

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, April 6, 2017

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[Bacich News](#)

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News You Need

- Last chance to give your feedback to shape the district's strategic direction - [click to take the survey](#)
- Spring Break Holiday - 4/10-14/2017
- 4th Grade Gold Country Trip Parent Meeting, 4/17, 8:30 am, Bacich Library
- Renew...Refresh...Rekindle at [BLOOM Spring Celebration](#)
- [New Car Line Procedures](#)



Please remember to complete the entire registration process on [PowerSchool](#).

1. Log into the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).
2. Once logged in, click the name of the (first) student you are (re-)registering at the top left of the page.
3. Click the Registration icon in the navigation menu on the left side of the page.
4. Follow the registration instructions and complete all pages.
5. After filling out or correcting information on each page, make sure to

click the Submit button at the bottom to save your data.

6. Repeat steps 2 and 3 if you are updating the information for more than one student.

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Upcoming Events

Friday - 4/7/2017

- 5th Grade Colonial Days

4/10-14/2017: Spring Break

Monday - 4/17/2017

- 4th Grade Gold Country Parent Meeting, 8:30-9:30 am, Bacich Library
- 6th Grade ADEPT

Tuesday - 4/18/2017

- 6th Grade ADEPT
- School Board Meeting, 5-8 pm, District Office

Wednesday - 4/19/2017

- ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee). Meeting, 6-8 pm, Bacich Music Room, flyer, información en español
- **kik** Board Meeting, 7:30-8:30 pm, District Office

Thursday - 4/20/2017

- Walk, Bike, Blend morning activity by Kent Eco-Action Club (see Kent section for details)
- Renew... Refresh... Rekindle at BLOOM Spring Celebration, 6-9 pm

Friday - 4/21/2017

- 6th Grade ADEPT

Save The Date

- **4/24-26:** 4th Grade Gold Country Trip
- **4/25:**
 - Parent Partner Meeting, 4-6 pm
 - Parent Education: Mindfulness, 6:30-8 pm, Bacich Community Center, ticket information
- **4/27:** 2nd Grade Concert, 6:30-7:30 pm
- **4/28:** District Track Meet

View Entire District Calendar

Download Board-approved 2016-17 District Calendar

Download Board-approved 2017-18 District Calendar

Superintendent's Update



At two recent Special Board Meetings, the school district Trustees have discussed the gap between our actual enrollment and the enrollment predicted by a 2014 demographic study. At this time, that discrepancy is 170 fewer students than expected. As a result of this unanticipated significant change in our enrollment, which is consistent with recent housing and affordability trends across Marin County and the Bay Area, the School Board decided on Friday to cancel the move of fourth grade to Kent.

The Board is exercising its fiduciary responsibility by ensuring that our campuses are not overbuilt. They feel strongly that leaving unissued bonds - which do not affect residents' tax bills - and undeveloped property leaves options for responding to enrollment growth that we are not currently experiencing.

At today's meeting, the Board learned from its architect that a further consequence of the enrollment decline is that the 2-story, 8-classroom building at Kent is no longer needed. Exactly how many classrooms are needed to maintain our existing quality program is what the Board will discuss at its regular meeting on April 18th at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office.

Liz Schott
Superintendent

Last Week To Provide Feedback for Annual Survey

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](#)

ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee)

Superintendent Liz Schott and ELD teachers Kerri Baetkey and Leonor Gloistein will discuss school funding and the specific needs of English language learners. Parent participation is very important, needed, and valued. Thank you!

Wednesday, April 19, 2017
6-7 pm
Bacich Music Room

* Childcare available *

[Información en español](#) [Flyer in English](#)

Assistive Technology Workshop

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.

April 25, 2017
4-6 pm
District Office

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Parents,

During the next month, Bacich grade level teams will begin the process of reflecting on students and building class lists for the 2017 - 2018 school year. This is a time consuming and very important task.

The past several months have provided us with opportunities to know your child in many different ways. As we build classes, we take into account numerous factors beyond simply an individual child's academic progress. Other important factors include boy/girl ratios, social and emotional growth and needs, and learning styles of the students. Our teachers are the experts and they have the perspective of the whole child, their class, and grade level, which is essential in creating a strong and balanced group.

Teachers do not place students according to the next year's teacher but rather through the lens of developing healthy and sound class profiles. Teacher names are added to class lists late in the summer after continued conversation by a team, which includes the school counselor, the resource staff, the specialist team, and the administrators.

We acknowledge that occasionally there will be special or unusual circumstances that we should be aware of that might help us place your child successfully at the next grade level. With that in mind, I invite you to share with me, in a brief note or email, any information that would be valuable for us to consider in this important work. Please do not identify a specific teacher, simply provide knowledge that we may not be aware of that may help us to better understand your child.

Please forward this information to me before Friday, April 21, 2017, so it can be considered when our class lists are being developed. Unfortunately, due to the size of our school, I am not able to meet with all parents who wish to personally discuss next year's class placement.

I ask that you trust in the wisdom and knowledge of the Bacich teaching staff to make the wise and professional judgment necessary to create strong and cohesive classes for 2017-2018. Our goal is for each child at Bacich to have a successful and positive year.

Thank you,

Sally Peck
Principal



Everyone seems to be savoring the beginning of spring! It is great to see the students outdoors playing on the beautiful field. With the beginning of spring, we have some reminders about drop-off and pick-up from school.

Please note families are encouraged to walk, carpool, bike-ride and/or park and walk into school. Safety is of great importance as we are all part of the Bacich Community. It is important to drive slowly and carefully around Bacich and in the parking lots.

For everyone's safety please be aware of the following:

- Students **MUST** be dropped off and picked up in Car Line. Please do not drop off at the top of the Main Lot or along McAllister Street.
- Beginning on April 17th, drivers who drop off or pick up students along McAllister Ave. are subject to a citation.
- No more than five cars will be permitted to line up on McAllister.
- Please plan to park and walk into school to pick up your child.
- Please be cautious about driving on Acacia during morning drop-off.

- Please only turn right into the McAllister parking lot.

Drive carefully and know that your children and others are watching you, so please be a positive role model!

Have a terrific Spring Break!

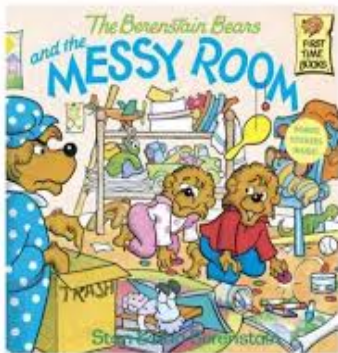
Katie Ward
Assistant Principal

Bacich Counselor Update



This month's Pillar of Character focus is Responsibility. As we move into the last trimester, we expect, of course, that our students have made progress academically and we also hope that each year has brought growth in accountability, self-discipline, diligence, and self-control. These tenets of a "responsible person" are undoubtedly valuable in helping students feel like they have achieved success on their own accord. Encouraging our children to have the following goals with regards to their choices (and mistakes) will help shape them into young adults with a strong sense of self-efficacy:

- Plan ahead and "do what you are supposed to do."
- Be diligent and persevere.
- Do your best and set a good example for others.
- Be accountable for your words, actions and attitudes... including owning up to inevitable mistakes.



The book that all classrooms will be reading this month is "Berenstain Bears Messy Room". It is a story about helping children see the value of taking care of our belongings and being responsible for our environment. In researching age-appropriate chores for my own children, I have come across some interesting data on said topic.

There is strong evidence that suggests children who participate in household chores and clean up after themselves have higher rates of success later in life... A win-win for all in my book!

Below, please find some helpful resources on this topic:

- [Divide and Conquer Household Chores](#)
- [How Your Kids Can Help Out at Every Age](#)

Take good care, as always,

Maia Yamasaki
Bacich Counselor

Bacich Parent Resources

[Download Bacich Student-Parent Handbook](#)

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

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Car Line Procedures](#)

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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 19

May 3
May 17

[Tour Registration and Information](#)

Bacich Events



**Bacich is Celebrating Earth Day, and we need
your help!**

Friday, April 21, 2017

Bacich's annual Earth Day celebration will include many fun activities for students to learn how our actions impact the Earth and ways we can all protect our environment.

We need parent volunteers to assist with this event, specifically during our lunchtime activities between 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. During this time we will have several booths where children will participate in an activity or game to learn about climate control, recycling, water conservation, and other environmental considerations.

Volunteer Sign Up

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,

This week was ablaze with incredible events on campus. Thursday alone was a day that showed just what Kent is all about. During the day we had Mr. Pembleton's incredible science innovators show off their award-winning, creative projects in the MP Room. We were truly blown away! At lunchtime, Mr. Martinez held the first of several rounds of his annual Karaoke contest and wow, do our Falcons have talent! We have some Grammy-level singers at this school! Finally, Ms. Ward and Ms. Kessel hosted several Muslim-Americans in our library to connect with our kids and share their experiences. We are so lucky to have so many inspiring events happen on our campus.

Speaking of Thursday, once again we had a wonderful Open House showcasing your students' hard work and passion. We are always so grateful for the large turnouts and the chance to share in the pride of your children. Thank you to all who could attend and for making this evening so special once again.

Tomorrow is the last day for the Pennies for Patients drive. We have had several groups going all out to raise money for this vital organization that helps kids with cancer. Check out this week's Kentfield Kudos below for some of the creative ways our Fifth and Sixth graders are supporting Pennies for Patients. Come on, 7th and 8th, let's see if you can overtake the South Quad Falcons this year.

Finally, tomorrow is also the annual 5th grade Colonial Day. All 5th graders will rotate through the classrooms to experience life during Colonial times. From flap-

jack making and the tavern, the dancing and other colonial games, this is always a fun learning experience for our kids. Be sure to have them dress up in traditional clothing to add to the overall enjoyment.

We hope you all have a restful, refreshing Spring Break next week. We will see you all back here on the 17th as we head into the final stretch of this school year.

Skip Kniesche
Principal

Kent Counselors' Corner



Spring has definitely sprung in the counseling office! We both have been VERY busy meeting with many students about topics ranging from social conflict, changing friendships and family stress to discussing the transition to high school. The fact that our students self-advocate and seek out counseling support is a wonderful and essential part of growing up.

On the topic of changing friendships, parents often call us and ask for advice on how to respond to their children who come home very distraught about a friendship that seems to be ending. We all know that it can be very difficult for us parents to see our children emotional and upset. While our instincts often tell us that we need to soothe and somehow "fix" the problem, we also know that that may not be the most helpful approach. First and foremost, try to resist the impulse to give advice. Try to just listen and appreciate the way in which your child is impacted. Help them feel understood and listened to. Ask clarifying questions that show you are interested, but try to hold in any emotional reaction you might be having. When kids sense their parents are having an emotional response, they often feel they have to protect their parents from their feelings (and thus shut down). Seeing their parents get emotional can also heighten a child's own emotionality and consequently, makes it difficult for a child to distinguish a parent's feelings from his/her own.

Once you get the sense that your child feels understood, again, try to refrain from giving advice, but rather ask him/her what he/she thinks the options are to deal with the situation. Most children already have a pretty robust set of coping skills and ideas as to how he/she can handle a situation. Let them practice problem solving on their own and allow them to experience you as their consultant. This approach really empowers children and gives them the sense that you believe they are capable of handling a difficult situation. Keep in mind that it is normal for kids aged 11-13 to drift away from some friends or sometimes even abruptly end a friendship. As kids start to get more specialized in their interests in sports, hobbies or other areas, they tend to find students who might share those interests. This process, as painful as it may be, is a necessary and normal part of growing up and discovering who they really are. The more practice you give them

in attempting to handle and push through these challenges in their life, the more confident they will feel about the next hurdle they encounter.

Kent Counselors

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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



Teens and Marijuana in 2017

April 19, 2017

7-8:30 pm

Bel Aire School, Tiburon

Hosted by [Being Adept](#), Danielle Ramo, PhD Clinical Psychologist and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at UCSF will discuss teen marijuana use and will review what the recent legalization means for our community.

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8th Grade Graduation Fundraisers



Donut Day

Friday, April 21 during recess

\$2 per donut (chocolate and glazed)

Kent Activities



WALK - BIKE - BLEND

Thursday, April 20th

Please encourage your student to walk or bike to school as much as possible in the coming months.

On April 20th, if they walk or bike to school, they will ride the "Bike Blender" and drink a delicious smoothie! The event is sponsored by the Kent Eco-Action club and Safe Routes to Schools.



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



Attention all parents of Kent basketball players!

Thank you for a great season. Please have your child return all jerseys, cleaned, to Mr. Palmer in room 30 at Kent.

Thank you!

Mr. Palmer

Safe Routes to School



Given the recent uptick of unsafe student and hazardous driver behavior during Car Line, the KSD Safe Routes to School Task Force created the following New Car Line Guidelines to contribute to the safety of the entire school community, as well as your own child(ren).

The KSD Safe Routes to School Task Force includes school administrators, County Supervisor Katie Rice's aide, local law enforcement (the CHP and County Sheriff), County Department of Public Works, and Neighborhood Captain parents.

New Car Line Guidelines - effective immediately

1. Students must be dropped off and picked up in front of the school in the designated loading zone areas.

2. Drivers who drop off or pick up children while waiting in Car Line instead of the school designated loading zone areas are subject to fines by law enforcement since student safety is compromised and street traffic blocked.

3. No more than five cars will be permitted to stack up on McAllister. When there are five cars stacked up, drivers are requested to park and walk their student(s) for school drop off and pick up.

McAllister Carline Guidelines

- * Right turn only from McAllister into carline.
- * Avoid driving or parking on Acacia during morning drop-off.
- * Provide McAllister residents clear driveways always.
- * No U-turns allowed near campus.
- * Do not turn around in driveways.

Park & Walk Spots

Park your car and safely walk with your children from these designated areas.

- * Parking spots on Sir Francis Drake
- * Lancaster at McAllister
- * Berens at McAllister

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

Kentfield Kudos

Kent Entrepreneurs Support Pennies for Patients



Kent Middle School students are having a friendly "house" competition to raise funds for "Pennies for Patients," a three-week program for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Each year, Elementary and Middle School students across the country participate in the "Pennies for Patients" program to collect change and raise funds while learning about service and philanthropy.

We are happy to see our Service Innovation students using their entrepreneurial skills to increase their house collection. Over the weekend, a group of sixth graders held a tasty and successful bake sale. During Open House, the 5th graders held a bake sale using the "gift ecology" pricing strategy that has been successful at the Kent Community Kitchen dinners. Rather than a determined sale price per item, buyers are able to pay what they wish for the item.

Kudos to our young Kentfield entrepreneurs and philanthropists!



Support Kentfield Schools



Our kids are counting on
all of us this year!

**Check your email, starting April 1, for the Spring auction
invitation**

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

New! Spring Auction Flyer



YOU SHOULD BE DANCING!

The Spring event to benefit Bacich and Kent is almost here!

APRIL 1ST – check your email for the invite to buy your tickets.

Go to **kikschoools.org**

RSVP BY APRIL 20TH

Studio 54 will feature live auction items, getaways, sports tickets, spa, golf, wine, restaurants and more.

Bid on great items, enjoy delicious food and boogie on down!

APRIL 25TH - Online auction goes live! Featuring kids, fitness, spa, restaurants, teacher sign up parties & much more!

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Summer Camp at Corte Madera Recreation Center**

Science, Yoga, Language/Japanese/Chinese, Robotics,
Coding, and Game Design

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Corte Madera Library Events

Learn to Make Spring Rolls - registration required

Grades 6-12
April 13, 2017



Storytimes for babies - 6 year old children

Read To A Dog



Summer Camp Mentorship Opportunity

Ages 13-17

The Steve & Kate's mentorship program offers the chance to lead and be led. Mentees will get the chance to show younger campers the ropes, while also getting behind-the-scenes access to camp staff, who will guide them as role models.

[More Information](#)



UC Berkeley Young Writer's Camp at Bacich

June 26 - July 14, 2017

Turn this summer into more than a story! UC Berkeley's Bay Area Writing Project Young Writers Camp will gather creative writers entering grades 3rd-9th.

[More Information](#)



Adventures In Writing Summer Camp

Musical - Physical - Unforgettable
Writing Camp Reimagined

[Flyer](#)



Tuning In To Kids and Teens Parenting Classes

Local classes offered through the Tamalpais Union High School District

Tuning In To Kids/Teens is an evidence-based programs that provide parents with a range of strategies on how to help their child or teen develop emotional intelligence.

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Southern Marin Football



2017 Season Registration

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