Learn more and register online at www.kindering.org/sibshops or contact Kindering Sibshops facilitators at sibshops@kindering.org.

PARENTCHILD+
Did you know that Kindering offers ParentChild+ (formerly known as Parent Child Home Program), a free, intensive early learning home-visiting program? ParentChild+ strengthens families who have not had access to educational and economic opportunities and prepares young children to succeed in school. ParentChild+ visits your home twice a week, each time for 30 minutes, and your child receives a free book or toy each week! Our ParentChild+ home visitors speak English, Spanish and Arabic. ParentChild+ is supported by a national program and is research based. ParentChild+ began in 1965, just a few years after Kindering opened!

We’re enrolling now for the coming school year. Contact the ParentChild+ phone line: 425-289-7517, parentchild+@kindering.org or reach me at 425-289-7515, Marjorie.schnyder@kindering.org.

OPEN ENROLLMENT: STEPPING STONES TODDLER PRESCHOOL
We are currently enrolling children ages 22-33 months in our Stepping Stones Toddler Preschool program at our locations in Bellevue, Bothell, and Renton. We embrace learning through play with a themed curriculum and high teacher–student ratios. Children of diverse abilities are welcome, and we have lots of room for community preschoolers in this integrated program. Our spaces for those receiving early intervention services are limited, and your child may need to be added to the to the waitlist.

For more information, please contact your Family Resources Coordinator, your current providers or Lauri Stoll, our Early Learning Coordinator, at 425-747-4004 ext.4953 or by email at Lauri.Stoll@kindering.org.

BABY STEPS
CLASS IN RENTON NOW ENROLLING!
What is it?
Baby Steps is a parent-child playgroup for infants with special needs and their families designed to provide parents with information and support; access to Kindering staff and resources; and a chance to get to know other parents and children in a similar situation.

In addition, a highly qualified special educator provides parents with coaching around how to support effective play, target new skills, and have positive, responsive parent-infant interactions.

Who can join?
Baby Steps is for caregivers and their babies from birth through approximately 16-18 months of age who are eligible for Early Intervention services. Family members including parents, foster parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, and/or siblings are welcome.

When?
Classes meet Wednesdays from 12-1 p.m.

How do I register?
Please contact your Family Resources Coordinator or your child’s therapist to discuss enrollment, as space is limited and subject to availability.
CLASSROOM SUBSTITUTES
Kindering is currently accepting applications for Classroom Substitutes. Subs join our classes on an intermittent basis when a Kindering staff person is out. We need more Subs at our Bellevue, Bothell, AND Renton locations.
For more information: https://kindering.org/classroom-substitute/

SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP SERIES
Does your child have difficulty engaging in activities because of sensory and emotional regulation difficulties? This event will provide information and give you some easy play strategies to help your child stay involved. Learn how to challenge your child while also empowering them! There will be ample time for Q&A. No childcare is available. RSVP online at kindering.org/speaker-series
Presented by Alex Neukirch, Kindering Occupational Therapist
Tuesday, July 30
6:00-6:30 pm: Mingling and light refreshments
6:30-8:30 pm: Presentation
Kindering Bellevue
16120 NE 8th Street, Bellevue

WEATHER REMINDER
As the weather begins to warm up, please remember to never leave your children or pets alone in the car. Temperatures can get very hot in just a few minutes, even with the window down. If you have older siblings with you or just need help getting your child into Kindering for class or therapy, please talk to your child’s teachers. We are happy to help keep everyone safe this summer.

WELCOME NEW STAFF
Hi! My name is Stacey Merkling and I am a new physical therapist here at Kindering! I grew up in Snohomish, WA and attended Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles for my Bachelor of Science degree in pre-physical therapy before attending the University of Puget Sound for my Doctoral degree in Physical Therapy. After graduating I completed an internship in Early Intervention and then worked in Outpatient Pediatrics with infants and children from birth up to early adulthood. I feel so fortunate to be working in early intervention again and to join such a wonderful team here at Kindering. Outside of work I enjoy maintaining an active lifestyle and being outdoors as much as possible whether it be running, hiking, biking, boating or snowshoeing!

Hi! My name is Joie Hartley and I am a new special educator here at Kindering. I grew up in the Seattle area and completed my undergraduate degree in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education at Utah State University. I then earned my Master's degree in Early Childhood Special Education at the University of Washington and worked as a preschool teaching assistant and behavioral therapist at the Experimental Education Unit on campus. I have now worked in the field of special education for 19 years and have worked in both the school district and in a clinical setting. I feel so fortunate to be working in early intervention with such a fantastic organization. In my spare time, I love spending time with my family, and being outdoors, swimming, biking and running.

Hi! My name is Misty Siochi and I am a new speech-language pathologist here at Kindering. I am from Issaquah, WA and received my undergraduate degree in Communicative Sciences and Disorders from the University of Montana. Following this, I attended Eastern Washington University and earned my Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology while gaining clinical experience in elementary schools and both pediatric and adult clinics. While in my graduate program, I completed an internship at Kindering Bellevue and am thrilled to return to early intervention and be a part of such a wonderful organization! In my spare time, I enjoy painting, reading, hiking, camping and rock climbing.

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