

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, May 18, 2017

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News You Need

- Family Garden Day at Bacich - [Sign Up and Dig In!](#)
- 4th to 5th Grade Parent Information Session 5/22, 8:45 am or 6:30 pm, Kent Library
- 5th to 6th Grade Parent Information Session, 5/25, 11:30 am, Kent Library
- Kent Volunteer Luncheon, 5/24, 1:30-3 pm
- Bacich Site Council 2017-2019 application Due 5/23 - [apply now](#)
- 5/29: No School - Memorial Day



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 - 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](#)

Monday - 5/22/2017

- Kent CAASPP Make-Up Testing - all grades
- 6th Grade ADEPT
- 4th to 5th Grade Step Up Day for parents,
 - 8:45 am or 6:30 pm, Kent Library

Tuesday - 5/23/2017

- Kent CAASPP Make-Up Testing - all grades
- [Bacich School Site Council applications](#) due to office

Wednesday - 5/24/2017

- Kent Volunteer Luncheon, 1:30-3 pm, MPR

Thursday - 5/25/2017

- 5th to 6th Grade Step Up Day for parents, 11:30 am, Kent Library
- Kent Margie Burke and KQED Perspectives, 1:26-2:09 pm, all grades

Friday - 5/26/2017

- 4th Grade Step Day to Kent

Save The Date

- 5/29: No School - Memorial Day
- 5/30:
 - School Board Meeting, 5 pm, District Office
 - 5th Grade Band Concert, 7 pm
- 5/31:
 - Safety Committee Meeting, 9 am, District Office
 - 6/7/8th Grade Band concert & reception, 7 pm

- 6/1:
 - Kindergarten Parent Concert, 8:30-9 am
 - Finance Committee meeting, 3:45 - 4:45 pm
 - 6th and 0 Period Choir concert, 7 pm



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



We half-joke in education about the "90 Days of May," which refers to the crunch we all feel to get everything done before breaking for Summer vacation. CAASPP testing, concerts, karaoke finals, Heritage Day, volunteer and teacher appreciation, the **kik** gala, hiring, end-of-year parties, planning for next year whew! You get the idea. There's a lot going on for the adults as well as the students in our school community.

During bustling times like these, it is really hard - and, therefore, vitally important - to remain mindful of and grateful for the many gifts we enjoy in our schools and world. The most important outcome of staying focused on the half-full glass is modeling that attitude for our students and children. As always, they are watching us to see how we respond to stressors, and what gets our attention. By employing a little strategic abandonment at this time of year, we are better able to stay positive and not get derailed by the small stuff.

Who knows? We may end up being happy that May's days seem to add up to more than 31!

Liz Schott
Superintendent

[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,

Bacich would not be the outstanding school that it is without the parent volunteer support, that we have in our district. From Fun Lunch to carline duty, planting with the children in the school gardens, shelving books in the library, or organizing special events for our students to experience - the generosity of time and energy that parents contribute to Bacich is difficult to top. Our children truly benefit because so many of our parents give and care so very much.

This is the time of year when we reflect on the many, many hours which you have given to our school and some of the amazing programs we are able to deliver because of your efforts.



On Thursday, June 8th, we invite our volunteers to join us for a Parent Volunteer Tea from 8:30 - 10 :00 a.m. We will meet in the Community Center for a brief musical performance and then adjourn to the quad area to enjoy a yogurt breakfast bar and breakfast treats provided by our staff to honor each of you.

For those of you who might be new to Bacich, have a child entering kindergarten in the fall, or are simply curious about other volunteer opportunities, I invite you to get in touch with our [PTA](#). There are many choices available for those who are interested in becoming more involved in our school next year.

The opportunity to work with other parents in our school community is also a wonderful and fun way to make new friends. Many of the mothers and fathers you meet while your children are in elementary school are people you will discover to be lifelong friends. Additionally, volunteering is a terrific opportunity to understand more about our school and feel more connected on our campus.

We belong to a school community where parents are interested, involved, and truly care. I thank each of our volunteers who have stepped up during the 2016-2017 school year to help make Bacich the special school that it is. We look forward to honoring you on June 8th!

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**



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**Music
Parents
and Kids**



**Bacich
Library
News**



Art Blog

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](#)

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 early Californians.

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](#)

Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

It's been a steady week of beautiful weather with more warmth and sunshine on the way this weekend. It seems we may truly be on the way to summer. Let's finish strong with everyone working together as the amazing community we are!

Speaking of finishing strong, the 7th and 8th graders handled their week of CAASPP testing like champs! We have a few kids to finish up with make-ups; other than that the entire school is set. Well done, Falcons! We are proud of your hard work and diligence these past two weeks!

Can you hear that? It's the sound of the karaoke finalists prepping for next week's grand finale! We have had five weeks of incredible singers bravely performing each Thursday and we have truly been blown away. We are so grateful for all of these artists entertaining us each week and to Mr. Martinez for organizing this annual event.

Tomorrow is Pajama Day to celebrate our final day of our Project Night Night drive. Your child should come to school in their PJs during the day then keep them on to celebrate in the library with Ms. Jelen tomorrow night! It's the perfect way to end our two weeks of testing and to kick off the weekend!

Woodlands Market Warning

Yesterday, I received a very disappointing call from Sue Santa, owner of Woodlands Market. She described how disrespectful Kent kids were after school on Wednesday. There were reports that Kent kids were leaving trash and candy all over the sidewalk in front of the market, the restaurant, and the physical therapy office. Ms. Santa said that kids were disrespectful to her as well. If this behavior happens again the Woodlands Market area will be off limits to students after school on Wednesdays. This does not reflect well on all Kent students. Please be respectful to our neighbors.

Skip Kniesche
Principal

[Download Kent Student-Parent Handbook](#)

[Electronic Device Policy Summary](#)

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

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Kent Library Blog](#)

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

Kent Counselors

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415-482-9852

Heidi Longo
Monday-Thursday
hlongo@kentfieldschools.org
415-482-9851

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



Kent Volunteer Luncheon

Wednesday, 5/24
1:30-3 pm
Kent Multipurpose Room

Have you volunteered on a field trip, class activity or on the Kent campus? Then we would like to thank you with a luncheon. We look forward to this opportunity to share our appreciation for all that you do to support Kent.



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 or Alisa Rubel at 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.

Kent Community Service



Project PJ Party!

May 19, 2017
5-7 pm
Kent Library

The Kent Library Council will culminate the Project Night Night 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.

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.
- Monetary donations are also accepted.

Safe Routes to School



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.

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.

Kentfield Kudos

Bacich Artists Win County Competition



PaperSeed Foundation organized its second annual Marin County "Recycled Materials Art Competition." Students create works of art out of items that can be recycled and items that outlived their "normal" use. Judging criteria for projects included the effective use of recyclable/reusable materials, originality and innovation, creativity, and overall presentation. Bacich Art Teacher Barbara Libby-Steinmann submitted Bacich Elementary School's 2017 school wide "Bacich Upcycling Installations."

Several of our Bacich classes received recognition for their work at the PaperSeed's award ceremony and reception on Wednesday (5/17) evening.

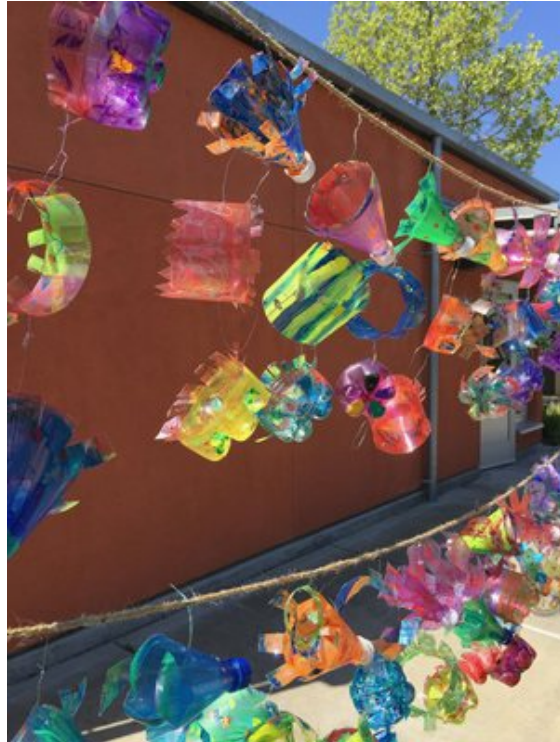


4th Grade Group Winner
"See Stunners"



2nd Grade Group Runner Up

"Plastic Bottles Garden Ornaments"



Kindergarten Group Runner Up

"Can Robots"



We'd like to give a big Kentfield kudos to Barbara Libby-Steinmann and our Bacich students for creating such beautiful and creative art pieces with the household items they collected from our community. Our students' innovation with ordinary materials truly gets us grown-ups to think differently about the items in our recycling bins.



The Bacich Art Room will receive a \$500 grant from the PaperSeed Foundation thanks to Barbara Libby-Steinmann and our fantastic upcycling artists!

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.
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education.**



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Community Announcements



Corte Madera Library Events

Storytimes for babies - 6 year old children

Read To A Dog





Marin County Foster Care

May is National Foster Care Month, a time to recognize that we each can play a part in enhancing the lives of children and youth in foster care. Marin County has 87 children in foster care and just 35 approved homes. Of those children, 20% were placed within the same city of removal, 52% were placed within Marin County and 28% were placed out of county. We want to be able to keep children in their school and community and to do that we need to have more homes available.

The 3rd Annual Walkathon

Join us for a walk along the shoreline and learn more about foster care in Marin. The annual Walkathon provides crucial funding for Marin Foster Care Association's educational programs, tutoring and enrichment, clothing, supplies, and advocacy.

May 21, 2017
2-3 pm

125 Shoreline Parkway, San Rafael

[Register for Walkathon Here](#)

Learn More About Foster Care Meeting

June 13 or July 20
7-8:30 pm

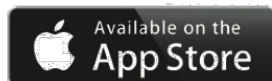
3240 Kerner Blvd. Room 110, San Rafael

Flyer in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
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