

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, September 7, 2017

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**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

Para español haga clic [aquí](#).

* 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.

News You Need

- [Schedule Bacich and Kent 5th Grade Parent Intake Conference](#) - scheduling closes Sunday, September 10th at 5 p.m.
- Correct Kent [Photo Ordering Code](#): 18745BA
- Deadline to order [Good Earth Lunch](#) and [Jamba Juice Snack](#) is September 12th. [Order today!](#)
- [kik Family Fun Day volunteers needed](#)
- [Download 2017-18 School Calendar](#)

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Upcoming Events

Friday - 9/8/2017

- Kent Minimum Day dismissal @ 1:13 p.m.
- Kent Picture Day

Sunday - 9/10/2017

- [kik](#) TK/Kindergarten Event, 2-3 p.m., Creekside Park. [kik](#) invites TK/Kindergarten families for a play date and an opportunity for the families to meet and mingle. A light snack will be provided.

- Bacich and Kent 5th Grade Parent Intake Conference Scheduling closes at 5 p.m.

Monday - 9/11/2017

- Bacich Site Council, 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library

Tuesday - 9/12/2017

- School Board Meeting, 5-8:00 p.m., District Office
- Last day to order school lunch by Good Earth/Stefano's Pizza and Jamba Juice Snack.

Wednesday - 9/13/2017

- Bacich Intake Conferences and Minimum Day (release time: TK/K: 12 p.m., 1st/2nd: 12:15 p.m., 3rd/4th: 12:30 p.m.)
- 5th Parent Intake Conferences and 5th Grade Minimum Day release at 11:54 a.m. and Parent Intake Conferences
- kik Board Meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., District Office

Thursday - 9/14/2017

- Bacich Intake Conferences and Minimum Day (release time: TK/K: 12 p.m., 1st/2nd: 12:15 p.m., 3rd/4th: 12:30 p.m.)
- 5th Parent Intake Conferences and 5th Grade Minimum Day release at 12:43 p.m.
- Finance Committee meeting, 3:45-4:45 p.m., District Office
- KSPTA Bacich Family Pizza & Games Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m., get tickets here before the event sells out!

Friday - 9/15/2017

- Bacich Intake Conferences and Minimum Day (release time: TK/K: 12 p.m., 1st/2nd: 12:15 p.m., 3rd/4th: 12:30 p.m.)
- 5th Parent Intake Conferences and 5th Grade Minimum Day release at 12:12 pm

Save the Date

- KSPTA Meeting, September 18, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- KSPTA Parent Ed, September 19, Creating a Player-First Environment in Youth Sports, 7-8:30 p.m., RSVP
- TK/Kindergarten Parent Chat, September 22, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich Room 24



View Entire District Calendar

Download Board-approved 2017-18 District Calendar

** Please note that February 2018 vacation is different than February 2017*

Superintendent's Update



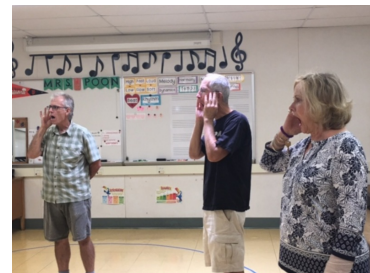
Welcome to the 2017-18 school year. We have had a fantastic long August and early September getting ourselves ready for the joys and challenges that lie ahead.

At our professional development day last Wednesday, Alison Park of Blink Consulting led us through a morning of vital conversations about equity, identity, and diversity.

Take-aways included:

- Because disparate educational experiences and outcomes are the norm, we need to notice those disparities in our own communities.
- We need to be able to name the experiences of different groups of students and surface stereotypes, biases and prejudices that shape perception and practice.
- We need to focus our efforts on what we have the ability to impact.
- We need to effect change on the individual, community and institutional levels.

We will continue to work with Alison to focus our efforts to empower school culture and structure to maximize equitable outcomes, building on work done by a Bacich team last year, and the group of seven who attended Harvard's equity institute in July.



On Wednesday afternoon, we all became learners again in an activity we called "smart is something you can get." Teachers and staff chose from 11 offerings ranging from golf to rowing to birdwatching to singing to guitar and spent two hours as students. They were asked to pick a class that was truly something they didn't know how to do. The feedback has been fascinating.

When our students arrived on Tuesday, they may not have noticed it, but their teachers had greater awareness, recently acquired, of the learner's experience, and adjusted their plans accordingly.





On our minds is construction, of course, and gearing up for the next Parcel Tax measure. TBWB, our political consultants, are preparing a survey with Godbe Research, to assess our voters' thoughts about our district, the programs funded by the Parcel Tax, and the tolerance for levels of funding. You may receive a call, email, or text in the next few weeks asking for your participation. I hope you will take the time to participate so we craft a measure with the highest possibility of passage.

The construction at Kent will be addressed at various start-of-school events including Back to School Night and the first PTA meeting on September 18th at 8:30 a.m in the Kent Library. If you are unable to attend either of these or have questions after them, please feel free to contact me at lschott@kentfieldschools.org.

I hope to see you at one of the many welcome events in the next few weeks. This is going to be a great year!

Liz Schott
Superintendent

District Resources

- [Board Meeting Information and Agendas](#)
- [Emergency Safety Procedures for Parents](#)
- [Parenting Series: Addressing Racism](#)
- No Bully! [Ten Ways To Bully-Proof Your Child](#)



New School Lunch Program at Bacich and Kent

School lunch just got a whole lot tastier and simpler! [Click here](#) to sign up for the new lunch program provided by Good Earth Natural Foods and Friday pizza from Stefano's.

Deadline for ordering lunch this trimester is September 12th.

[School lunch](#) begins on Monday, September 18th.



Jamba Juice Snack

Snacks are meant to supplement your child's lunch, whether purchased through the KSPTA program or

brought from home, and are not meant to constitute or replace a full, well-balanced lunch. These snacks are not part of the recess snack program.

Order Jamba Juice for Bacich (1st-4th only) and Kent.

Deadline for ordering the first session is September 12th.

Immigrant and English Learner Resources

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Watch the video of the DACA Forum at the Marin County Office of Education with the Canal Alliance Legal Experts that was held on September 5, 2017.

The presentation covers:

- Changes to DACA
- Overview of other immigration benefit options
- Common issues/concerns for students/families
- Know your rights information
- Tools to help manage anxiety and concerns of students and families

Immigrant Student and Family Resources

Aquí Todos Los Niños Pertenecen. Les Prometemos Lo Siguiente.

All Children Belong Here. This Is Our Promise To You.

English Language Learners

The district is beginning to administer the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) required by the state to assess English language proficiency (ELP) for all students whose primary language is not English.

The California Department of Education is transitioning from the CELDT to the ELPAC as the state ELP assessment by 2018. The ELPAC will be aligned with the 2012 California English Language Development Standards. ELPAC will be administered in Spring 2018.

Please read this ELPAC parent guide (Spanish, English) for more information and advice on what parents can do to help their children be successful.

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year! Our school campus is alive again with infectious optimism, laughter, and joy with the arrival of our 644 students. I visited each classroom this week with Katie Ward and we personally welcomed our students back to school.

As we celebrate yet another school year, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you in advance for your interest, involvement, and support of your child in

their educational journey. Together, we hold the important keys to their success in school and in setting a firm foundation for life.

I invite you to join us for our Parent-Teacher Intake Conferences, which will be held September 13-15, 2017. We call these early conferences "Intake Conferences" because after only a few days, we are still in the early stages of gathering the academic, social, and emotional information about our students. This conference is a time for you to share. Developing a whole picture of each of our students is important, so that we can support them and guide them in the months ahead. Your perspective, as a parent, is essential in helping us understand who your child is at this early point in the school year.

In preparing for Parent Teacher Intake Conferences, we encourage you to give some thought to information that you feel important to share with your son or daughter's teacher. Teachers will send home a list of questions for you to consider and reflect on before your conference. Since the conference times are limited, framing your thoughts and what you want to share or ask ahead of time is helpful.

Please note that the September 13-15, 2017 (Wednesday - Friday) are Minimum Days due to the Parent Teacher Intake Conference days and follow the Minimum Day Schedule for each grade level.

We look forward to a great year ahead!

Sally Peck
Principal

Schedule Bacich Parent Teacher Intake Conference

Online Conference Scheduling is now open and will close on Sunday, September 10th at 5 p.m.

Sign up here:

<http://conferences.kentfieldschools.org/>

Please be aware that:

- The Conferences will be 10 minutes long. Please be punctual as conferences must end on time.
- Conferences will be held in each teacher's classroom - the room number will be confirmed with your conference booking.

Bacich Parent Resources

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

[2017-18 Bacich Bell Schedule](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[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 School Portraits

Monday, September 18, 2017
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Make-Up Day: Monday, September 25, 2017

No preordering or advance payment needed. Online ordering available.

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



In an effort to increase security at Bacich, gates on the McAllister side of campus will be locked during school hours between 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Parents who need to access campus during school hours through the McAllister gates may do so by obtaining a key FOB from the District Office that will open two of the gates. You must complete the necessary paperwork at the Kentfield School District Office to obtain a FOB. This device is initially free to all Bacich families.

If you have additional questions, please contact [Patty Martinez](#) at the District Office.

Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. As you can see, a lot of construction is happening at Kent. We've had a very productive summer with the beginnings of the new Admin/Health center and excavation has begun for the new music room. Every classroom received new 80" displays and most rooms got fans and some rooms will be getting AC. Six rooms are piloting new furniture and by the end of the year, 18 classrooms will have sampled the furniture.

Students were wonderful managing new schedules, making new friendships, and meeting their teachers. So far, everything has gone beautifully! We kicked off our school year with our annual assembly and flag raising ceremony. Many members of our community who protect and serve us were in attendance, cementing our focus of this year, "Kent Falcons Build a Better World." By having members from our local sheriff's office, the Kentfield fire house, as well as several veterans, we were able to show our Falcons how the ripples

of service and kindness flow outward when we all work together.



We also announced many opportunities for our amazing students in the upcoming weeks! Next week, we invite the 5th and 6th graders to participate in the annual spelling bee. It will be held on Monday and Tuesday in room 34 at lunch. We hope to generate a lot of buzzzz... and a lot of spellers... at this fun event! We also have yearbook applications due soon, as well as student council elections on September 29th. Be sure to sign up to receive and check out the daily bulletin for important deadlines and encourage your Falcon(s) to get involved! Let us know if you need help accessing the daily bulletin in [PowerSchool](#).

Finally, Friday is Picture Day (correct online order code: 18745BA) with an early release at 1:13 p.m. Please put down in your agendas our 5th/6th Grade Principal Chat on Thursday, September 28th at 8:45 a.m. We plan to show you how to access sites to help your child be successful.

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 Blog](#)

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

Kent Counselors

Corey Shaw
Tuesday-Friday
cshaw@kentfieldschools.org
415-482-9852

Heidi Longo
Monday-Thursday
hlongo@kentfieldschools.org
415-482-9851

School Portraits

Please use code 18745BA. The code in Skip Kniesche's letter earlier this week was incorrect.

Order at www.yearbooks.com

Schedule Kent 5th Grade Parent Teacher Intake Conference

Online Conference Scheduling is now open and will close on Sunday, September 10th at 5 p.m.

Sign up here:

<http://conferences.kentfieldschools.org/>

Kent Community Service



Good Warrior LemonAid Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday, September 10, 2017
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Good Warrior's fundraiser will support recovery efforts for both Hurricanes Harvey and Irma through the American Red Cross, Austin Pets Alive!, and the Humane Society Disaster Relief Fund.

Please come by our lemonade stands and bake sales Sunday, September 10th, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Kent Woodlands intersection and the Greenbrae/La Cuesta center island. Your donations will help hurricane recovery efforts and will help show our kids that they can make a difference through volunteerism, philanthropy, and social responsibility! Thank you!

If you would like to volunteer at one of the stands on Sunday, [sign up here](#).

Kent Athletics

Flag Football: sign-ups are posted in the locker rooms and practice begins the week of September 11th.

Cross Country: team information is TBA, coaches are Shannon Janney and Rebecca Hagan.

Volleyball: 6th, 7th, and 8th sign-ups are posted in the locker rooms. Games and practices are TBA.

- We need coaches for 6th and 8th grade girls' volleyball teams. \$1000 stipend, season is from Sept through early November. Potential coaches will need to get fingerprinting and paperwork done through the district office. Contact Ryan Palmer, rpalmer@kentfieldschools.org.

Kentfield Kudos

Summer School for Teachers



While our students enjoy a break from school during summer vacation, our educators look forward to "going back" to school during the summer months. The Kentfield School District has made a strong commitment to innovative, engaging, and current professional development. This focus is a strong part of our reputation amongst local educators and one of the reasons we are able to recruit such highly-qualified teachers.

Kentfield teachers' summer professional development goes far beyond lesson planning and sitting in stuffy workshops. Our administrators engage experts in fields beyond the confines of education. This summer, our teachers collaborated with leaders in design thinking, collaboration, research, and relationship building. And when we do stay in the field of education, our educators attend Columbia and Harvard teacher workshops.



This intensive focus on professional development rejuvenates our teachers and gives them the freedom to adapt a wide range of instructional techniques and knowledge into their classrooms.

We'd like to give a big Kentfield Kudos to all of our teachers' who enjoy spending their summers improving their craft.



P.S. The photo on the left was taken during a Bacich Professional Development workshop at [The Girls Garage](#), founded by Kent alum Emily Pilloton.

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. Last year, over 70% of our students consistently traveled "green" to school, and on "Green Wednesdays," it jumped to over 75%!

A team of Neighborhood Parent Captains provide suggested safe route maps and carpooling options all customized by neighborhood. We also advocate for traffic safety concerns on behalf of the families in our district's neighborhoods.

Locate "Park and Walk" spots, visitor parking, bike/scooter racks for [Bacich](#) and [Kent](#). Note in particular that the designated parking lot for your neighborhood at Bacich.

Find the "Safe Route" to Bacich or Kent for your neighborhood by bike/walking/car!

- Determine your neighborhood and contacts with our zone map.
 - [Berens Route Plan](#)
 - [Greenbrae Route Plan](#)
 - [Kent Woodlands Route Plan](#)
 - [Laurel Grove Route Plan](#)
 - [Murray Park Route Plan](#)
 - [SFD Firehouse Route Plan](#)

Participate in "Green Wednesdays" (rain or shine!)

Every Wednesday, all families and staff are encouraged to wear school spirit gear, and "travel green" to school.

Even if you live in the hills or have a hectic schedule, you can still participate in Green Wednesdays by planning to carpool with fellow neighbors or by using one of the "park and walk" options listed on your neighborhood route plan.

Ride the Marin Transit bus to school!

The [Marin Transit Bus 29](#) has a route designed perfectly for our kids. The bus picks up on SFD and Eliseo at 8:12 am and drops off at College of Marin at 8:17 am. It's a short walk to the cross walk and then to Kent. It costs \$1 per child. Kent parent Dory Leifer has volunteered to accompany the student bus riders for the first couple of days.

McAllister Repaving and Safety Enhancements Update

The concrete work of grinding and paving of McAllister will resume on September 11th with abbreviated working hours to minimize school day disruptions. During this time there will be some lane closures for about a week. The project should be completed by September 20th barring any unforeseen circumstances.

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

Support Kentfield Schools



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

TK/Kindergarten Play Date

September 10, 2017
2-3 p.m.

kik invites families and incoming Kindergarten and TK students to join us at Creekside Park for a play date and opportunity for the families to meet and mingle. Light snack will be provided.

Join us for the 31st annual

presented by 

Family Fun Day

Sunday, September 24th

10am to 2pm • Bacich Elementary School

Fun for Everyone!

Jumpees | Water Slides | Zorbie Balls | Air Bungee | Rock Wall
Karaoke/DJ | Carnival Games | Face Painting & Tattoos

[Event Flyer](#)

[Fun Run Registration
Form](#)

[Family Fun Day
Volunteers
Needed!](#)

complete and return to
kik office.

[Sign Up Here](#)

2017-2018



Annual Giving Thank You



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



[Click here](#) to sign up for the new lunch program being provided by Good Earth Natural Foods and Friday pizza from Stefano's. Deadline for ordering lunch this trimester is Sept. 12th!



[Order Jamba Juice](#) for your 1st-8th grader. Deadline for ordering the first session is Sept. 12th



Don't miss out, on the hottest event of the Bacich Back to School Season, Pizza and Games night! This event always sells out, so make sure to [RSVP](#).



The first Parent Ed event is coming up on Sept. 19th, 7 - 8:30 PM. Learn more about creating a Player-First Environment in Youth Sports. [Click here to RSVP](#) for this free event.

KSPTA General Meeting



Superintendent Liz Schott will provide a Measure D update.

September 19, 2017
8:30-9:30 a.m.

Community Announcements



Marin Comics Fest Event

Meet Author/Cartoonist Art Roche

September 13, 2017

4 p.m.

Corte Madera Library

[Read Flyer](#)



S.T.E.A.M. Back to School!

Register for Fall Classes at Cyber Garage

Unlike anything else in Marin, Cyber Garage is a Makerspace, Coding, Robotics & STEAM Lab in downtown San Anselmo that engages kids in STEAM subjects through project based learning to give them the confidence and critical thinking skills to take on any creative or academic challenge.

[Read flyer](#)

Classes starting September 11!

Siblings save 20%. Contact us for details at info@thecybergarage.com or (415) 785-7660.



Marin Singers Now Enrolling

Ages 6 through High School

No prior music experience necessary.

[Read flyer](#)

Quick Links

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[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[Student Lunch Order](#)

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