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

FROM THE WA STATE FATHERS NETWORK
WA State Fathers Network Breakfast and Conference are coming up!
Come and meet other parents at the Fathers Network Annual Family Kick Off the School Year Breakfast on September 7th. See the attached flyer for more information, including how to RSVP. Please note that the deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, September 3rd.

Keep an eye out for the opening of registration for annual Fathers Network conference, in Bellevue on November 2nd. More information will be available soon on the Fathers Network website, our Facebook page, through our mailing list, and in this newsletter. This year our keynote speaker will be Roger Ideishi from Temple University. Roger is an internationally recognized expert and advocate on creating community access and inclusion for children and youth with disabilities. We’ll also have a wide range of breakout sessions including, but not limited to, a sensory processing workshop, guardianships and special needs trusts, DDA systems navigation, special education: ten tips for advocating for your child and adaptive outdoor recreation opportunities.

2019-2020 FAMILY CALENDARS
You can find our program calendars for the coming year on the Family Calendar webpage at: https://kindering.org/kindering-families/family-calendar/

2019 CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER 2
HOLIDAY—CLOSED
Early Intervention and KidsClinic
No Classes or Therapies

SEPTEMBER 3
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
No Classes or Therapies for EI Programs Only
KidsClinic open, but on a different schedule

SEPTEMBER 4
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
No Classes or Therapies for EI Programs Only
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SEPTEMBER 5
EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS RESUME

SEPTEMBER 7
KICKOFF THE SCHOOL YEAR BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 10
SPEAKER SERIES
SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP: LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT & EMOTIONAL REGULATION

SEPTEMBER 25
SPEAKER SERIES
GROWING UP SAFE

SEPTEMBER 28
SIBLING SATURDAY
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)
September-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
September-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.

SIBLING SATURDAY
At Kindering, we recognize that the brothers and sisters of the children we support are special, too! That’s why we invite parents and siblings to join us for a special Sibling Saturday!

Join us at Kindering Bothell on September 28 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Siblings will enjoy fun activities with Kindering staff who are knowledgeable about sibling issues. Parents can attend a workshop by Emily Holt, Director of The Sibling Support Project, a Kindering program. Learn about common sibling issues and strategies to support sibs. Bring your sibling questions!

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Rosanne.Carter@Kindering.org.

OPEN ENROLLMENT:
STEPPING STONES TODDLE 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.
We’re pleased to announce our 2019 Speaker Series schedule! Date and time are listed below and may vary by location. To RSVP, please click [here](#) or contact [Colleen Willis](#). Please note that unless otherwise stated, childcare is **not** available.

**SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP:**
**LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT & EMOTIONAL REGULATION**
**Tuesday, September 10th, 2019—6:15-8:30pm**
Location: Kindering Bellevue — 16120 NE 8th Street, Bellevue  
*Presented by Kate Greco, Kindering Speech Language Pathologist & Alex Neukirch, Kindering Occupational Therapist*  
6:15-6:30 pm: Mingling and light refreshments  
6:30-8:30 pm: Presentation

**GROWING UP SAFE**
**Wednesday, September 25th, 2019—6:15-8:30pm**
Location: Kindering Bellevue — 16120 NE 8th Street, Bellevue  
*Presented by Wanda Yamashita, Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, Eastside Baby Corner*  
6:15-6:30 pm: Mingling and light refreshments  
6:30-8:30 pm: Presentation

**SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP:**
**MOTOR COORDINATION & SENSORY CHALLENGES**
**Wednesday, October 16th, 2019—6:15-8:30pm**
Location: Kindering Bellevue — 16120 NE 8th Street, Bellevue  
*Presented by Hannah Patchen, Kindering Physical Therapist & Alex Neukirch, Kindering Occupational Therapist*  
6:15-6:30 pm: Mingling and light refreshments  
6:30-8:30 pm: Presentation

**BUILDING APPROPRIATE SELF-ESTEEM IN YOUR CHILD**
**Thursday, November 14th, 2019—6:00-8:30pm**
Location: Verdant Health Commission — 4710 196th St SW, Lynnwood  
*Presented by Lois Ralph, MPH Kindering Parent Education Coordinator*  
6:00-6:30 pm: Mingling and light refreshments  
6:30-8:30 pm: Presentation