

# Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, October 26, 2017

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**Bacich  
News**

**Kent  
News**

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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 Parent Workshop - Supporting Successful Readers, 10/27, 8:30 a.m., Bacich Room 34
- 8th Grade Teens in Transition Parent Meeting, 11/2, 6:30 p.m., [read parent letter](#)
- Mark Your Calendars: Second Trimester Lunch ordering will be open from October 30 - November 12, 2017. Second Trimester Lunch Service begins Monday, November 13th. Current lunch participants will be able to login to reorder and new accounts can be created online at the Good Earth website [here](#).
- Improving Parent Education: [Please take this survey](#) so we can bring you the programs that will be the most help to you. [Para Español](#).
- English Learners Advisory Committee meeting, 11/7, 6-7:30 p.m., [view invitation](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Friday - 10/27/2017

- Bacich Parent Workshop: How Together We Can Support a Successful Reader, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich Room 34

### Saturday - 10/28/2017

- Community Meeting hosted by Supervisor Katie Rice, 10-11:30 a.m., Bacich Library

### **Tuesday - 10/31/2017**

- Happy Halloween! Please read [Bacich](#) and [Kent](#) Halloween guidelines and information
- Bacich Halloween Parade, 10:45 a.m., the parade will exit the Bacich campus to parade through the McAllister Avenue neighborhood

### **Thursday - 11/2/2017**

- Kent Teens in Transition Meeting for 8th Grade Parents, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Kent Library, [Parent Letter](#)

### **Friday - 11/3/2017**

- 7th and 8th Grade Dance, 7-9 p.m. Chaperones needed, please email Melissa Stephens at [mstephens@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:mstephens@kentfieldschools.org).

### **Save the Date**

- 11/6: [Bacich Site Council](#) meeting, 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library
- 11/7: [Communications Committee](#) meeting, 1:30-2:30 p.m., District Office
- 11/7: [Kent Site Council](#) meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 11/7: ELAC meeting, 6-7:30 p.m., Bacich Library, [view invitation](#)
- 11/9: Kent Picture Makeup Day
- 11/10: No School - Veteran's Day

[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,

Today's emergency preparation drills at both schools struck just the right note by respecting the stress everyone has been under this month due to real disasters while still practicing for whatever might come next.

Jenny Walsh and Katie Ward are to be commended for organizing this complicated maneuver that relies on 600+ students and more than 50 adults on each campus to follow directions, role play uncomfortable scenarios, and withstand being out in the sun for an hour.



The Kentfield Fire Department is our partner in these drills from start to finish. Further, they will help us debrief when we hold our follow-up meeting next week.

In what can only be described as going above and beyond, three firefighters joined Mr. Palmer as judges in his 8th grade history class where groups of students were pitching one of the 13 colonies in a simulation of the TV show, Shark Tank.



We appreciate all of the collaboration today with our very own first responders!

Liz Schott  
Superintendent

 **Liz Schott**  
@LizSchott Follow

+/- 650 students quiet as mice @KSD\_Bacich emergency drill.



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## 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](#)

## ELAC Meeting

November 7, 2017  
6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Bacich Library

Childcare Provided

Parents of English Language Learners are invited to attend this information session to learn more about parent teacher conferences.

Topics:

- What to expect for parent teacher conferences.
- Questions you might ask during teacher conference.
- How to sign up for parent teacher conferences.

Please read and return this invitation to the office at Bacich or Kent.

## Video Tutorial To Set-Up Online Accounts

Core 6th Grade and Journalism teacher Peter Goetz's student Ian Lind created an informative video in English and Spanish that clearly demonstrates all the steps users need to do to gain access to the internet programs used at Kent Middle School.

This information was covered during the fall Kent Principal-Parent Chats. While some information is specific to Kent, other areas of the tutorial will be helpful to Bacich parents, as well.

Please watch the video below to learn how to set-up Alexandria (Library), Quizlet (help with Wordly Wise), Audio Books, Pearson Easy Bridge (Math), and PowerSchool.

[Click here to watch the video tutorial.](#)

Thank you, Ian providing our families with such a helpful resource!



Marin County Supervisor Katie Rice will hold a series of community meetings over the next several months to answer questions and listen to citizens' concerns. Come join in the conversation and share your ideas.

- October 28, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Bacich Elementary School library, 699 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Greenbrae
- November 11, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Ross Elementary School library, 9 Lagunitas Rd, Ross

For more information or if you are unable to attend but would still like to talk or would like to meet one-on-one about a specific issue, please contact [krice@marincounty.org](mailto:krice@marincounty.org) or call (415) 473-7825.

## Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

I have been a teacher and an administrator for over thirty years, and I have never felt more proud and inspired by the caliber of the teaching professionals who work at Bacich.

It is not unusual in our field to find a teacher who is coasting to retirement or tired of their career path but not at our school. The conversations that the teachers engage in and the work that they do is forward thinking and relevant to what is happening in education today.

While each teacher at Bacich is unique in their own way, they all share a desire to be the best educator they can be and they are open to challenging themselves and adjusting their current classroom practices to meet the needs of their students. They also thrive on the collaborative spirit within our school.

Collaboration and strong, cohesive teamwork is commonplace within our school. Each grade level has **Grade Level Coordinator (GLC)** who facilitates group discussions weekly around improved instructional practices. These teacher leaders coordinate the analysis of student work and promote conversations about achievement data and provide next steps to guide students in their learning. GLCs support their new colleagues, disseminate information, and serve as a conduit to the administration.

Bacich teachers also serve on curriculum committees, which further supports a shared vision of exemplary teaching. Two teachers from each grade level team meet monthly as **STEAM Committee** members (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) to learn together, inspire one another, and make adjustments to our programs.

Additionally, grade level representatives of the **English Language Arts (ELA) Committee** meet monthly for collective inquiry conversations. They regularly reflect on the reading and writing curriculum and share in conversations that dig deeper into quality instructional practices.

A teacher from each grade also represents their team on our school Site Council. This committee reviews the District's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), which focuses on the partnership between parents and the school team. Reviewing programs and strategies that best serve our students, families, and the school community are the goals of the monthly meetings. The committee hears regularly from the teachers about how the school and district initiatives are being achieved.

We know that the most successful schools and districts have a widely shared vision of quality teaching. We also know that what we can accomplish together as school team is far greater than what any of us can accomplish alone. Working closely in collaborative teams is key to making this happen.

Our children are fortunate to be in a school environment where learning is an

active and reflective process. Learning to approach the world with curiosity and excitement, to actively understand, and continuously grow is what we want for young learners. You can be assured that this is happening with purpose and commitment within our own staff. What better model for our students?

Sally Peck  
Bacich Principal



[Read Principal Sally Peck's Halloween Information Parent Letter](#)

## 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**



**P.E.**



**Music  
Parents  
and Kids**



**Bacich  
Library  
News**



**Art Blog**

## Bacich Parent Events

- 10/27 Bacich Parent Workshop - How Together We Can Support a Successful Reader, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich Room 34
- 11/6 [Bacich Site Council](#) meeting, 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library
- 11/7 ELAC meeting, 6-7:30 p.m., Bacich Library, [return RSVP to Bacich Office](#)

## School Tours

Tours of Bacich are available for Kentfield 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.

November 30, 2017	December 14, 2017	January 11, 2018	February 8, 2018
		January 25, 2018	February 22, 2018
March 8, 2018		May 3, 2018	
March 22, 2018	April 19, 2018	May 17, 2018	
		May 31, 2018	



Dear Kent Families,

Last Friday was an incredible celebration of kindness and connection between Bacich and Kent. As our kids walked down McAllister waiting to reach the Bacich kids, the excitement grew and rippled down our chain of kindness. Once we met near the chicken path, the joy was palpable! With the help of the Marin County Sheriff's office, we linked the two schools with a golden link commemorating the date and event, a la the Transcontinental Railroad. It was truly a wonderful experience for all!

On Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., several students went to Laurel Dell to help run their afternoon school program to reach beyond our Kentfield community to build a better world. Our Falcons ran three stations: mini pumpkin spoon races, crafty witches, and spooky slime. We have more dates scheduled for November and December, so keep an eye out for more of these wonderful community service activities!



Today we also held our annual disaster preparedness drill to ready the kids in case of an emergency. They were focused, poised and responded in a mature manner to all that we asked of them. We want to thank all the parent volunteers, first responders and student actors who helped make this important event a success once again.

Finally, we have our annual Halloween celebration coming up next Tuesday, as well as our first 7th and 8th grade dance of the year next Friday, November 3rd from 7-9 p.m. I'm not sure which is scarier! Please review the list of suggestions for a safe Halloween in last week's bulletin. If you would like to chaperone the dance, please email Melissa Stephens at [mstephens@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:mstephens@kentfieldschools.org). The more the merrier...and saner!

Skip Kniesche  
Kent Principal



[Read Principal Skip Kniesche's Halloween Tips](#)

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Dear Families,



I hope you are enjoying this beautiful, warm October week! I wanted to let you know that we have a new date for our 6th grade bikes skills class.

On Friday, November 3 during your child's P.E. period, the instructors from Safe Routes to School (SR2S) will be at Kent to teach the second of two classes on biking for the road. Known as "Drive that Bike", the SR2S instructors lead the students on the blacktop in exercises designed to make them a more knowledgeable commuter, whether they bike, scooter, or skateboard to school.

If your child has a bike, please encourage him or her to bike to school that day so that he/she may ride his/her bike and wear his/her own helmet. Even if your child just has a helmet, please bring that. The team from SR2S will be bringing extra bikes and helmets for anyone who needs one.

[Click here to download the class flyer.](#)

Happy trails!

Jenny Walsh  
Kent Assistant 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

- 11/2 8th Grade Parent Meeting - Teens in Transition information, 6:30 p.m., Kent Library, [Parent Letter](#)
- 11/7 [Kent Site Council](#) meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 11/7 ELAC meeting, 6-7:30 p.m., Bacich Library, [return RSVP to Kent Office](#)

**Kent Picture Makeup Day: November 9, 2017**

## Kent Athletics



[Flag Football Schedule](#)

[7th Grade Volleyball Schedule](#)

### **Basketball Coaches Needed**

We need coaches to guide our 6th and 7th girls teams, as well as our 6th and 7th boys teams. 6th grade games are held on Tuesdays and 7th grade games on Wednesday. League play begins in January, right after the holiday break. Please contact Ryan Palmer ([rpalmer@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:rpalmer@kentfieldschools.org)) if you or anyone you know is interested. Go Falcons!

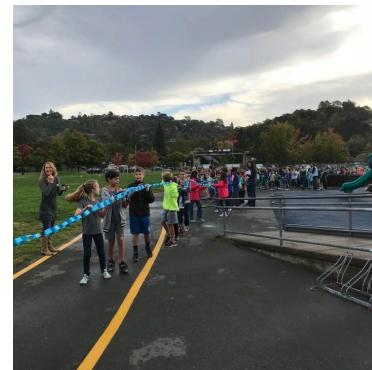
## **Kentfield Kudos**

### **Kindness Links Bacich and Kent Schools**



Last Friday, Bacich and Kent held an extraordinary community event that connected the campus through the celebration of over 10,000 acts of kindness created by our Kentfield School District community.

Bacich and Kent students and staff wrote about each act of kindness on a colorful piece of paper that linked with other paper links to create a chain. On Friday, much like the "golden spike" of the Transcontinental Railroad, our Kentfield "golden link" connected each chain together in the middle of the two campuses. Ten thousand acts of kindness and service were completed in less than a month!

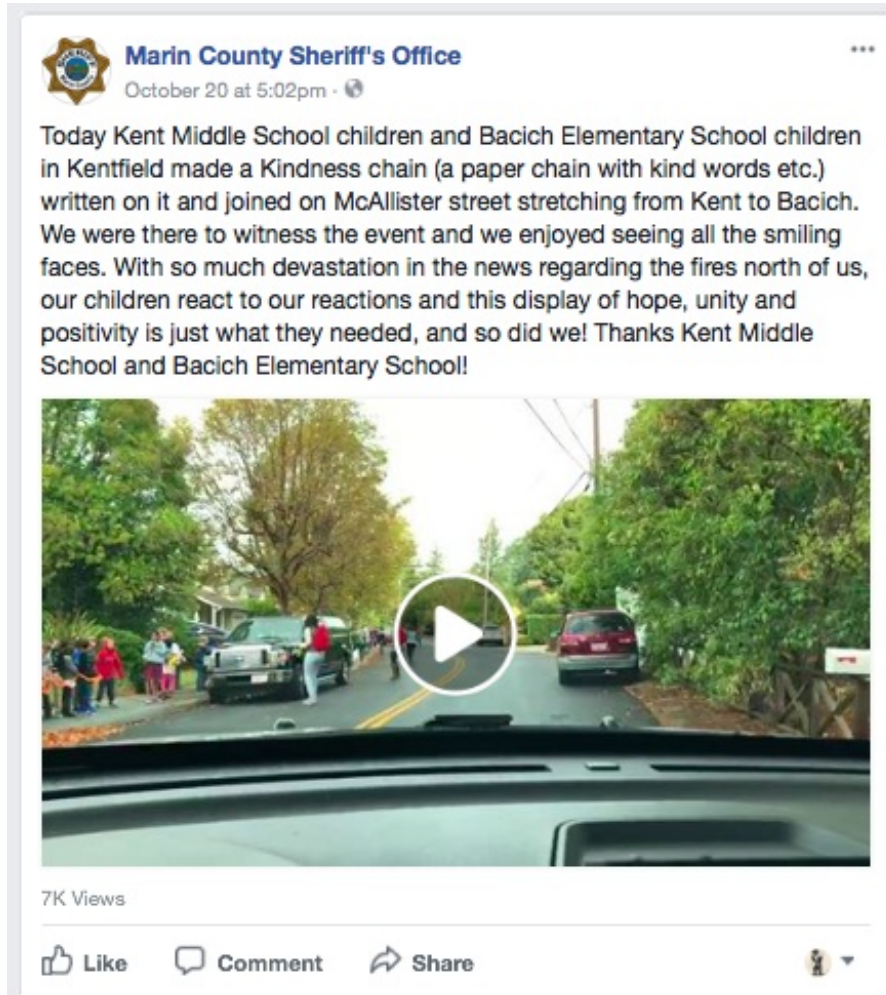


It was more than the paper links stretching from Bacich through the surrounding McAllister neighborhood all the way to Kent that connected our students. As students held the paper chain, they remembered the acts of service they completed to create a paper link and they also talked with the student next to them on the chain what they did to earn a link. We hope that you ask your children

for some examples written on the paper links.

Kudos to the entire Kentfield community for all the acts of kindness that created this beautiful chain. The seemingly endless chain presented a visual impact that kindness and service links a community together and has infinite possibilities for growth.

We would like to give a Kentfield kudos to the Marin County Sheriff's Office for assisting in assuring student safety during this event.



KPIX visited the district to film the Links of Kindness for their "Cool Schools" segment, which aired this morning. As soon as we have a clip of the episode, we will post it.



## Safe Routes to School

### Safe Routes to School Updates

The Kentfield School District encourages all families to actively



participate in our nationally-recognized [KSD Safe Routes to School Program](#), a neighborhood-focused initiative to advocate green travel alternatives, and address traffic safety at our schools.



**Final Bacich Stamp Day!**  
November 1st

Information Flyer

The Bacich Student Green Team and KSD Safe Routes to School are holding the [Green Sneaker Challenge](#) to increase the numbers of students walking and biking to school. We hope to reduce traffic and make our streets safer while promoting eco-friendly transportation alternatives in our school district.

### **How to participate?**

- The Green Sneaker Challenge cards can be stamped at a morning welcome table in the Bacich Quad on Wednesday on November 1st and students turn in their cards and become eligible to win a scooter and Jamba Juice raffle prizes.
- To receive a stamp, you must travel to school by foot or bike once a week (any day of the week) for four consecutive weeks. Live far away? Drive and park near our school and then walk part of the way!

**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.

We encourage you to 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.](#)

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

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cost you nothing!**



**Book Fair 2017**

November 13-17, 2017

The Book Fair is looking for volunteers.

[Please sign up here.](#)

**Mark Your Calendars:**



Second Trimester Lunch ordering will be open: October 30 - November 12, 2017.



Second Trimester Lunch Service begins:  
Monday, November 13th.

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## Parent Education



Were you unable to attend the Parent Education talk this month by Dr. Brad Sachs' talk on "How to have an Imperfect Family and be Perfectly Satisfied."?

[Click here to watch a video of the event.](#)

Dr. Sachs' book, "The Imperfect Child," is also available in both school libraries.

## Help KSPTA Improve Parent Education



Help KSPTA improve Parent Education! KSPTA tries to meet the needs and interests of our school community with Parent Education events throughout the year.

Please take a moment to fill out this [brief survey](#). Results will be used to improve these programs. Thank you!

[Take Survey \(English\)](#)

PTA de las Escuelas de Kentfield quiere tener eventos educativos para padres de familia que son relevantes y que están más al día. Le rogamos ayudarnos a mejorar nuestros eventos educativos completando esta breve encuesta. Su opinión es muy importante. Muchas gracias.

[Tomar Encuesta en Español](#)

**KENTFIELD  
CRAFT FAIR**

## Calling all Crafters!

The Kentfield Craft Fair is looking for vendors.  
Please visit  
[kspta.org/forms-documents/](https://kspta.org/forms-documents/)  
to download the application.



## Can't Get To The Grocery Store? Running Out of Ideas for Family Dinners?

Go to [Good Eggs](#) and have your fresh groceries and this week's ready-to-make dinners delivered (for free!) right to your door while raising money for our schools!

Go to [www.goodeggs.com](http://www.goodeggs.com) and at checkout enter the code BACICH17 or Kent17 to receive \$15 off your first delivery.

## Community Announcements



### Graphic Design Classes for Kent Students

Extracurricular, after school activity - read flyer and visit website for cost and registration information.

[AthenaiTech Flyer](#)

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### North Bay Discovery Day

Free event designed to inspire children (Grades 4-8) to pursue STEM careers through an incredible array of fun, interactive exhibits with hands-on games and experiments including robotics, animals, microbes, DNA and much more. Vendors are not selling products.

October 28, 2017

10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Sonoma County Fairgrounds

\*At publishing time, the event is still scheduled.\*

Read Flyer in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

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### Free Kids Coding Classes

November 4, 2017

December 2, 2017

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ages 8 and older.

[More Information](#)

### 4th and 5th Grade Book Club

Sign up and reserve a copy of the book to prepare the November club meeting.

[Book Club Flyer](#)

## Quick Links

[District Contacts](#)

[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

**Student Lunch Order**  
**Safe Routes to School**  
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