

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, March 16, 2017

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Bacich News

Kent News

News You Need

- [Annual survey](#) to provide your opinion on the district's strategic direction
- Bacich Pennies for Patients collection boxes due on 3/24
- Bacich last day to [order a yearbook](#) - 3/28

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Upcoming Events

Friday - 3/17/2017

- Fifth Grade Family Life Ed
- Eighth Grade Mi Pueblo Field Trip
- 7th/8th Grade Dance, 7:30- 9:30 pm, Kent MP Room, [dance rules](#)

Monday - 3/20/2017

- A Touch of Understanding Ability Awareness Workshop - 4th grade
- Bacich second trimester report cards available at [PowerSchool](#)

Tuesday - 3/21/2017

- A Touch of Understanding Ability Awareness Workshop - Kent

Wednesday - 3/22/2017

- Parent Ed Night - Transforming Sibling Relationships with Polly Ely, LMFT, 7-9 pm, Kent Library

Friday - 3/24/2017

- Eighth Grade Mi Pueblo Trip
- Bacich Pennies for Patients collection boxes due

Save The Date

3/28/2017 - Last Day to Order Bacich Yearbook

3/29-30/2017 - Kent Innovation Convention

3/30/2017

- PowerSchool Registration Help (with Spanish language support), 4:30-6 pm, Kent Computer Lab
- Kent Open House, 6-7:30 pm

3/31/2017 - Kent Minimum Day, 1:13 dismissal

4/6/2017

- PowerSchool Registration Help (with Spanish language support), 4:30-6 pm, Bacich Library
- Bacich Open House, 6-7:30 pm

[View](#) Entire District Calendar

[Download](#) Board-approved 2016-17 District Calendar

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

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

Superintendent's Update



March Board Meeting Highlights

The School Board voted unanimously to settle its lawsuit against the Marin County Office of Education, resulting in the District receiving \$1.42 million in exchange for

interest in the Grant Grover facility and property, subject to final approval by the court. This is a mutually agreeable result to a lengthy dispute, which the District is pleased to have resolved. The County intends to continue educating 18-22 year old students at Grant Grover where access to the College of Marin is a key program component.

Our outstanding Physical Education program was highlighted in this month's Educational Showcase by teachers Matt Gillespie, Celeste Perez, and Ilene Braff. Bacich students, Emerson and Lily Flynn, Maddy Brooks, Jack Block, Lily O'Shea, Brody Buxton, and Lily and Lucy Perez demonstrated the use of Tinikling Sticks, a Filipino dance skill. Kent 8th graders, Kailey Golec and Marco Lizarraga shared their love of the social dance unit that 5th-8th grade students participate in every winter.

More teachers and students from 1st and 2nd grade presented information and examples of Project Based Learning work being done at Bacich. Lisa Cicurel-Jones and Nancy Kaneshiro explained the 1st grade Creekside Marsh project, while Talia Milano and Marty Ross shared the 2nd grade trout exploration. Second grade assistants were Kaz and Kate Rubel, Hannah Hirschbein, and Ellie Walker. Both projects address the concept of interdependent ecosystems and engage students across the curriculum by using persuasive writing, reading, math, and science.

The Board voted to enter into an agreement with Whitehurst/Mosher Campaign Strategy and Media to provide consultancy services in preparing our next Parcel Tax measure for the ballot. The Board was impressed by W/M's recent successes in crafting Parcel Tax measures in Mill Valley and Menlo Park and by their commitment to engaging all sectors of our community in conversation about Kentfield's unique budgetary and programmatic landscape.

Chief Budget Official Barbara Johnson presented the Second Interim Budget Report, which documents changes to the budget from July 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. There have not been any major revisions and we are on track to end this fiscal year with 7.37% reserve, which tracks with our prediction at budget adoption of 7.39%.

Liz Schott
Superintendent

District Annual Strategic Plan Survey

Please take 15 minutes to provide your thoughts on how the District is doing and offer ideas for the future of our schools. I read every comment and will bring your ideas to a large planning meeting of staff, parents, and Board members at the end of the month.

Thank you for giving us the gift of your time. Your ideas are valued.

**Take the
Strategic Plan
Survey**

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](#)

District Events

Enrollment Assistance

If you would like help registering your students(s) in [PowerSchool](#) for next year, we are hosting group sessions, with Spanish language support, before each school's Open House. We will provide computers during each session.

Kent Computer Lab (Room 16)
Thursday, March 30th
4:30 - 6 pm

Bacich Library
Thursday, April 6th
4:30 - 6 pm

Assistive Technology Workshop

April 25, 2017
4-6 pm
District Office

The Parent Partners welcome Dan Phillips of the Technology Resource Center of Marin who will speak about assistive technology for students with learning differences. All parents are welcome to attend.

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Parents,

This is a time of the school year where teachers feel a real sense of magic happening in their classrooms. They know their students well, they have identified how their students learn best, and they understand the individual learning needs of each child in their classroom. Things are humming!

During the past few weeks, teachers have spent time reassessing their students and analyzing the student's academic information to accurately identify and document how each child is progressing at this point in the school year. Teachers have written second trimester report cards and they will be available on [Power School](#) next week.

Bacich report cards are based on the Common Core Standards. These

standards guide specific classroom learning at each grade level. It is our goal that each child meet the Common Core Standards by the end of each school year, however, we know that not all children follow the same path or the same time frame in their achievement or their progress at school.

We hope that our families will first celebrate and acknowledge the success and accomplishments of their children when reading the report cards. We encourage you to make this the main focus of the conversation when discussing your child's progress and efforts. We know that elementary age children tend to see themselves through the eyes of the people who love and teach them. Being positive and encouraging is important. If there are areas of growth, talk with your child about setting personal goals and working to accomplish them in the three months ahead.

School is a place where we celebrate our students' success and support them as they master their challenges. We also know that they flourish best when the adults in their lives provide positive guidance and work as a team with the school. We thank you for your partnership and we thank you for sharing your children with us.

Second trimester report cards will be available Monday, March 20th at 8 a.m. These student reports can be accessed at <https://ksd.powerschool.com>

Sally Peck
Principal

Bacich Parent Resources

[Download Bacich Student-Parent Handbook](#)

[Download Bacich 2016-17 Bell Schedule](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Car Line Procedures](#)

[Bacich School Potraits Ordering](#)

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

Contact Bacich School Counselor [Maia Yamasaki](#)



**Bacich Math
Matters Blog**



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**Music Parents
and Kids**



**Bacich
Library News**



Art Blog

Bacich School Tours

Tours are available for children entering Transitional Kindergarten through Fourth grade. These tours are for new Kentfield School District residents only and are limited to 10 people per tour.

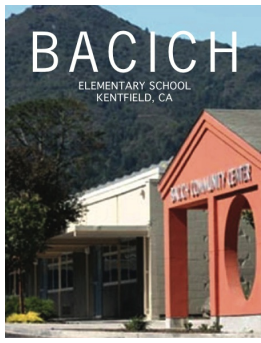
Tour Dates

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April 5
April 19

May 3
May 17

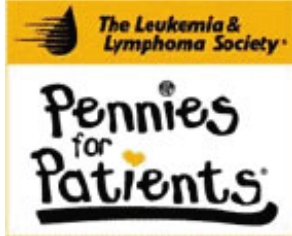
[Tour Registration and Information](#)



Order Bacich 2016-17 Yearbook Here

Ordering Deadline March 28, 2017

Bacich Community Service



Bacich's Pennies for Patients

Bacich students are collecting spare change to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation.

All boxes must be returned to classroom teachers by Friday, March 24th.

Bacich Activities



Before or After School Spanish at Bacich

Interested in Spanish before or after school through Viva El Espanol, a Mill Valley nonprofit that operates at Bacich?

Please contact Alisa Rubel at alisarubel@yahoo.com for more information about the program. Enrollment will soon be open.

[More about Viva El Espana](#)

Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

I recently received a letter from our County Superintendent of Schools, Mary Jane Burke, regarding graduation and end of year parties. While the letter was directed

toward parents of high school students, I thought there were some poignant sections that I could share with you. The following is taken from that letter...

"It is important to note that parents are not supposed to be "friends" with their children. The role of the parent is to protect, nurture, and guide our children down a successful path in life. When we blur the lines, we send a mixed message. Be a model for your child... be their rock... be their foresight. No one ever said parenting would be easy... and we are fortunate to have strong resources in our community to offer support to parents in this journey.

There are efforts and organizations that can help parents communicate and educate their teens about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse. I encourage you to take a look at "[Be the Influence](#)," an effort established in Marin County and commit to making your best efforts to discouraging teen alcohol and drug abuse. [The Marin Prevention Network](#) is a countywide collaboration of community coalitions working to establish norms and policies to promote healthy choices and reduce risk."

At Kent, we offer our 6th - 8th graders classes in ADEPT, a drug and alcohol educational program. We discuss these issues during our weekly advisory meetings, as well as our Life Skills class in 6th grade and our community service enrichment in 7th. I encourage you, as parents, to be involved with your students, especially with their free time. As Mary Jane Burke said, "Being a parent is challenging... but it offers many rewards. Be the voice that guides your child to a successful future, that will be the reward of a lifetime."

At Kent, last Friday night's 5th and 6th grade Games Night hosted by [KSPTA](#) was a huge success! From crazy contests to creative cake walks, the kids had a blast. A huge thank you goes out to all the parent volunteers and WEB leaders who made the night so special for our younger Falcons! We also celebrated live theater as an entire school earlier in the day when we walked across the street to see the College of Marin production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." It was the perfect way to spend a Friday morning bonding as a school.

This Friday, we continue the party feel with a very happy go "lucky" St. Patrick's Day dance for the 7th and 8th graders. Tickets were sold today at lunch and will be sold tomorrow, as well. Tickets are \$5 and can also be purchased at the door. The dance will be held from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. and [Ms. Stephens](#) invites any parents who wish to chaperone the fun... even last minute to join in. Please plan for your little leprechaun to be picked up promptly at 9:30 p.m.

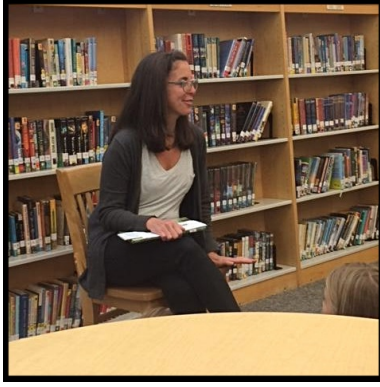
Finally, today we honored the Trimester 2 students who completed or exceeded their community service hours. It is always so inspiring to hear what our incredible students are doing to serve others in the community and beyond. If your child has completed any community service time, please have them fill out a slip in the office so that we can recognize them at our final assembly in June.

Keep the kindness flowing, Kent!

Skip Kniesche
Principal

Kent Library

Spring has sprung and the library is buzzing here at Kent. We have had lots of classes coming



through from the fifth graders who are working on research about Colonial life, to sixth graders finishing and presenting their Egypt reports, to small groups of students working on independent extension projects, and students learning about fake news. There is a lot going on on this campus and I am thrilled that the library plays a part in our students' every day learning!

We had a fun raffle last week that asked students to tell us which Dr. Seuss book is their favorite. Our winner was Henry Colwell, a sixth grader whose favorite title is "Horton Hears a Who!" Henry won a \$10 gift certificate to 1st Street books. We had many entries from all grades and it was fun to see the books students chose. Stay tuned for next month's raffle!

The Library Patron of the Month program started in January, based on circulation and great library citizenship. January's winner was Bryce Kim, February was Eloise Reidel, and this month we honor Mary Darin Cline. Her favorite book she has read recently is "Wolf Hollow," by Lauren Wolk, her favorite author is J.K. Rowling, and she loves reading in her room! Come to the library to see her picture and the pictures of our past winners!

The Kent Library Council will host another community project next month in support of Bay Area organization [Project Night Night](#). We will be collecting new stuffed animals, books, and blankets for children 0-pre-teen who are homeless in San Francisco. We will culminate our drive with a celebration fundraiser in the library on May 12th. The theme will be a PJ party featuring games, snacks, and reading activities.

Fake news is getting a lot of attention lately and this is an exciting time to be a librarian. I have been talking with teachers and students about how and where to get news and information for research and how to make sure sources are accurate and trustworthy. As educators and parents, we have our work cut out for us but I feel confident that together we can give our students the tools they need to navigate the vast digital world. I read an acronym recently that I have been sharing with students about how to vet resources for research - CARS - credibility, accuracy, reasonableness, and support. These are some good things to think about when trying to determine if a news story or a site for research is worth using. Here are some helpful links if you would like to explore the topic more on your own:

[EdWeek: Why Students Can't Google Their Way to the Truth](#)

[NPR: The Classroom Where Fake News Fails](#)

[Common Sense Media: How to Spot Fake News](#)

Happy reading!

Rebecca Jelen
Kent Librarian

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[Electronic Device Policy Summary](#)

[Download Kent 2016-17 Bell Schedule](#)

[Safe Routes to School - Stadium Way Information](#)

[Kent Library Blog](#)

[Private School Application Information and Deadlines](#)

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

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8th Grade Graduation

Slide Show Deadline Approaching

Time is running out to submit pictures for the 8th grade graduation slideshow. Group pictures of the kids are highly encouraged, especially pictures of the students when they were in elementary school. We will do our best to make sure all the graduates are represented. Please email pictures to kellianderson43@gmail.com. Please do not send pictures via Dropbox or anything that involves downloading the pictures from online sources. Please email with the photos as direct attachments (JPG).

Support Graduation



Kent Pizza Day on Wednesday, May 10th after school.



Raffle Winners

- Loving Cup gift certificate - Skip Kniesche
- Loving Cup gift certificate - Joelle Williams
- Oakley Sunglasses - Allison Houston
- Drop Cam Wifi Video Camera - Zoe Alpert
- Echo Dot - Randy Belanger
- \$100 Cash - Kari Canon
- \$200 Cash - Baruch Goldwater
- Giants Tickets - Jessica Carroll
- Giants Tickets - Jeanne Sellers
- Hamilton Ticket - Helena Janku

We would like to give a special thanks to all who generously donated prizes:

Campodonico Family, Jennings Family, McMillan Family, Pfeiffer Family, Elizabeth Sidon, and Julia Violich



Redwood-bound 8th Grade Parents

Open House at Redwood: March 23, 2017, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join Redwood PTA - please contact Cheryl Pole for more information at cspole@me.com.

Kent Spirit



Kent Eco-Action Club Celebrates Pi Day

Kent students who walked, biked, rolled, and carpoled to school received a piece of pie courtesy of the Eco Action Club.

Kentfield Kudos

Kent Community Kitchen Serves Another Success



Last Thursday evening, Kent Middle School's second trimester Service Innovation class hosted the second Kent community Kitchen Dinner. The students served a tasty pasta dinner and guests enjoyed a jazz combo performed along with vocal and piano soloists.

Tickets for the event used a "gift ecology" pricing strategy, in which guests paid what they wish for the meal rather than a set price, and raised \$1501. After

expenses are reconciled and money saved for the next dinner, \$700 will go to St. Jude Children's Hospital and \$500 to Greenpeace; organizations selected by the students.

Throughout the trimester, class participants worked as a team to plan the event, calculate food quantities, prepare a budget for expenses and income, and manage ticket sales. On the day of the event, the students prepared and cooked the entire meal - and even served the tables and cleaned after the event! What a great way to learn about entrepreneurship and the restaurant business while serving the community!

Kudos to the second trimester Service Innovation class for a fun, successful, and delicious Kent Community Kitchen Dinner!

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year's auction!

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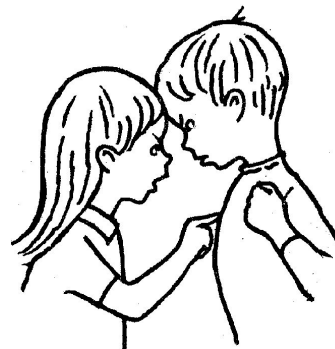
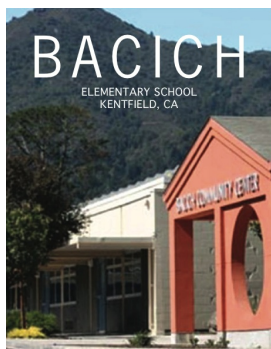
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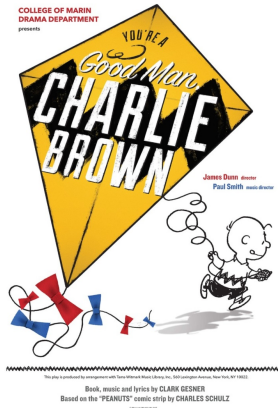
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Community Announcements



Kent 8th Grader art work is on display in The COM Theater Lobby for the duration of the upcoming play: 'You're a Good Man Charlie Brown' through March 19, 2017.

Families can see the art by visiting the theater lobby or when attending the play.

[Play Information](#)



Corte Madera Library Events

April Fool's Day Workshop

Prepare yourself for the Big Day! Learn tricks, gags, pranks, and other shenanigans so you can hoodwink your friends

March 29, 2017
3:30 pm

[April Fools Flyer](#)



[Storytimes for babies - 6 year old children](#)

[Read To A Dog](#)



MVCode Summer Camp

Weeklong summer camps that teach coding, robotics, web and game development for 1st through 10th graders.

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