



# KENTFIELD VIEW

DIVERSITY | INSPIRATION | CONNECTION

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## From the Superintendent



Superintendent Raquel Rose

I am energized and excited about what the future holds for the Kentfield School Community. With our active learners, dedicated educators, supportive parents/guardians, and vibrant community we have all the necessary components for a positive and productive 2022-2023 school year. This fall, the District launches new academic programming, such as universal transitional kindergarten, along with academic and nutrition initiatives, and enrichment opportunities that you'll discover throughout this newsletter.

While we prepare for these new opportunities we also look forward to enhancing our core programs with culturally relevant curriculum that engages our students and allows them to personally connect with their learning. With programs such as Kent Middle School's All School Read and Bacich Elementary School's social emotional character pillars, the District is finding ways to help our students develop socially, find their voice, and connect with our wonderful community.

It is going to be a year filled with joy, wonder, creativity, and curiosity. I cannot predict all that may transpire, but I do know that with our spectacular students, expert educators, and supportive parent community we will make this a fantastic year of learning!

### OUR CORE BELIEFS:

- Our diversity is an asset and a promise.
- Our culture of bold thinking inspires teachers and students.
- Community connections are vital.

### WHO WE ARE:

The Kentfield School District provides a rich, high-quality education in a learning environment that is physically and emotionally safe for all students and teachers.

Social emotional learning and character development are valued alongside academics.

## New Programs: Transitional Kindergarten & School Lunch



The KSD is reinstating Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for children turning five (5) between September 2 and February 2, and we are thrilled to serve our preschool age youngsters on the Bacich campus. Our school team has been planning for this launch since last November and we are proud of the high quality early learning program that has been prepared for our children.

We also look forward to offering a school food program for all students. Research studies show through providing nutritious school meals we are establishing healthy behaviors while supporting cognitive development and academic success.

The benefits each of these state-mandated programs bring for our students and families is invaluable, although we must also acknowledge that the KSD does not receive any additional funding to operate these initiatives. The District is thankful for the generosity of our community in supporting our implementation of these programs – and we look forward to seeing how these new offerings may impact our school operations while we maintain a rich and innovative school experience for all students.

### School Board Information

Contact Details  
Agendas/Minutes  
Resolutions/Policies

[www.kentfieldschools.org](http://www.kentfieldschools.org)  
click "School Board"

### Meeting Schedule:

Typically, every second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. in the District Office.

All are welcome to attend.

# Bacich Elementary School



Principal Maria Martin

experience as a local small business owner and my prior career as a lawyer.

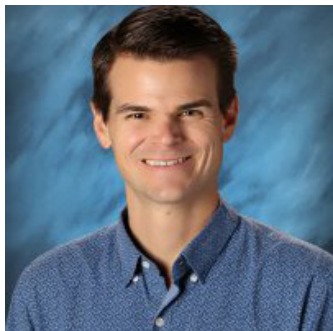
As we prepare to welcome our Bacich Bears to the 2022-2023 school year, our teachers and staff are focused on creating an environment where our children will thrive in an inclusive school community that demonstrates kindness, embraces curiosity, and challenges our students to reach their potential. My goal as your new leader is to establish a renewed and strengthened partnership with parents and community members. Together we will foster a school environment that values diversity and cultivates a love of learning and a strong sense of belonging for all.

It is with great enthusiasm that I take on the role of principal for Bacich Elementary School. From the eager and vivacious students to the dedicated staff and engaged parent community we are destined for greatness. My experiences as a teacher and parent in the KSD for the past 16 years offer a unique perspective that I plan to use as I navigate this new role among my school family. I will also lean on my



We are thrilled to welcome ten new staff members to the Bacich School faculty — five new teachers, four new paraprofessionals, and a new assistant principal. Our newest members of the Bacich team bring varied experiences and talents that will enhance student learning. We are fortunate to also have our familiar veteran staff returning and ready to greet our young learners and families. Together we are excited to launch a new school year and create joyful memories of a lifetime.

# Kent Middle School



Principal Grant Althouse

All School Read of the powerful text *Rolling Warrior: The Incredible, Sometimes Awkward, True Story of a Rebel Girl on Wheels Who Helped Spark a Revolution*. This true story of

We eagerly await the return of our enthusiastic Kent Falcon students for what promises to be a fruitful year of innovation, connection, and community at our school.

The 2022-2023 school year lies ahead full of promise and purpose, with Kent staff ready to challenge each learner to reach their fullest academic, social, and creative potential. I'm particularly looking forward to this year's

advocacy and perseverance is sure to inspire our community of learners, deepening our understanding of equity and inclusion while we share in a common literary experience.

We will continue our efforts to provide cohesion and connection across the student experience at our school, emphasizing the grade level through-lines or themes through a variety of lessons and experiences to launch this school year.

- **Fifth:** Independence — How can I take charge of myself and contribute to all of my communities?
- **Sixth:** Impact — How do my choices and actions affect me, my family and my community?
- **Seventh:** Perseverance — How can I learn from my mistakes and grow?
- **Eighth:** Legacy — How do my actions and my words define my character?



Our dedicated and experienced staff is excited to welcome each and every Kent Falcon beginning August 24th. We are confident that with our intentional instructional planning and our strong community partnerships this will be a spectacular school year!

# Measure D: Citizens Oversight Committee 2022 Report

Kentfield School District's Measure D General Obligation Bonds were authorized in the general election of November 2014. Seventy percent of voters in our school district approved the issuance and sale of bonds with a principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.

Upon passage of Measure D, the Board engaged the services of CSDA Design Group to lead the community through master facilities planning and subsequently hired QKA Architects, Counterpoint Construction Services for construction management services, and Lathrop Construction as its builders. An inclusive, nine-month-long design process engaged staff and community in planning additions and improvements.

Modernization, safety upgrades, and new administrative offices were completed at both campuses, as well as a new music classroom at Kent and a new building at Bacich housing six classrooms, student breakout rooms, storage, and restrooms. This summer the District has continued work with QKA Architects and Lathrop Construction to support both sites with new heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units. Due to the manufacturing backlog of the HVAC units, this final project is anticipated to be complete by December 2022.

In accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39, the District established a Citizens Oversight Committee (COC)

## CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ralph Miller, Chair	Taxpayer's Organization Member
Allison Salzer, Vice-Chair	Business Owner
Ross McKenna	Senior Citizens Representative
Debra Fletcher	Community-at-Large
Tracy Coombe	Parent/KSPTA
Vacant*	Community Member

## 2022-2023 COC Meetings

September 14, 2022  
 February 2022 (date TBD)      4:00 p.m. in the District Office  
 May 2022 (date TBD)

Our website calendar at [kentfieldschools.org](http://kentfieldschools.org) will post the meeting date once the February and May meetings are confirmed.

*\*Please contact the District Office if you are interested in serving in this vacant role.*

to review and report on the expenditure of bond revenues. Members of the committee represent the constituencies prescribed by Proposition 39. The Citizens Oversight Committee reviewed the School Board-approved annual financial and performance audits (April 2022) of the Measure D Building Fund and confirmed that bond funds are being expended for the purposes described in the ballot measure. The final closing report on Measure D Bond funds shall happen by June 2023.

## KENTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT AT-A-GLANCE\*

### Students

Bacich	522
Kent	515

### Certificated Staff

Bacich	41
Kent	42
District Office	2

### Classified Staff

Bacich	18
Kent	14
District Office	6

\*2021-2022 End of Year Data

## Newly design buildings to school meals for all – thanks to the generous support of our community and school partners!





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Residential Customer

Kentfield School District educates 1,037 students in Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade at Bacich Elementary School and Kent Middle School. Our teachers offer innovative, award-winning programs that engage our students' creativity, character, and curiosity, and empower them to reach high, work hard, and be kind.  
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# IMPORTANT DATES

Discover more events at [www.kentfieldschools.org](http://www.kentfieldschools.org)

AUGUST 2022		SEPTEMBER 2022	
22	Bacich TK/Kindergarten Back to School Night, 6-7 p.m. (parents and guardians only)	5	Labor Day, no school
23	Kent 5th Grade & New Students Orientation Students only, 9-11 a.m. New Family Orientation 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	6	District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC), Bacich Library, 5 p.m.
	School Board Meeting, 5 p.m.*	7	Bacich ELAC Meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
	Bacich Family Welcome & Social, 5-6 p.m.	12	KSD Safety Committee, 9 a.m.
24	First Day of School	13	School Board Meeting Trustee candidate interviews 4-5 p.m. Regular meeting 5-8 pm.
	KSPTA Back to School Coffee, Bacich, 8:15 a.m.	20	KSD Equity & Inclusion Committee, 4 p.m.
25	KSPTA Back to School Coffee, Kent, 8:30 a.m.	25	<b>KIK</b> Family Fun Day
	Kent Back to School Night, 6-8 p.m. (0 period music class begins at 5:45 p.m.)	*Time may be adjusted	
26	Kent Minimum Day & School Picture Day		
29	KSPTA General Meeting, 7-8 p.m.		
30	Bacich School Picture Day		
31	Bacich Back to School Night for Grades 1-4, 6-7:30 p.m. (parents and guardians only),		