3. Press Release for Children's Education Program

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Discover Japanese Traditions with *Kiku* for Kids Children's Education Program Complements Kiku: *The Art of the Japanese Chrysanthemum*

Discover the world of Japanese culture and celebrate the ancient art of *kiku* (chrysanthemum) in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden. During *Kiku* for Kids, children will participate in a variety of hands-on activities, including stepping into a Japanese teahouse, creating a colorful fish print, exploring different kinds of Japanese tea leaves, and adding an origami crane to the 1,000 crane chain. Families can write down their wishes at a special wish shrine. On weekends, visitors can participate in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony.

Kiku for Kids, which will run Tuesdays through Fridays, 1:30–5:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., is part of *Kiku*: *The Art of the Japanese Chrysanthemum*, a flower show and cultural exhibition on view in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory Courtyards from October 18 through November 16, 2008.

The Everett Children's Adventure Garden is a 12-acre indoor/outdoor museum where children discover plant science through fun, hands-on, and engaging educational programs. Interactive exhibits convey different plant science concepts. Playful elements such as mazes and topiaries, a natural wetland, glorious gardens, and more create an atmosphere of exploration and fun.

Kiku for Kids is supported by the United States-Japan Foundation, The E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, The Norinchukin Foundation, Inc., and The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership.

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad or subway. The Botanical Garden is open Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the *All-Garden Pass*, which includes admission to the grounds as well as to seasonal gardens, exhibitions, and attractions such as the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, Rock and Native Plant Gardens, and Tram Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$7 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free. For more information about the Garden, please call 718.817.8700 or visit www.nybg.org

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