

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, September 14, 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](#).

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News You Need

- Correct Kent [Photo Ordering Code](#): 18745BA
- [Bacich Photo Day Schedule](#)
- **kik** Family Fun Day [volunteers needed](#)
- [Parent Ed: Changing the Game Project](#). Tuesday, October 19th, Hall Middle School. Please join the KSPTA for an evening with John O'Sullivan to learn how to foster a sports environment, that is fun and where kids choose what they can get out of it.
- Interested in the health and wellness of Kentfield students? Join the Wellness Committee. Three, 1-hour meetings throughout the year. Contact Cammi Bell, RN MS, cbell@kentfieldschools.org.

Upcoming Events

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 Grade Minimum Day release at 12:12 p.m. and Parent Intake Conferences

Monday - 9/18/2017

- KSPTA Meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m., [agenda](#)

- Bacich Picture Day, [view schedule](#)

Tuesday - 9/19/2017

- Bacich Picture Day, [view schedule](#)
- KSPTA Parent Ed, Creating a Player-First Environment in Youth Sports, 7-8:30 p.m., [RSVP here](#)

Wednesday - 9/20/2017

- Bacich Picture Day, [view schedule](#)

Friday- 9/22/2017

- TK/Kindergarten Parent Chat, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich Room 24



Join us for the 31st annual

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

Save the Date

- 9/25 - Bacich Picture Make Up Day
- 9/28 - 5/6th Parent Chat, 8:45-9:45 a.m.,

[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



Board Meeting Highlights September 12, 2017

At its meeting on Tuesday, the Board of Trustees heard a status report on the Measure D Bond projects underway in the district. Construction at Kent is now concentrating on the administrative complex at the front of

campus, and the music classroom toward the east side. Modernization of classrooms that was scheduled for the summer has all been completed. Architectural plans for Bacich's projects are being submitted to the state architect for review in the next few weeks.



Future Home of Kent Admin and Health Office

Preparations are nearly complete for a survey of the community about our Parcel Tax. Godbe Research will be contacting as many voters in our school district as possible in the next few weeks via phone, email, and text. If you are contacted for your opinions, we would greatly appreciate it if you took the time to offer them. At its October meeting, the Board will get a report on the results of the survey and recommendations from our consultant Charles Heath of TBWB on next steps. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.

Our Local Control and Accountability Plan has received final approval and we have a much more easily digestible version of it for your review. Take a [look here](#) at what is driving our work this year and where you can be of assistance.

While the rest of us were off enjoying our summer, the district's facilities and maintenance staff was harder at work than ever. The Board honored Facilities Director Paul Miller and his crew - Kris Kuivenhoven, Jesus Zamorano, Jimmy Roque, Carlos Hernandez, Jose Quintanilla, and Medhanie Gebremichael for exhibiting characteristic grace and good humor while maneuvering around construction chaos, summer camps, and a million other demands.



Top row from left:
Jimmy Roque, Jesus Zamorano Jose Quintanilla

Bottom row from left:
Kris Kuivenhoven, Carlos Hernandez, Paul Miller

Not pictured:
Medhanie Gebremichael

Liz Schott
Superintendent

Kentfield Wellness Committee

Kentfield School District is looking for parents to join the Wellness Committee for the 2017-18 school year. The Wellness Committee is a multi-disciplinary team that focuses on maintaining a healthy student community.

Utilizing the District's Wellness Policy as a guide, the committee will evaluate and share information and resources to improve a variety of health and wellness concerns.

- The Wellness Committee will meet three times a year from 9-10 a.m. If interested, please contact Cammi Bell, RN, MS at cbell@kentfieldschools.org.

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](#)
- [Immigrant Student and Family Resources](#)
- English Learners Parent Guide - [Spanish](#), [English](#)



Free Workshops To Help Renew DACA

September 23 and 24, 2017

9:30-1:30 p.m.

You must arrive by 11:30 a.m. to be served.

1650 Los Gamos Drive #110, San Rafael (near Lucas Valley Road)

You can only renew DACA if your work permit expires between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018. The person with DACA must be present. A relative cannot come in your place.

Register for the workshop here www.tinyurl.com/CanalDACA (English) or www.tinyurl.com/CanalDACA-Esp (Spanish), or call 415.306.0437, or come to [Canal Alliance](#).

- Event Flyer in [Spanish](#) and [English](#)
- DACA Information Sheet in [Spanish](#) and [English](#)

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

This fall, you will begin to see some exciting changes happening around our school. We have partnered with Zero Waste Marin and Marin Sanitary Service to help reduce waste at our school and provide us with various resources so that we can become better stewards of our planet Earth.

We are introducing the [Zero Waste Schools program](#) at Bacich, which includes indoor and outdoor waste stations with signage, training on proper sorting, and education on natural resource conservation and environmental

practices.



Around our campus, you will soon notice some new recycling and composting receptacles. Every landfill receptacle will soon be accompanied by a recycling and composting receptacle. We will have Zero Waste Marin signage, directing students and staff to the correct bin, which will be installed to help us as we learn to sort correctly.

In the next month, each of our classrooms will enjoy an informative and interactive presentation on this program and the expectations will be shared. Once every student has been reached and all members of the staff trained, new waste stations will be delivered and lunchtime support will begin with our new Good Earth Lunch Program, as well.

Our parent and school community support is critical to the success of this program. We realize our campus is a gathering spot for afterschool and weekend activities, so please help us make a difference and show our children how to dispose of waste correctly.

If your child packs a lunch each day consider packing a zero waste lunch. For tips on how to pack a zero waste lunch, visit www.zerowastemain.org/school-resources/. Our new lunch program, Good Earth, is already working with Marin Sanitary and Zero Waster Marin to ensure minimum waste.

Together, we can keep our school and our Kentfield/Greenbrae community beautiful and thriving.

Sally Peck
Bacich Principal

Thank you for such a great turnout out at our Bacich Back to School Night!



Liz Schott
@LizSchott

Follow

Had to take a video to capture this group!
@KSD_Bacich back to school night 1st-4th
gr teachers on parade! #ksdlearns



7:23 PM - 7 Sep 2017



Dear Families,

Many thanks to all the adults who kindly volunteered to help with Car Line the first two weeks of school. Your assistance was greatly appreciated!

Please note we only have parking spaces available in our parking lots for staff members and some of our staff does not have a parking space.

Paraprofessionals use the parking spaces along the baseball field and the Community Center. If a family parks in one of these spaces, then the para is late to work in a classroom! Safe Routes to School created a [Bacich Map](#) that shows parking spaces and safe park and walk to school spots.



During carline, we have noticed some young children seating in the front seat. We'd like to remind our families that the back seat is the safest spot for children. Please review the [Academy of Pediatrics' Car Safety Guidelines](#) (also [available in Spanish](#)).

Please only drop-off your child in car line! Please do not pull to the side for drop off as this is unsafe.

We are excited to offer a variety of options for students at lunch time this year. We are fortunate to have a paraprofessional oversee the Bacich Game Room on Mondays and Thursdays at lunch recess. Game Room schedules are posted in the office window and in each classroom.

On Tuesdays and Fridays, the para will oversee the Garden behind the library. Students may choose to play on playground, Schafer Games, and go to the Library, Game Room or the Garden at lunch time.

Thanks to all for your help each day.

Katie Ward
Director of Student Success and Parent Engagement

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.

[Find out what day your child has their school photo.](#)



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 Kent Families,

Happy second week of school! What a pleasure it has been to see how quickly all of our Falcons have adapted to being back learning and enjoying everything at Kent. Their lockers



are set, they know their schedules and we already see new friendships being formed. Amazing job, Falcons!

We are so proud of all the fifth and sixth graders who came out on Monday to participate in our school spelling bee. We had over 25 students compete with four going on to the regional event in October. The winners were 6th graders Jake Gotlieb, Lauren Ball, and Maybell Murphy-Sylla and 5th grader Alex Sumski. Excellent job, spellers! Seventh and eighth graders will have their spelling bee in November, so get the "buzz" going for your Falcon to participate.

There are three announcements that I would like to share with all of you. The first is a reminder to have a discussion with your child about appropriate behavior at Woodlands (the market, flower shop, and restaurant). Last Friday during our first minimum day, Sue Santa, the owner of Woodlands, contacted me about the large amount of trash left on the plaza and that students stained the outside couches. We have had two announcements to the students in this week's daily bulletin. Please remind your child about picking up after themselves and to always be respectful to others when they are in the neighborhood. Our students are our ambassadors in the community and what they do outside of school often reflects on who we are as a school.

On a bright note, about 40 families consisting of 100 volunteers students participated in a community lemonade and cookie fundraiser last weekend and students were able to raise over \$2,700 for hurricane relief. This is who Kent is and I applaud their efforts. Thank you to the McDaniels family for organizing this amazing event. The Kentfield Kudos section has some fabulous photos of the fundraiser.

Finally, last week it came to the attention of our Superintendent that the Centers for Disease Control was reporting an increase in the number of human Salmonella infections linked to live poultry in backyard flocks. Almost 1000 people - 54 in California, 33 in June and July alone - have been infected, 215 have been hospitalized, and one has died. The CDC says children are much more likely to get sick from contact with chicken and other live poultry.

It is for this reason she decided to remove the chickens from Kent. As she pointed out in a letter to Kent staff:

"The possible causes of harm to children and adults on a school campus are myriad and many are unknown. We protect our students and staff as best we can, weighing risk and reward (e.g., chemicals in the Science labs, playground equipment, emergency preparedness) and mitigate risk to the greatest extent possible.

While we are sympathetic to the fact that many Kent students are deeply attached to the chickens, the recommended procedures for protecting humans from Salmonella infections are simply too complicated and reliant on adult oversight to be practical in a middle school setting.

The Kentfield School District will always prioritize the safety and well-being of our students and employees over all else. Knowing that the incidence of Salmonella outbreaks is growing rapidly in our state, taking a chance with all

of our health by concluding that it's probably not going to happen here would be indefensible.

In a world where harm rarely announces itself ahead of time, it is not reasonable to ignore a potential danger that is clear and present."

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 School Portraits Ordering: use code, 18745BA, www.yearbooks.com

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

Kent Athletics

Flag Football: [View schedule here.](#)

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 the 6th and 8th grade girls' volleyball teams (each team needs a coach) \$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.

Stay tuned to the Falcon Broadcast. Go Falcons, Mr. Palmer

Kent Library

September Library News

Welcome back to another exciting year in the library! I am



so thrilled to be embarking on this new school year with our awesome students and staff.

[New Kent Library Website](#)
[Instagram @kentmiddleschoollibrary](#)

These last two weeks have been spent orienting students to the library, checking out biographies for sixth graders, and introducing the book sharing site for kids [Bookopolis](#) to sixth and seventh graders. It's wonderful that so many students enjoy coming to the library with their classes and during their free time. I hope students feel this is a safe and comfortable place to study, relax, be with friends, or even spend some quiet time alone. We have some new things happening in the library this year, including many new books and activities. Here are some of the highlights:

Lunch Activity Schedule:

Students in grades 5 through 8 are welcome to join for any and all activities.

- **Make something Mondays!** Come craft, color, create with us. A monthly schedule is posted on the library door.
- **Tuesday is Library Council day!** Bring your lunch and talk about books, help plan events and suggest activities for the library.
- **Thursday Book Buddies** Come for some informal hanging out and chatting about your favorite books new and old. I hope this can become a student-led book club at some point.
- **Friday is Game Day!** Bring your lunch and play some board games with your friends in the library.



As always, we will have a 1,000 piece puzzle out for students to work on throughout the month. Anyone can help.

Library Reminders:

- Computers in the library are for homework and projects only.
- Books are always due on Friday. Students have three weeks to read and enjoy their books, and can renew anytime to continue reading if they need more time.
- Have you noticed the Book Drop at the end of the parking lot? This is a great place to donate used books from home!
- Our hours are 8:00-8:28, at recess daily, and during lunch.
- Indoor plants wanted! If you have any indoor plants that need a home, we would love them here in the library. Feel free to drop them by any time.

Corte Madera/Kent Book Club

Meeting: September 19, 2017 at Lunch

During our kick-off meeting, Sarah, teen librarian from the Corte Madera library, will talk about this month's book, [Goodbye Stranger](#) by Rebecca Stead. Sarah will hand out



copies for those who would like to read it and tell students about the many opportunities the public library has for students to get involved in some exciting programs.

Congrats to our first library raffle winner of the year, fifth grader Tessa Delay. Tessa enjoyed reading The School for Good and Evil this summer and won a \$15 gift card to Barnes and Noble. Stay tuned for next month's library raffle coming soon!

Rebecca Jelen
Kent Librarian

Kentfield Kudos

LemonAid for Hurricane Recovery



Kent and Bacich students kicked off their first school year weekend with a successful community service project.



Good Warrior's two lemonade stands/bake sales last weekend raised just over \$2700 for hurricane recovery! We had over 100 volunteers between the two locations. Students from all grade levels at Bacich and Kent participated, and families from every corner of Greenbrae and Kentfield came out to pitch in and to support our cause.

All proceeds are being donated to the American Red Cross, the Humane Society Disaster Relief Fund, and Austin Pets Alive!



These community service events teach students to be resourceful, collaborative, and entrepreneurial, while making a positive impact on the world.

Thank you to everyone for helping to show our kids that they can make a difference! Kudos to our Kentfield students for the dedication to community service.

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.

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 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.

McAllister Repaving and Safety Enhancements Update

The concrete work of grinding and paving of McAllister resumes 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

The flyer for Family Fun Day features a 'kik 2017|18' logo in the top left and a 'presented by WOODLANDS MARKET' logo in the top right. The main text reads: 'Join us for the 31st annual Family Fun Day Sunday, September 24th 10am to 2pm • Bacich Elementary School Fun for Everyone!'. Below this, it lists activities: '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!



KSPTA General Meeting

September 18, 2017

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Kent Library

Superintendent Liz Schott will provide a Measure D update. [Read Agenda.](#)

Parent Education



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.

Volunteers make all the difference.



Check out our [Bacich](#) and [Kent](#) schoolwide Volunteer Opportunities and find out how you can help.

Support our Schools with [Good Eggs](#).



At checkout, enter the code BACICH17 to get \$15 off and automatically enroll.

Find us on



Critical Need for Marin County Foster Care Families

Learn more about fostering.

October 19, 2017

7-8:30 p.m.

3240 Kerner Blvd. Room 110, San Rafael

Read flyer in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).



Marin Singers Now Enrolling

Ages 6 through High School

No prior music experience necessary.

[Read flyer.](#)

Quick Links

[District Contacts](#)

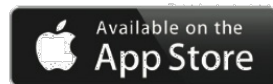
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