

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, June 8, 2017

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[Bacich News](#)

[Kent News](#)

News You Need

- Congratulations to the 2018 Marin County Teacher of Year - Bacich art teacher Barbara Libby
- 6/16: Last Day of School - early release at noon
- [New Good Earth Lunch Program for Fall 2017](#)
- [Rock the Blacktop this Sunday at the Kentfield Music Festival](#)
- [McAllister Avenue improvements set to begin June 19th](#)

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Upcoming Events

Thursday - 6/8/2017

- [Kent Community Service Dinner](#), 6:30-9 pm

Sunday - 6/11/2017

Kentfield Music Festival



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

A free community event sponsored by KSPTA

More Information

Monday - 6/12/2017

- 5th Grade in Lunch Plaza with 6th and 7th Grade
- 8th Grade Trip to Water World

Tuesday - 6/13/2017

- 3rd Grade field trip to Angel Island
- 6th Grade Pool Party
- School Board Meeting, 5-8 pm, District Office

Wednesday - 6/14/2017

- Annual 8th grade Graduation Breakfast, 8:35-10 am, Bacich Community Center

Thursday - 6/15/2017

- 5th Grade Pool Party
- 7th Grade Trip to McNears Beach

Friday - 6/16/2017

- Last Day of School - early release at 12 pm
 - 4th Grade Promotion, 8:30 am, Bacich Community Center
 - Kent All School Assembly and Flag Lowering Ceremony, 11 am
 - 8th Grade Graduation and Reception, 2:30-4:30 pm, Kent Field and Plaza
 - 8th Grade Graduation Dance, 7:30-9:30 pm, Kent MP room

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



As a lifelong educator, this time of year always makes me wince as strains of Pink Floyd's "School's Out for Summer" begin to waft from car windows. If, by the time I retire, students aren't so darn happy about 10 weeks of no more pencils and no more books, I'll feel like I have had some success in making school, if not the *best* six hours of a kid's day, at least thoroughly engrossing and engaging. One measure of how deeply a student is experiencing flow in class is what I call the recess test. If a cry goes up when the bell rings that sounds like, "Do we have to stop?", that class passes the recess test.

Our big news of the past week is Barbara Libby being named Marin County Teacher of the Year for 2018. Barbara's class is one that routinely passes the recess test. Barbara embodies all that is good about education. As Marin County Teacher of the Year, she is entered into competition for California Teacher of the Year and now the world knows our secret. We of course wish Barbara well as she travels this road, and hope it doesn't interfere with *her* enjoyment of summer.

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](#)



Thursday, June 8th
5:45-7:30 pm

Marin County
Office of Education
1111 Las Gallinas Avenue
San Rafael

Event Information

Tonight, the Marin County Office of Education and Bring Change to Mind (BC2M) will offer a community discussion on the widely watched and controversial Netflix series, *13 Reasons Why*. This panel discussion is open to parents, educators and youth.

Panelists will discuss concerns that the show sensationalizes and simplifies suicide and the influence that may have on student wellness. The panel will include perspectives from both youth and community mental health professionals.

Kentfield Kudos

Barbara Libby Named

2018 Marin County Teacher of the Year



Bacich art teacher, Barbara Libby, has been selected as the 2018 Marin County Teacher of the Year.

This special recognition highlights educators whose practices demonstrate innovation, student learning, and the rewards of teaching. In many years as an art teacher at Bacich, Barbara has developed a comprehensive and integrated TK - Grade 4 art program, which is diverse in content and highly engaging for our young students.

Barbara also plays an important role in Marin County's Visual Integrated Learning Specialist program and serves as Chairperson of the Marin County Visual Arts Professional Learning Community. Barbara represents the very best of professional educators in our greater community.

Additionally, Barbara finds time to be a professional artist herself, which further supports and enhances her contributions to the success of our school's art program.

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Libby! We look forward to celebrating her throughout our next school year!

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Parents,

"When is twenty minutes up?" This was the question I remember from my two elementary-aged sons during the summer months. Daily reading was always a

part of their summer schedule and I must be honest... it was not their favorite time of day during those early years. They couldn't wait to ride their bikes or play at the school down the street. Reading? Forget it.

Today both of them love reading but the idea of pleasure reading didn't click in until well after the elementary school years. As we approach the summer months, I encourage you to set aside time each day for your child to sit with a book - even it's not what they'd prefer to be doing with their free time.

Without doubt, reading is the foundation of success in school... and in life. As parents, you can offer encouragement and support and you can model the enjoyment of reading to help your child become a better reader. Reading is a skill and research shows that children who spend time every day reading books, magazines, or newspapers are more likely to become stronger readers. Research also points to the fact that reading aloud to your child is a gift that you can give your child to further encourage reading success. Below I've listed some additional ways that parents can promote reading fun.

- Set aside time to visit the local public library. [Marin County Library](#) and [Larkspur Library](#) have summer reading programs set up for young students.
- Take time for "experiences" such as a trip to the zoo or the coast. Read up on things you might see or do on your adventures before or after your visit.
- Encourage reading in fun places - under a tree, under a makeshift tent in the backyard, on the hammock...
- Cook together and follow directions in the recipes.
- Try a newspaper or magazine scavenger hunt (find the temperature of your town, the local movie schedule, sports scores, etc.).
- Identify quality websites and allow your child to research some favorite topics (dinosaurs, tide pools, dogs).
- Encourage letter writing to relatives or friends and have your child ask that they write back.

Helping your child learn to love reading is more critical than nearly anything else you can do to help your child succeed in school.

I wish you and your family happy reading over the next few months!

Sally Peck
Principal

Bacich Parent Resources

[Download Bacich Student-Parent Handbook](#)

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

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Car Line Procedures](#)

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



Dear Parents,

Oh boy. Summer is on everyone's mind and yet we are jam packed with amazing events right up until the end of the year next week. We've got music, we've got pasta, and we've got water that's out of this world! Not only that, we've got an amazing community! Read on to see what I mean.

This week we had several wonderful assemblies. Yesterday, we had the Pops concert out on the field for the first time. What a beautiful way to hear and see such a terrific event! This was just a warm up to our first ever graduation on the Kent field next week.

It's not too late to join the Trimester 3 Service Innovation class at their [Kent Community Kitchen](#) pasta dinner tonight from 6:30-8:30 pm in the MP Room! Don't feel like cooking dinner after that All Stars practice or soccer game? No worries! This "pay what you wish" dinner will take care of you and your family! Come hear amazing music and enjoy delicious food for wonderful causes! All proceeds will benefit local charity organizations.

Our 8th graders have a fun-filled week next week starting with Water World on Monday then lots of graduation practice during the following days. They will walk to Bacich with the 8th grade staff on Wednesday for the annual breakfast celebrating their years in the Kentfield School District. They will round out their time here with a beautiful graduation ceremony on Friday starting at 2:30 pm. Please have your graduate here by 2:00 pm on Friday so they can get lined up and ready!

Finally, yearbooks will be handed out to those who purchased them on Thursday, June 15th. The 7th graders will get their yearbooks at McNear's Beach and the rest of the school will get their yearbooks during class. If you did not purchase one for your child, there will be some on sale in room 34 for \$40.

Enjoy the last weekend before summer!

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](#)
[Kent Library Blog](#)

Summer Reading for Parents

Summer Reading List for Students

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

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415-482-9852

Heidi Longo
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Kent Community Service



Event Invitation



#summersuccess2017

Follow our Marin County Sheriff's Office Student Resource Officer Josie Sanguinetti at [@srojosie](https://www.instagram.com/srojosie) on Instagram.

Hashtag your good deed with #summersuccess2017 on Instagram and you will be entered to win prizes and gift cards! Ms. Sanguinetti will be posting regularly about where she is and the good deeds she sees in her job; here's your chance to be a part of #summersuccess2017 history!

Teen Poster Contest



Marin youth, ages 12-18, may enter this local poster contest to advocate for change and to educate and inform the community about their hopes, concerns, and social justice vision for our world. The contest is now open and runs through August 16th. Great prizes will be awarded to winning students and their schools!

Contest Flyer

Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School Updates



KSD Safe Routes to School program would like to share an exciting update on some of our 2016-2017 accomplishments.

1. Installation of a new crosswalk and sidewalk with a crossing guard at Stadium / McAllister.
2. Repaving and safety enhancements planned for McAllister are set to begin June 19th and finish in early September 2017. See yesterday's [Marin IJ article](#) and the [County Press Release](#) for more details.
3. A very successful recent Marin Transit bus pilot - see [Marin IJ article](#).
4. Three well-attended and locally sponsored district events - International Walk & Roll to School Day, Holiday Go Green Day, and National Bike to School Day
5. [New Bacich Carline Guidelines](#) to promote student safety

On behalf of the KSD Safe Routes to School Program and our team of 21 Volunteer Parent Neighborhood Captains, thanks for your support this year as we worked together to keep our students safe traveling to and from our schools!

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

Support Kentfield Schools



Our kids are counting on
all of us this year!

Your last chance to be a hero.

Before you start looking ahead to the summer months - with the kid camps, family trips, countless BBQ's, and sun-soaked afternoons - we wanted to give everyone who hasn't contributed one final chance to toss some money in the [kik](#) hat to support your local schools.

[Contribute!](#)

Our parent volunteers have worked tirelessly all year to help raise the funds needed to shore up the gap between what it takes to provide a quality education

to our kids and funds we get from the government - knocking on the doors of local businesses, throwing fundraising parties, making hundreds of phone calls, and spending countless hours organizing.

Now we need a few minutes of your time. Just click on over to the [kik donate page](#) and chip in whatever feels comfortable. We'll accept any amount, so there really is no reason not to donate.

Your donation will directly help to sustain critical school programs (computers, art, music, PE, etc.) and help pay the salaries of key staff (teachers, specialists, classroom aides, librarians, etc.).

Thanks for your contribution to the community. Together we're helping to make a big difference in the lives, and futures, of our children.

Be a hero.
Support our children's education.



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Community Announcements



Westside Timbers Soccer Academy

Summer Soccer opportunities through [North Bay YSL](#)

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



Corte Madera Library Events

Storytimes for babies - 6 year old children

Read To A Dog



Marin County 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.

Learn More About Foster Care Meeting

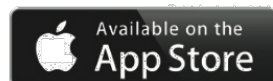
June 13 or July 20
7-8:30 pm
3240 Kerner Blvd. Room 110, San Rafael

Flyer in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
[Marin Foster Care](#)

Quick Links

[District Contacts](#)
[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)
[Student Lunch Order](#)
[Safe Routes to School](#)
[Local Funding Information](#)

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