

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, March 23, 2017

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[Bacich News](#)

[Kent News](#)

News You Need

- Spring Break Holiday - 4/10-14/2017
- [Annual survey](#) to provide your opinion on the district's strategic direction - results to be shared next Tuesday.
- Kent PowerSchool registration help, 3/30, 4:30-6 pm, Kent Library
- Kent Open House, 3/30, 6-7:30 pm
- Bacich Yearbooks - [Last week to order!](#)

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Upcoming Events

Friday - 3/24/2017

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

Tuesday - 3/28/2017

- [Last Day to Order Bacich Yearbook](#)

Wednesday - 3/29/2017

- No early dismissal at Kent
- Kent Innovation Convention

Thursday - 3/30/2017

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

Friday - 3/31/2017

- Kent Minimum Day, 1:13 pm dismissal, Wednesday schedule
- Kent Innovation Convention

Save The Date

4/3/2017

- KSPTA Meeting, 8:30-9:30 am, Bacich Room 34, [agenda](#)
- Bacich Site Council, 3-4 pm, Bacich Library

4/4/2017

- Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 pm, Kent Room 24

4/5/2017

- Measure D Bond Citizens Oversight Committee, 5-6 pm, District Office

4/6/2017

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

4/10-14/2017: Spring Break Holiday

[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



I have had the opportunity this week to interact with students at a variety of grade levels, and have come away once again feeling like the luckiest Superintendent in the state.

Kent's Student Council was my first stop. Students provided observations and suggestions related to our Strategic Plan's goals and initiatives. Next came a visit to fourth grade, where students were sharing their designs of a fictional 22nd California Mission. Another afternoon, I spent time with students participating in the "A Touch of Understanding" presentation, which is described in Kentfield Kudos later in this newsletter. Finally, I took a short walk this morning with a first grade class that was headed out to Creekside Marsh with many of the students' parents. The first graders were acting as tour guides for their parents, pointing out the many lessons they've learned about the marsh over the course of their forays into it.

There are so many active ways in which our students learn here in the Kentfield School District. We are continually striving to incorporate more since we know that the Chinese proverb is correct when it says, "Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand."

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 next **Tuesday**.

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](#)

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 Library
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,

It happens almost every month. A parent, nanny, grandparent, or caregiver arrives on campus after school and cannot locate the child whom they have come to pick up.

Fortunately, all of these situations have had a positive outcome. The child went home with a friend, the caregiver forgot that the child had an afterschool class, or the child is playing on campus and not where they are supposed to be for afterschool pick up.

These situations do create panic on our campus and are a school's and a parent's worst nightmare. The afterschool programs, such as Marin Enrichment, Larkspur Recreation, and Ross Recreation are run by independent organizations not the Kentfield School District. However, the Bacich office is usually the first stop for a family member when a child is missing.

Regardless of the positive outcomes that we are accustomed to, we immediately take action and follow the steps in our Missing Child Protocol in these frightening

situations. This document has been reviewed by our local sheriff's office and the following procedures are followed in the event of a missing student:

Missing Child Protocol

When a student is reported missing before, during, or after the school day, the following procedures will be used by the administrator or designated person(s) who has received the missing child report:

- Use the intercom to check the school grounds, classrooms, and the last known location of the student.
- Check with the classroom teacher and any other appropriate staff to determine the last time the child was seen and if they mentioned anything unusual about their plans.
- Physically check restrooms, classrooms, meeting rooms, and school grounds.
- Contact the parent or guardian and other emergency contacts to determine if family members or friends may have picked up the child and inform them of the situation.
- Contact known siblings or friends of the student (including neighbors, classmates, etc.) to determine the last time the student was seen and if they mentioned anything about where they were going.
- Determine the route the student uses to get to and from school. If they are a walker, contact crosswalk and supervision staff to determine if they were seen walking.

If at any point during the above-mentioned steps, an emergency develops or staff receives information that this may be a potentially dangerous situation, law enforcement will be immediately notified.

After a maximum of 5 minutes from the time of the initial missing child report was made, the school office staff will:

- Call 911 (Marin County Sheriff) to notify local law enforcement.
- Log time called and name of person to whom they spoke.
- Provide student information profile sheet with picture for law enforcement.

*If the child involved has special needs or staff is given any indicators that the child has run away, been abducted, or has been left in an unsafe location; staff is to notify law enforcement IMMEDIATELY and begin the initial check of the school.

This document is located on the [school's website](#) for your future reference.

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

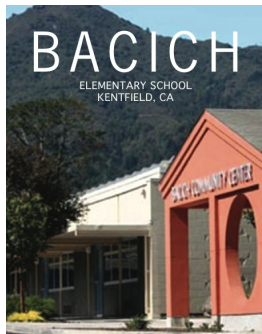
Tours are available for children entering Transitional Kindergarten through Fourth grade. These tours are for new Kentfield School District residents only and are limited to 10 people per tour.

Tour Dates

April 5
April 19

May 3
May 17

Tour Registration and Information



Order Bacich 2016-17 Yearbook Here

Ordering Deadline March 28, 2017

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,

Well, the rain may have returned this week but it sure did not dampen our spirits! This week was filled with a rainbow of activities that had our campus learning and listening.

The 6th grade participated in an incredible day on Tuesday called "A Touch of Understanding" coordinated by our Head of Student Services, Virginia Di Girolamo and supported by our 6th Grade Level Coordinator, Sandy Wells. These speakers touched all our lives through this special presentation and the follow-up with my advisory was heartening! Be sure to read our Kentfield Kudos section below to learn more about the presentation.

The 7th and 8th grade dance last Friday was a huge success! As it was a St. Patrick's Day theme, the dance committee did an amazing job painting the town green and our parent volunteers kept things running smoothly. This was the last dance for the 7th graders this year and we are grateful it was such a fun event!

Finally, today we kicked off our annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser with an energetic assembly! Each classroom has a collection box for spare change or dollars. We are encouraging the kids to donate their own change earned through extra chores or a bake sale to really connect them to the spirit of service and giving. Once again, this is a grade level challenge to see which class can donate the most change for this important cause. Fifth grade has been the clear winner the past few years, so let's see our varsity Falcons give them a run for their... pennies!

Enjoy your weekend.

Skip Kniesche
Principal

Kent Parent Resources

[Download Kent Student-Parent Handbook](#)

[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



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

Kent Community Service



Project Night Night

The Kent Library Council will be collecting new stuffed animals, books, and blankets for children ages 0-pre-teen who are homeless in San Francisco for Project Night Night.

We will culminate our drive with a celebration fundraiser in the library on May 5th. The theme will be a PJ party featuring games, snacks, and reading activities.

Kent Sports

Despite solid efforts by all and successful seasons across the board, the 6th and 7th grade Kent basketball teams came up short in the semi-finals. The 8th grade girls also lost in the semi-finals by one point. After a hard-fought victory over White Hill, the 8th grade boys move on to play in the championship today (Thursday, 3/23) at Hall.

The Kent Golf team is up and running. Behind solid play from Damian Wabl (7th), Michael Peng (8th), and Stokes McConnell (5th) the Falcon linksters stand at a 1-1 record.

Go Falcons!

Kentfield Kudos

A Touch Of Understanding

This week, Bacich fourth grade and Kent sixth grade students participated in our annual "A Touch of Understanding" Ability Awareness

student presentations.



Small groups of students rotated through three ability awareness activity stations where they met, interacted, and learned from inspiring people who have been faced with challenges such as blindness, autism, and missing limbs. During the activity portion of the presentation, students were able to use wheelchairs, mobility canes, handle braces and artificial limbs, and other activities that help the students experience a glimpse of life with a different ability. Each year, our students leave this assembly with a thoughtful discussion about the living environment many people may take for granted, challenges our community members may face, and a recognition that all people share common feelings, regardless of our abilities.



Kudos to our Head of Student Services, Virginia Di Girolamo, supported by our sixth grade lead Sandy Wells and fourth grade lead Abbey Davis for their dedication to deepening our students' understanding of the challenges associated with different abilities and strengthening our students' acceptance of all individuals.



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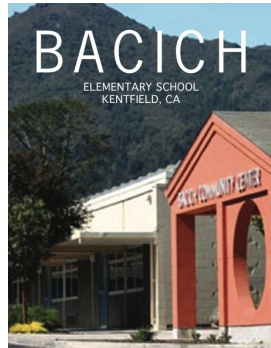
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Corte Madera Library Events

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.

[Read Flyer](#)



Cyber Garage

Makerspace, Robotics, Coding, and Game Design

Spring classes starting April 3rd.

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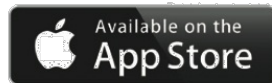
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