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**Hello~ Thank you for taking time to read.....**

Life is UNCERTAIN.... it always will be....

Through personal discussion over the years from many families I'm thankful that K Peas Place and our Music with Mar. Classes offer an outlet to focus on fun through our challenges!

It's more than just a play place!!

**We have many new families that have joined us and are learning about the magic here at K Peas Place and in my Music with Mar. Classes w/ Miss Karen around Tampa Bay!**

Here is the history of my HOW, WHY, WHERE, WHAT...

- 9/ 2003 - Opened A Play Patch- same business as K Peas Place- with a partner.
- 2/ 2005 - Left the partnership and went mobile.
- 5/2005- Our firstborn son, Mathew, was diagnosed with Leukemia age 2.5yrs.
- 2005-2017 - I maintained community mobile classes at churches, preschools, libraries and traveled nationally/ internationally keynote speaking and teaching early childhood educators about the Music with Mar. Curriculum.
- (2008- current – Paul's Project organization in memory of Mathew- comforting families facing medical challenges in ICU and RMH.) K Peas Place is the host site for Paul's Project where we assemble PACKS (PARENT. ACCESSARY. CARE. KITS for families in medical situations)
- 1/2017- reopened as K Peas Place! (The ladybug symbol used to be a snail= as a message to slow down enter the garden and just be with your children- the new logo replaced the snail with a ladybug- a symbol of Mathew as he loved ladybugs, Mathew passed away at age 5yrs on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, after battling Leukemia. When we open K Peas Place, Tuesdays were dedicated to the 1 Voice Foundation for their TOTs program privately- they now have their own space in Brandon, Fl.
- The name K PEAS PLACE ~ (school age nickname K for Karen, P for maiden name, hence K Peas Place- PEAS = goes with the theme Mat and I are like Peas & Carrots, we go together- Mat named the business)
- 1/2020 - My husband, Mat, was diagnosed with brain cancer and I was going to shut down K Peas Place to be by his side. He advised me to keep it open. Our staff kept it open... I returned in February 2020 as Mat came home and began treatment. (Today, we celebrate that he is working full time and has stable scans- now reviewed every 6 months)
- 3/2020 COVID - Worldwide Pandemic Closed K Peas Place.
- 3/2020-7/2020 - pivoted to ONLINE classes and began OUTDOOR classes
- 7/2020 - K Peas Place reopened.
- 7/2020-2/2021 maintained ONLINE and OUTDOOR classes to meet the needs of our community navigating through fears of COVID.
- 3/2021- 5/2021- I took time off on Fridays to regroup, meditate, and reflect on the future of our classes and operations at K Peas Place.
- 5/2021 – added Fridays back to our schedule~ thankfully!
- 4/2023 – We celebrate our 6<sup>th</sup> year and continue to be grateful for each day!



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*Welcome!*

Join us for our daily classes at K Peas Place. We are forever thankful to be open today and highlight the importance of the brain research behind all the activities and day to day set up in our classes and open play sessions! The DEVELOPMENT of our children is PROFOUND and the brain and heart development is CRUCIAL. We all know we cannot go back and redo the first 3 years of life.....As promised, I pop up classes around Tampa Bay upon your request (thank you for the invitations- I love seeing you here and there and everywhere) ~ (prior to COVID, I taught our classes at an assisted living facility weekly- "Blending Generations" My mission is to connect & bring JOY through music and movement! I hope one day this will return!

I whole heartily am honored that we enrich each other's lives including key ingredients during our time together and that is LOVE, APPRECIATION, and CONNECTION! I strive to build a relationship with every family! Thank you!

**Thank you for enriching my life, I'm forever grateful! Over the years through all the modifications to survive the pandemic.....**

**K Peas Place has proven to be #1 because of you and REAL FACETIME!**

**WHY? Because we provide an loving, fun, educational, enriching, safe place to:**

**CONNECT. PLAY. CELEBRATE.**

- We say **CONNECT** - we connect people, we connect our brains & hearts!!
- We say **PLAY**- natural need- every registration received mentions a goal- to SOCIALIZE & LEARN.
- We say **CELEBRATE**- because life is uncertain, we celebrate every day!!

Visit [www.kpeasplace.com](http://www.kpeasplace.com) to learn more about all that we offer and what we are ABOUT!

Love,

Miss Karen (KP) and Family!



**APRIL ~ WE ARE COLLECTING NEW UNO CARDS for Children in the HOSPITAL in memory of Mathew! Drop off anytime!**