

# Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, November 30, 2017

*\* This is a long newsletter - you may need to click "view entire message" to read all of it. \**

**Bacich  
News**

**Kent  
News**

District Office: 415-458-5130

Bacich Office: 415-925-2220

Report Bacich Absence: 415-925-2222

Kent Office: 415-458-5970

Report Kent Absence: 415-458-5972

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\* El boletín se convierten utilizando Google Translate. Entendemos que esto no es una traducción perfecta, sin embargo, esperamos que sea útil para las familias de que hablan español. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la información, póngase en contacto con nosotros.

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## News You Need

- Bacich: Second Grade Heritage Day 12/1
- Lost and Found items to be donated 12/8
- Kent Book Drive ends 12/12/2017, [view donation list here](#).
- Winter Break: 12/22/2017 - 1/5/2018
- Looking for a special gift for your special someone? Look no further than the [5th Annual Craft Fair](#), Wednesday, December 6th, 1:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Bacich Community Center.

## Upcoming Events

### Friday - 12/1/2017

- Heritage Day - 2nd Grade

### Monday - 12/4/2017

- KSPTA meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Kent Library, [agenda](#)
- [Bacich Site Council](#), 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library

### Tuesday - 12/5/2017

- [Kent Site Council](#), 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### Wednesday - 12/6/2017

- [Kentfield Craft Fair](#), 1:30-6 p.m., Bacich Community Center

### Thursday - 12/7/2017

- Kent Community Service Assembly, 1:26-2:09 p.m.

### Friday - 12/8/2017

- Lost and Found Donated

### Save the Date

- 12/12: [School Board](#) meeting, 5 p.m., District Office
- 12/12: [Kent Laurel Dell Book Drive](#) ends
- 12/14: [Finance Committee](#) meeting, 3:45-4:45 p.m., District Office
- 12/14: 4th Grade Winter Voices Concert, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bacich Community Center
- 12/21: Noon dismissal for Winter break
- 1/8/18: School Resumes

[View Entire District Calendar](#)

[Download](#) Board-approved 2017-18 District Calendar

\* Please note that February 2018 vacation is different than February 2017 break.\*

## Superintendent's Update



Dear Kentfield Community,

As you may recall, I wrote earlier this month about our process for selecting a new principal for Kent as Skip Kniesche is retiring at the end of this school year.

Our job description and advertisement are nearly completed and we continue to gather input on desired characteristics in Kent's next leader. If you would like to weigh in, please take a few minutes to complete this [form](#).

If you would like to be considered to participate in screening applications and interviewing candidates, a commitment of approximately three days in February and/or March, please [email me](#) and describe your interest in being involved in this process.

Happy December!

Liz Schott  
Superintendent

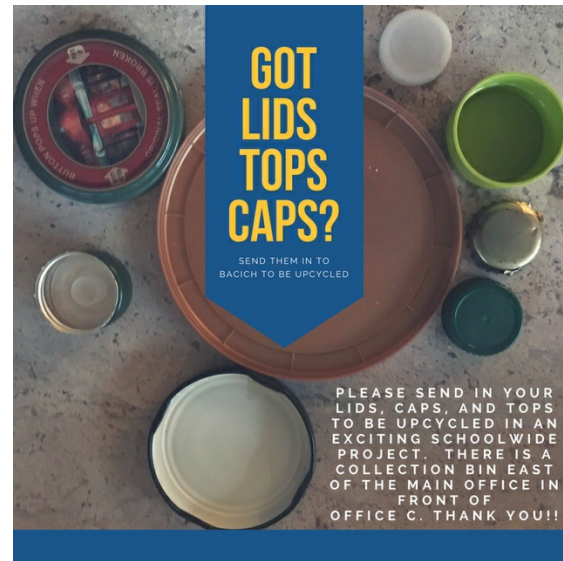
## District Resources

- [2017-2018 LCAP](#)
- [Board Meeting Information and Agendas](#)

- [Emergency Safety Procedures for Parents](#)
- [Parenting Series: Addressing Racism](#)
- [No Bully! Ten Ways To Bully-Proof Your Child](#)
- [Immigrant Student and Family Resources](#)
- [English Learners Parent Guide - Spanish, English](#)
- [Video Tutorial to Set-Up Online Accounts](#)

## **ELPAC Practice Tests**

English Learner parents, please visit [this website](#) for sample/practice questions from the new ELPAC test that English Learner students will take in the spring.



## **Bacich Elementary School**



Dear Bacich Families,

December is on the horizon! For some of our families, the impending holidays and the end of the calendar year offer wonder and excitement. For others this can be a stressful time with overwhelming feelings of the prospect of the holidays, buying and wrapping gifts, big gatherings and children with (seemingly) little to do for the two weeks when school is out.

One of my favorite parenting books is titled *Mitten Strings From God - Reflections For Mothers In a Hurry*. The author, Katrina Kenison, reminds us to take our cue from nature and slow down during the winter months and holiday time. She suggests choosing to do less out in the world and spend more time "sequestered inside, nestled in with your children, hot cocoa and books, mail-order catalogues and afghans."

Every day holds potential for celebration and ceremony in the eyes of children - a full winter moon, a stormy afternoon, a "rain boot walk" in puddles, the baking of a cake or decorating for the holidays. I encourage you to celebrate these small moments and the offbeat occasions that pop up during your days together over the next several weeks. Try to keep the focus on family, on your meaningful rituals, traditions, and simple activities.

As the mother of two grown children, I know that the time you have to enjoy and appreciate these simple and small moments as a family is short. The years go by quickly, and our children grow up, move away to far off places, develop their own interests, create their own celebrations, and migrate from the family nest.

I encourage families to consider giving one another the gift of time during the holiday season. Find opportunities for your family to be quiet together in the midst of all the seasonal events and expectations, and appreciate the simple things, that the season has to offer. *These* are the magical moments that your children will remember.

Sally Peck  
Bacich Principal

## Bacich Parent Resources

[2017-18 Bacich Student-Parent Handbook](#)

[2017-18 Bacich Bell Schedule](#)

[Safe Routes to School and recommended park & walk spaces](#)

[Car Line Procedures](#)

Bacich Office: 415-925-2220

Attendance Hotline to report a student absence: 415-925-2222



**Bacich Math  
Matters Blog**



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**Music  
Parents  
and Kids**



**Bacich  
Library  
News**



**Art Blog**

## Bacich Parent Events

12/4 [Bacich Site Council meeting](#), 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library

### **Kindergarten Registration**

February 28, 2018  
Bacich Community Center  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Krista Geissberger in the Bacich  
Office for more information.

[kgeissberger@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:kgeissberger@kentfieldschools.org)  
415-925-2220

## School Tours

Tours of Bacich are available for Kentfield and Greenbrae families who are new to the district with children entering TK through fourth grade. If you have any questions please contact Jan Canon at 415-925-2220 or [jcanon@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:jcanon@kentfieldschools.org).

### **Tour Registration Information**

**Tour Dates** - all tours will begin at 9 a.m. and last about 1 hour.

December 7, 2017	January 11, 2018	February 8, 2018
December 14, 2017	January 25, 2018	February 22, 2018
March 8, 2018		May 3, 2018
March 22, 2018	April 19, 2018	May 17, 2018
		May 31, 2018

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## School Portraits

There is still time to order prints and digital files of your child's school portrait! Online print orders will be received within just a few days of order placement and digital orders may be downloaded immediately!

Prices increase January 1, 2018.

[More Information](#)

## Bacich Library

[Research Database for Class Projects](#)

[Marin County Pathfinder Resource Guide](#) for 3rd Grade Project

[Online Public Access Catalog](#)

## Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

The first week back from Thanksgiving is always a little slow, but our Falcons showed up ready to finish out our first trimester! From final projects being completed to enterprising sales, our campus was abuzz as we head toward December.

Speaking of buzzing, please join us in wishing our 8th grade Spelling Bee winners good luck at the Marin County Spelling Bee this Saturday, December 2nd. Hannah Morgan and Agneya Poduval will be representing Kent in this annual spell-off and we couldn't "bee" more proud of them!

Finally, this is the last week to get 8th grade baby pictures into [Ms. Stephens](#) for the yearbook. We will be sending those off to the publisher for scanning early next week. We have extended the original artwork deadline to next Friday, December 8th, so have your budding artist get their sketches, drawings, and original work to room 34. Yearbooks are still available to purchase as well. Just go to: [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter our school code: 7587.

Skip Kniesche  
Principal

## Kent Parent Resources

[Kent Back to School Information Packet](#)

[2017-2018 Kent Student-Parent Handbook](#)

[Electronic Device Policy Summary](#)



2017-2018 Kent Bell Schedule  
Safe Routes to School  
Parking Lot, Drop Off Procedures, and Visitor Parking  
Kent Library Information and Instagram @kentmiddleschoollibrary

Kent Office: 415-458-5970  
Attendance Hotline to report a student absence: 415-458-5972

Kent Counselors

Corey Shaw  
Tuesday-Friday  
[cshaw@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:cshaw@kentfieldschools.org)  
415-482-9852

Heidi Longo  
Monday-Thursday  
[hlongo@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:hlongo@kentfieldschools.org)  
415-482-9851

## Kent Parent Events

12/5 Kent Site Council meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

[YearbookOrderCenter.com](http://YearbookOrderCenter.com)

School code: 7587

1.866.287.3096 

## Kent Library

Give  THE Gift  
of Reading!

## Laurel Dell Holiday Book Drive

This holiday season give the gift of reading to a student from Laurel Dell School!

Follow this [link to our sign up genius](#) for the Laurel Dell [wish list](#).  
Sign up to buy a new copy of any of the books from the list.

The bonus is that you can brighten a child's holiday and give back to Kentfield Schools. You can buy books on Amazon using this link: [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) (make sure that "supporting" links to "Kentfield Schools") to give back to KSD, or make your purchase locally at the Book Passage and mention Kent Middle School to donate a portion of your purchase to our school!

Your books can be brought to your language arts classroom collection box or to the Kent Library. Financial contributions will also be accepted.

Thank you for giving the gift of reading this holiday season!

## Kent Athletics



## Basketball Practice Schedule

6th girls- Mondays at 3:45 p.m.  
6th boys- Thursdays at 3:45 p.m.

7th girls- Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m.  
7th boys- Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. (no coach yet\*)

8th girls- Mondays at 4:45 p.m.  
8th boys- Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

### \* 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Needed

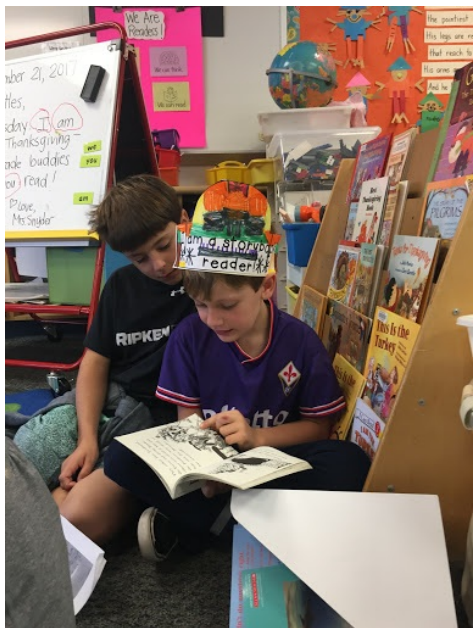
- Practices at 4:45 on Tuesdays
- Games on Wednesdays, starting in January

Please contact Ryan Palmer ([rpalmer@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:rpalmer@kentfieldschools.org)) if you or anyone you know is interested.

Go Falcons!

## Kentfield Kudos

### Kentfield Reading Buddies



Kentfield School District's Reading Buddy program partners older and younger students together to provide a mentor relationship that promotes literacy and social development.

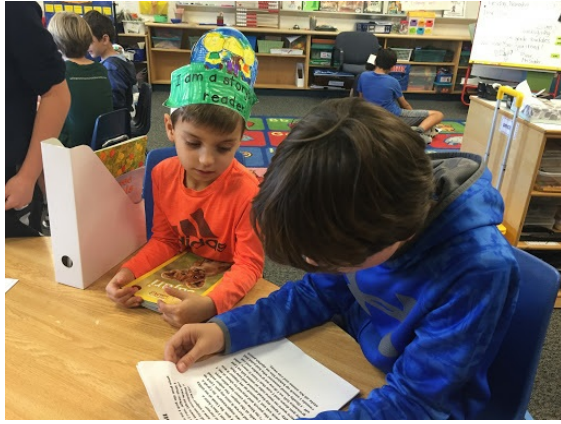
Kindergarteners are paired with fourth graders, first graders with third graders, and second graders with fifth graders. Partner classes meet together at least once a month for a reading project.

Buddies participate in "getting to know you" activities, read books together, do arts and crafts, make seasonal/holiday decorations, play games, and celebrate our academic achievements together. Reading Buddies also spend time together outside of the classroom, such as walking together on a field trip to the Kent drama performances or playing outdoor games together.

Students are always asking their teachers, "when is the next Buddy Day!???" At a recent buddy gathering, kindergarteners read story books to their fourth grade buddies. The older students listened and provided gentle help to their younger buddies. Later, the kindergarteners listened with bright eyes and faces of wonder as the fourth graders read stories they had authored.

This programs provides the older child an opportunity to be the teacher. Younger children feel comfortable knowing they have an older buddy who cares for them and helps them. And, the younger buddies cannot wait to be an older buddy one

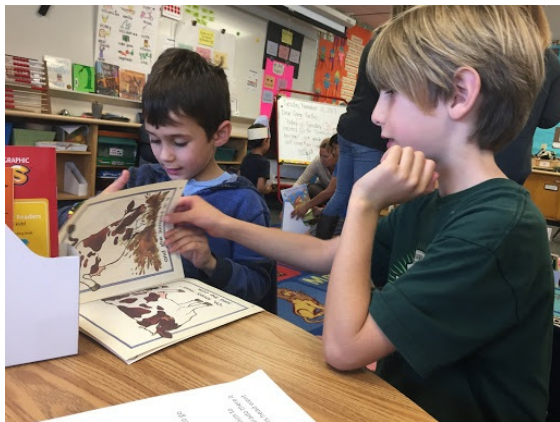
day! Teachers also notice that children stretch themselves academically and emotionally when working in a mentor relationship.



Kindergarten teacher Heather Snyder and fourth grade teacher Denise Marshall were able to witness a heartwarming buddy experiences that reaffirmed the importance of this beloved program.

In Kindergarten, a student arrived to the United States from Russia a few days before school began in the fall and didn't speak any English. Since school began, this child had not said a word nor smiled. The teachers knew a fourth grader who speaks Russian and paired the two students together as Reading Buddies. Relief and comfort washed over the new kindergartener's face the moment the 4th grade buddy greeted him in his native language and proceeded to engage in conversation. And yes, the kindergarten had a big smile across his face.

*"You just never know how the buddy experience will impact the students. It is a special time that we plan for and look forward to every month - or more!"*  
~ Heather Snyder and Denise Marshall, Reading Buddy Teachers



## Safe Routes to School



### Safe Routes to School Updates

The Kentfield School District encourages all families to actively participate in the nationally-recognized Safe Routes to School Program, a neighborhood-focused initiative to advocate green travel alternatives, and address traffic safety at our schools.



Visit [Safe Routes to School](#) for important safety tips and other information for safer and greener alternatives to get to and from school.

**Locate "Park and Walk" spots, visitor parking, bike/scooter racks for Bacich and Kent.** Note in particular the designated parking lot for your neighborhood at Bacich.

**Find your "Safe Route" to Bacich or Kent by bike/walking/car!**



### **Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project**

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) has been completed for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (SFD) Rehabilitation project, which involves various modifications to the SFD corridor between Highway 101 and the Ross Town Limits.

You can learn about this important project and give feedback. The public review and comment period for the Draft EIR continues through Wednesday, December 6, 2017. [Click here to read the Draft EIR, learn more about the project, and how to submit your comments.](#)

## Support Kentfield Schools



**Together We're Ensuring  
Our Kids Get a Top-Quality  
Education**



**2017-2018  
Annual Giving  
Thank You**



**2017-2018 Business Directory Yellow Pages**

**Discover 3 ways to support Kentfield Schools that will  
cost you nothing!**



## KSPTA December Meeting

Monday, December 4th at 8:30 a.m.  
Kent Library

### Agenda



## KENTFIELD CRAFT FAIR

**The Craft Fair is looking for Volunteers.**

Interested? [Sign up here.](#)



Did you know you don't have to be a parent or a teacher to be a member of the PTA?

PTA membership makes a great gift for grandparents, aunts, uncles, or whoever has an interest in your children having the best school experience.

[Give the gift of membership today.](#)

## Parent Education

Missed our Parent Education Seminars? Not to worry, both are [online](#) and available for viewing.

Please [click here](#) to see what you missed.

## Community Announcements

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### Free Kids Coding Classes

\*Class on December 2nd is now December 9th\*

December 9, 2017

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ages 8 and older.

[New Coding Class Flyer](#)

### Raising A Child With Anxiety: What Parents Need To Know

December 5, 2017

7 p.m.

An important talk about anxiety for parents of children of all ages. Jeremy Peterman, PhD and Allison Danzig, PhD, of Marin Center for Anxiety and Behavioral Therapy, will discuss both the research and practical aspects of parenting a child with anxiety. Learn the difference between normal anxiety and clinical anxiety, tools for supporting children and for managing caregiver anxiety, and when to seek professional help

[Parent Ed Flyer](#)



### San Francisco Boys Choir Auditions

January 9, 2018

Boys age 5-12

Six-level program offers vocal training, music appreciation and performance experience that is age specific.

[More Information](#)

### Quick Links

[District Contacts](#)

[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[Student Lunch Order](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

**Local Funding Information**

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