

# Kentfield School District Weekly News

## Thursday, May 11, 2017

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[Bacich News](#)

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### News You Need

- Please be mindful of CAASPP testing schedules when scheduling off-campus appointments for your child. Students may not be called out of class during assessments except for emergencies.
- Studio 54 was a huge success! Thanks to all who attended and to all of the volunteers!
- Family Garden Day at Bacich - [Sign Up and Dig In!](#)
- Bacich Site Council 2017-2019 application - [apply now](#)

**Calendar corrections: 4th Grade CAASPP testing begins on Monday, May 15th. Second grade Heritage Day is Friday, May 19th.**



**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

### Monday - 5/15/2017

- Bacich last day to order school portraits - [flyer](#)
- CAASPP Testing Grades 4, 7, & 8
- Kent Special Schedule - Periods 1, 2, 3, & 4

### Tuesday - 5/16/2017

- CAASPP Testing Grades 4, 7, & 8
- Kent Special Schedule - Periods 5, 6, 7, & 1
- Communications Committee meeting, 1-2 pm, District Office

### Wednesday - 5/17/2017

- CAASPP Testing Grades 4, 7, & 8
- Kent Special Schedule - Periods 2, 3, & 4

### Thursday - 5/18/2017

- CAASPP Testing Grades 4, 7, & 8
- Kent Special Schedule - Periods 5, 6, Opportunities & 7
- Kent Margie Burke and Mathletes Lunch

### Friday - 5/19/2017

- CAASPP Testing Grades 4
- Bacich Heritage Day
- Kent Pajama Day and PJ Party to support Project Night Night, 5-7 pm, Kent Library

### Saturday - 5/20/2017

- Bacich Family Garden Day, 9:30 am-12:00 pm, [information](#)

## Save The Date

- **5/22:** 4th to 5th Grade Step Up Day for parents,
  - 8:45 am **or** 6:30 pm, Kent Library
- **5/23:** [Bacich Site Council applications](#) due to office
- **5/24:** Volunteer Luncheon, 1:30-3 pm
- **5/25:** 5th to 6th Grade Step Up Day for parents, 11:30 am, Kent Library



## Kentfield Music Festival

June 11th, 2017, 12 to 5:00 pm

A free community event sponsored by KSPTA.

### [More Information](#)

**[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



At the May meeting of the Board of Trustees this week, the Educational Showcase featured students in all grade levels sharing their experiences with Math alongside teachers Fran Yang and Cassie Hettleman. Some students presented using Seesaw, the digital portfolio platform that allows students to share their school work in a video format with their parents, while others narrated slide shows of their work. Bacich was represented by Oskar Karlsson (K), Sophie Barkin (1st), Maeve Tran (2nd), Henry Barker (3rd), and Luke O'Connor (4th). From Kent, we had Natalie Poncet (5th), Dominic Monetta (6th), Annie Goldstein (7th) and Isy Ames (8th). When asked what they liked best about learning Math, the students' answers ranged from long division to measurement to "my teacher!"

Whitehurst/Mosher political consultant, Jill Golub, presented information and made a recommendation to the Board on when to put our next Parcel Tax measure on the ballot. After learning about the advantages and disadvantages of the seven possible election dates between now and November 2018, the Board chose June 5, 2018, the consolidated statewide election. This date allows for sufficient time to organize the school and greater community and to conduct public outreach and opinion research. Further, a consolidated statewide election costs the district considerably less than a special election. Next month, the Board will hear from Whitehurst/Mosher about the public outreach and opinion research strategy they plan to implement in the Fall of 2017.

Lastly, the Board decided that they will choose how to spend the proceeds from the Grant Grover settlement and that the expenditures will solely pay for capital projects. Staff has been asked to produce for the Board a detailed accounting of deferred maintenance needs by its August meeting and the outstanding balance due on the District Office building.

## 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](#)

## Bacich Elementary School



Dear Parents,

Over the years, I've often commented on the incredible parent volunteers we have in our school community. Bacich would not be the outstanding school that it is without the volunteer support we have in our district. Some of our parent volunteers take on what probably feels like a full-time job on our campus. Others are able to help less frequently due to various factors in their own busy lives. Regardless, each and every one of our parents, who donate in some way or another to our school, are valued and appreciated by our staff members.

One group of volunteers whom you may not be aware of is our [School Site Council](#) committee members. The School Site Council is a group of teachers and parents who meet monthly throughout the school year. The purpose of the School Site Council is to provide a structure for shared decision-making within the school community. The Site Council hears regularly about the inside workings of Bacich School, asks questions, and makes suggestions related to targeted areas of the school. In addition to academic interests, the School Site Council is often actively involved in parent engagement, parent surveys, safety issues, and they often relay information to and from the parent community. This small team asks thoughtful and challenging questions based on how we can best serve the whole school community.

This year's parent members include: Alisa Rubel, Karen Flynn, Heather Ainsworth, Kathryn Supinski, Lauren Vaughn, and Davina Katz Goldwasser. These volunteers are elected by parent representatives to serve a two-year term and they represent the interests of the Bacich parent community.

It is time again to open the [application process](#) for one available position on the School Site Council for 2017-2019. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the school community. If you have questions about the School Site Council or wish to be considered as a parent volunteer member next year, please contact

me or the School Site Council chairperson, Alisa Rubel.

The application is available in the school office or [online here](#). Applications are due in the school office by Tuesday, May 23, 2017. All applicants are invited to share a short summary of their interest and qualifications to serve on this committee, which we will post in the Parent Bulletin on Thursday, May 25th. The school community will vote on the new Site Council member by June 2nd.

We belong to a school community where parents are interested, involved, and truly care. There is no doubt that our children benefit because so many parents give so much.

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 Portraits Ordering](#) - last chance to order 2016-17 portraits

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

Contact Bacich School Counselor [Maia Yamasaki](#)



**Bacich Math  
Matters Blog**



**P.E.**



**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.

### **Last Tour Date!**

May 17

[Tour Registration and Information](#)

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## Bacich Site Council

The Bacich Site Council is an elected team of parents and teachers who meet monthly with the school principal. The Site Council advises and shares in the decision-making of the school community with a primary focus on communication and student and school safety.

- Now accepting applications for one, 2-year term, position on the Bacich Site Council (2017-19)
- Application is due to Bacich Office by May 23, 2017

## Download Application

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**Last chance to order!**

Thanks to everyone for your digital and print school portrait orders this year! All online galleries will be archived as we prepare for next season; the last day to order is rapidly approaching. Online print orders will be received within just a few days of order placement, digital orders may be downloaded immediately! The proof/order form you received in the fall contains your unique password for access to your student's online gallery of proofs and class pictures. Contact us at [custsvc@hotshotportraits.com](mailto:custsvc@hotshotportraits.com) for any assistance including password questions. Do not delay your order any longer!

**Last day to order is:  
May 15th**



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## Bacich Activities



### **Bacich Family Garden Day**

May 20, 2017  
9:30 am - 12 pm  
Bacich Teaching Garden Behind Library

We will be working in the Bacich "Teaching Garden" behind the Bacich Library. We will prune, add soil and mulch, and plant native species and those that were brought to the area by Missionaries.

Please bring a hat, garden gloves, and sunscreen. We will have supplies, coffee, and treats. If you have garden tools to lend for the day please bring them (extra tool donations are gladly welcomed!).

[Sign Up Here](#)

Questions? Contact Ina Gotlieb, [gotliebfamily@comcast.net](mailto:gotliebfamily@comcast.net)

## Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

With the weather finally warming up, we are all basking in sun and fun. From the "heated" 3 on 3 playoff basketball finals put on by Mr. Gatti during lunch to the "on fire" performances by our kids at last week's county track meet, this week has brought perfectly weathered activities.

The karaoke contests each Thursday continue to amaze and inspire us. Not only are our singing Falcons brave enough to sing in front of their peers, they are absolutely incredible! We have had everything from Adele to Bobby Darin, with each performance entertaining us all. A big thank you to all the participants and Mr. Martinez for putting on this amazing contest. Finals are coming up soon, so keep an ear out for our winners.

Last week was simply incredible with the amount of appreciation we were shown by all of you parents and students! From colorful chalk messages of gratitude to a delicious taco truck feast on Wednesday, we cannot express enough how lucky we feel to work at Kent. Thank you for making this week so incredibly special for all of us!

Fifth and sixth graders did a great job with testing this week. They handled the different bell schedule like pros. Next week, seventh and eighth graders take their turn and we are certain they will do just as well as their younger Falcon counterparts. Headphones will be provided, but if your child has their own, please send them to school. We ask you to check your child's CAASPP assessment schedule when scheduling off-campus appointments. We cannot remove students during assessments except for emergencies.

Friday, May 19th, the Kent Library Council invites you to "Project Night Night PJ Party." Students will meet in the library from 5 - 7pm. It's a family fundraiser for Project Night Night, a Bay Area organization providing bags of comfort to homeless kids. Friday is also Pajama day at Kent. Have your child wear their PJ's and come in the evening where there will be games, crafts, snacks, and reading. Please consider bringing a NEW stuffed toy, blanket or book for a child aged 0 - 12 years.

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](#)

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**4th to 5th Grade Step Up Day Parent Information Session**

Monday, May 22, 2017  
Kent Library

Morning Session: 8:45 am  
or  
Evening Session: 6:30 pm

*\*Parents only need to attend one session.\**

Current 5th Grade students will be on hand to answer questions and tell parents what the transition from Bacich to Kent has been like for them.

**5th to 6th Grade Step Up Day Parent Information Session**

Thursday, May 25, 2017  
Kent Library  
11:30 am

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**2017-18 Zero Period Spanish  
for 5th-6th Graders**

Enrollment Open - Registration Deadline: June 30th

Interested in Spanish before school through Viva El Español, a Mill Valley nonprofit that operates at Kent? Experienced fifth and sixth graders may be eligible to enroll.

Please contact Veronica at [veronica-hernandez@vivaelespanol.org](mailto:veronica-hernandez@vivaelespanol.org) or Alisa Rubel at [alisarubel@yahoo.com](mailto:alisarubel@yahoo.com) for more information.

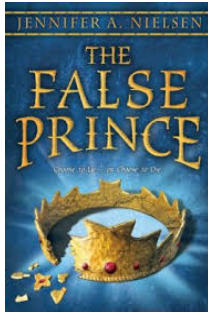
Scholarships Available - Please [contact Viva el Español](#) for more information

10% Discount for 2nd sibling

[More about Viva El Español](#)

[Click Here To Register](#) (sign in under your child's name) If you do not see a "register" button on the form, call 415-326-5199 to be added to the waitlist.





This month's Corte Madera Kent Library book club selection is "The False Prince," by Jennifer A Nielsen. We will meet to discuss the book on May 16th at lunch! Come and check one out today!

**Library Fines:** Just a reminder that there are no longer fines for late books, however books that are out longer than two months will be presumed lost and need to be replaced. You can order a replacement book from Amazon and have it delivered right to the library. Thank you!



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## Kent Community Service



### Project Night Night

The Kent Library Council's Project Night Night is collecting new stuffed animals, books, and blankets for children ages 0-pre-teen who are homeless in San Francisco for Project Night Night. Blankets are the most needed items.

Donations may be given to your Advisory teacher or Ms. Jelen. Monetary donations are also accepted.

### Donation Requirements

- Blankets should be new or newly handmade (quilted, fleece, knit, crocheted, and store-bought blankets). The blanket size should be 50" x 60" or smaller, found in the baby department of stores. No-sew blankets not accepted.
- Books appropriate for ages 0 to pre-teen.
- New stuffed animals smaller than 20 inches. No Beanie Babies.

### Project PJ Party!

May 19, 2017

5-7 pm

Kent Library

We will culminate our drive with a celebration fundraiser with a PJ Party in the Kent Library. The party will feature games, snacks, and reading activities organized by the Kent Library Council. Donations will be accepted at the door. All family members are welcome.

## Safe Routes to 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.



Safe Routes to School would like to thank all our families for participating in the successful National Bike To School Day on Wednesday, May 10th. We had a fantastic turnout of bikers and hope the spirit continues throughout the remaining days of our May Go Green Challenge.

Thank you to our parent volunteers, the Bacich Green Team, and Kent Eco-Action Club for helping to create a fun and safe Bike to School day.



Thank you to Peet's Coffee and Rustic Bakery for generously donating delicious treats for our Community Coffee and Snacks Social at morning drop-off. The Village Peddler performed helmet and seat adjustments at their Bike Safety Station. And a big thank you goes to the four officers from Marin CHP for volunteering their time to discuss safety with our students.

## May Go Green Challenge

Is it possible for your student(s) to take ZERO single-occupancy vehicle rides to school for the entire month of May?

Now that the weather has warmed, we encourage all KSD students, families, and staff to commit to the May Go Green Challenge and travel green to and from school (bike, walk, park & walk, or carpool) for the entire month of May.



### New Carline Guidelines

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

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

## Safe Routes Team Encourages Green Travel To School



*Marci Sumski, Patrick Middleton, Lisa Whitescarver, Bree Eaton, Lindsay Wilson, Heather McPhail Sridharan, Beatrice McMillan, Connie Zlot, Cassie Stevenson, Dana Marotto  
(some team leaders are missing from this photo)*

Many Kentfield children walk, ride, skate, scooter, or carpool safely to school each day thanks to the dedication to safe, alternative methods for school transportation organized by the Kentfield Safe Routes to School team.

Throughout the year, our students enjoy the Safe Routes to School's incredibly successful walking, riding, and carpooling days. The District is thankful for the strong relationship these parents have created with the County, local government, and law enforcement agencies on the District's behalf. Berens Neighborhood Captains Bree Eaton, Kathleen Helmer, and Cassie Stevenson tirelessly advocated and achieved the placement of the new crosswalk at Stadium Way and a Crossing Guard at that location.

Did you know that Safe Routes to School has created maps highlighting the safest route to school from each of the neighborhoods that surround the Bacich and Kent campuses?

Kudos to the Safe Routes to School team: Megan Ayres, Sara Barker, Geoff Callan, Jennifer Doucette, Bree Eaton, Elizabeth Estes, Kathleen Helmer, Zach MacDonald, Dana Marotto, Beatrice McMillan, Heather McPhail Sridharan, Patrick Middleton, Teola Partain, Celeste Perez, Sarah Poser, Amita Puri, Lorena Reyes, Cassie Stevenson, Marci Sumski, Rob Tulipani, Rachel Wear, Lisa Whitescarver, Lindsay Wilson, and Connie Zlot.

## Support Kentfield Schools

Our kids are counting on  
all of us this year!



**Studio 54 was a huge success! Thanks to all who attended and to all of the volunteers!**

**Be a hero.  
Support our children's  
education.**



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### Corte Madera Library Events

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Read To A Dog



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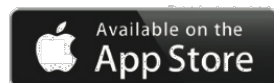
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