

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, January 26, 2017

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News You Need

- New Jamba Juice Session - [Order Today!](#)
- Order 2016-2017 [Bacich Yearbook](#) and [Kent Yearbook](#)
- Interested in volunteering for the Bacich lunchtime Game Room - contact [Katie Ward](#), Assistant Principal
- **kik** presents [Studio 54](#) May 6, 2017
- [Download the Board-approved 2017-18 District Calendar](#)

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Upcoming Events

Saturday - 1/28/2017

- [KSPTA Chinese New Year Celebration](#), 4:30-6:30 pm, Bacich Community Center

Tuesday - 1/31/2017

- [Music Festival Planning Committee Meeting](#), Patxi's Pizza in Greenbrae, 340 Bon Air Center

Thursday - 2/2/2017

- 8th Grade Basketball, 3:45-5:45 pm, at Del Mar

Save The Date

- ADEPT (Alcohol, Drugs Education Prevention Training) 6th-8th Grade Parent Night: February 6, 2017, 6:30-8:30 pm
- English Learners Advisory Committee Family Literacy and Pizza Night: February 15, 2017, 6-7:30 pm, Bacich Library

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Superintendent's Update



Dear Families and Staff,

Every year around this time, I accompany the District's Chief Business Official Barbara Johnson and Trustee, Ashley Paff, to several meetings of staff and parents to preview the District's 2017-18 budget. We start next week with the Bacich staff, and proceed through the Spring to Kent's staff, both schools' Site Councils, the PTA, **kik**, our teachers' union, and the classified staff committee.

Unfortunately, the pendulum of public school funding appears to be swinging away from the flush times once again. The Governor's preliminary budget predicts flat-funding, and the burden for pension contributions is increasingly being shifted to us, the employers. Further, while we anticipate passing our Parcel Tax renewal prior to its expiration in 2019, the County requires us to show in our next year's budget what it will look like if we don't.

All of which points to how critical it is that we prevail the next time we go out to the voters. The Board of Trustees is soliciting proposals from political consultants, one of whom will advise them on the next Parcel Tax ballot measure. Then it will be all hands on deck to get that renewal measure passed so we never have to implement the \$4.8 million in cuts that will only be hypothetical in our 2017-18 District budget.

Liz Schott
Superintendent

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English Learners Advisory Committee Family Literacy Night

Wednesday, February 15, 2017
6:00-7:30
Bacich Library



Enjoy an evening to explore the joy of reading and delicious
pizza by EXTREME Pizza!

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

Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

It's been a musical week here at Kent. So far we have had band concerts for 5th grade on Tuesday and 6th-8th grade on Wednesday. While all the bands are incredible, it is certainly amazing to see the progress our students make from one year to the next! Tonight, we will round out this melodic week with a performance by the 6th grade and zero period choirs. A huge thank you to Mike Martinez for all he does for the kids and to **kik** for providing funds for these vital parts of our Kent curriculum.

Important notice: we only have one week left to order yearbooks with nameplates or name stamps! You will still be able to order yearbooks that aren't personalized until April. If you want a nameplate or name stamp on your child's yearbook, please go online and order it before February 3rd. Go to: www.yearbookordercenter.com and choose the school name and enter "Kent Middle School" in the box.

We recently received a phone call from our neighbor at Union Bank requesting that parents not use their parking lot when they come to meetings at Kent. They also ask that if you are using their parking lot to meet your child after school, please only use the back parking area. They are getting complaints from their customers. Please don't leave your car unattended when picking up or dropping off your child.

Also, we are in need of a fifth grade instructional aide. If you have time between 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, we would love to have you working at Kent. If interested, please contact Jenny Walsh at jwalsh@kentfieldschools.org.

Finally, our 8th grade graduation committee has been hard at work raising funds for our "senior" Falcons. They had another successful donut day this week with more exciting fundraisers to come. A huge thank you to all the parents who are putting in long hours to make sure this annual celebration is special.

Enjoy your weekend.

Skip Kniesche
Principal

Kent Parent Resources

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

Kent Counselors

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Tuesday-Friday
cshaw@kentfieldschools.org
415-482-9852

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



Visit www.yearbookordercenter.com

Click on "Enter School Name" and enter "Kent Middle School."

Make sure to click on Kent Middle School in Kentfield.

8th Grade Baby Photos



Please bring your baby photo with your full name on the back to Ms. Stephen's Room 34 by February 1st.

8th Grade Graduation Slide Show

Please send photographs to kellianderson43@gmail.com. Group pictures of the kids are highly encouraged, especially pictures of the students when they were in elementary school. Individual pictures will be used on occasion as well. Every child will be represented.



Things are buzzing in the library! Thank you again for all of the wonderful donations to San Pedro Elementary for our holiday book drive. Thank you notes from their students are posted on the library windows. What a great success!

During the past couple weeks, the library has been busy with students working on class projects. Fifth graders have visited the library to start their nonfiction unit; sixth graders worked on their Egypt reports, checked out silent reading books, and worked on their speeches for public speaking; seventh graders started their new play for drama with Ms. Moretti; and the Library Council met to talk about projects for the new year.

January brings many exciting programs and events here in the Kent Library. Here's a bit of what's going on....

Newbery Contest and Raffle: The 2017 Newbery Award winner, "The Girl Who Drank the Moon," was announced this week. In the Kent Library, we held a contest to guess the 2016 Newbery Award winner. I tell the kids it is like the Oscars for books. Since there are no nominees for this award, it is exciting to speculate about which author and book may win. Although we didn't have an accurate guess for the Newbery Award, fifth grader Gabe Hartka did win the raffle for a gift card to a local bookstore.

Tales2Go: Does your child love audiobooks? They are super popular here in the library, which prompted me to apply for an audiobook grant through the KSPTA. They generously funded a subscription for 120 students to receive an account with the program Tales2Go, an audiobook program featuring over 6,000 titles from pre-K to young adult titles. If you think your child would benefit from a Tales2Go account and has a device to listen on (ipad, computer, or phone), please email me or have your child stop by the library to sign up for an account today! Accounts will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

February Book Club with the Corte Madera Library! Last week we launched the next book club titles for our book club with Sarah from the Corte Madera library. Fifth and sixth graders will be reading the autobiographical graphic novel "El Deafo" by Cece Bell, and seventh and eighth graders will be reading "American Born Chinese," by Gene Luen Yang. Seventh and eighth graders may also read "El Deafo." Fifth and sixth graders may read "American Born Chinese" if they have a young adult permission slip. Students may borrow copies from the library and join us to talk about the books on February 13th (5th and 6th) and the 14th (7th and 8th) during lunch.

Thank you,

Rebecca Jelen

Kent Activities

Model UN for 5th - 8th Graders

ModelUN is open to all 5th-8th graders! Every Wednesday at 1:35pm (Jan 18 - May 17) students will discuss international issues, build leadership skills and gain a broader perspective of the world - plus, for 6-8th graders, there are field trips to meet with other ModelUN delegations. Students can grab their lunch and meet in Room 9 from 1:35 - 2:30pm where Brandon Drake, from the YMCA, will be moderating the discussion. Come to the first few sessions to see if you like it!

Then, you can sign up by Feb 1 for the entire session - the fee for 5th graders is \$75; for 6-8th graders, the fee is \$1,025 which includes the cost of field trips (LA and Camp Roberts). Financial assistance is available.

[Model UN Information
Registration Packet](#)

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Questions?

Please contact Brandon Drake at bdrake@ymcasf.org or 415-446-2178.

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Parents,

There is a gentle revolution happening in schools, in organizations, and in our homes across the country. It's called Mindfulness.

Mindfulness is a simple practice, which helps promote calm and relaxation, build compassion and empathy for others, and reduce anxiety and stress.

On Tuesday, February 7th, KSPTA Parent Ed will offer a special evening program titled, *Mindfulness: Learning How to Reduce Household Conflict and Stress.*

Over 35 years of research and development of Mindfulness-based interventions in health care, mental health, and education suggest that a Mindfulness practice can influence a person's health and well-being in multiple ways. It can have real-world implications for our lives and those around us.

Leading this powerful discussion is Bacich Parent Blair McElroy LCSW, who has

been trained in the Mindful Schools approach and is piloting the Mindfulness program with our second grade students. Joining her will be Chelsea True, who is the founder of Joyful Mind Project and also a Mindful Schools educator. Together they will share the history and benefits of a Mindfulness practice. They will also introduce you to some Mindfulness tools that you can use as a practical approach to your own parenting. Lastly, information about the pilot program will be shared.

I hope you will join us!

Sally Peck
Principal



Wow! We have had some awesome volunteers for Car Line when we have had very rainy weather! Thanks to all for helping, as this ensures that our students arrive safely. Please know we need each family to volunteer at least one time when your child's class has Car Line Duty.

For your child's safety, please use the Car Line to drop off your child in the morning. Please do not drop them off in the parking lot. When entering the main parking lot, please form two lanes, and then cars should merge to one lane after passing the crosswalk in the parking lot as this limits the traffic on Sir Francis Drake. Please share these suggestions with whomever drops off and/or picks up your child from school.

Raina Sobel has graciously organized the Game Room for lunch time recess. The Game Room is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a place for students to play games during lunch recess. Presently, we only have two parents who are volunteering to oversee the Game Room. Students love having a quiet place to play games. If you are interested in helping please contact Raina Sobel at rainasobel@mac.com or Katie Ward at kward@kentfieldschools.org.

Thanks to all for your extra time and efforts each week.

Katie Ward
Assistant Principal

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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

February 1	March 8	April 5	May 3
February 15	March 22	April 19	May 17
2017	2017	2017	2017

Tour Registration and Information

Bacich Activities



Bacich Upcycling Art Installation

Bacich Art teacher Barbara Libby creates an annual Bacich Upcycling Art Installation. This purposeful activity connects students as artists and gives them the exciting opportunity to be part of a large installation. The 2017 Bacich Upcycling Art Installation will entail one large art installation per grade level, temporarily installed in different locations around the Bacich campus.

Students will be introduced to the term and concept of upcycling. Upcycling is the practice of creating a product/project from waste or unwanted items or adapting an existing product in some way to add value. The purpose of upcycling is reducing waste and improving the efficiency of the resources used.

Each grade level is assigned a product/material to collect for the upcycling art project. Remember to ask neighbors, friends, and family if they have any of these materials.

Products/materials to be upcycled by grade level:

TK/K	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
Aluminum or tin cans any size, soda cans, soup cans, and food cans.	Colored cardboard (gift boxes, cereal boxes, and cardboard	Plastic water bottles We are	CD's We are hoping to collect 500	Old eyeglasses, sunglasses 3-D glasses, and play/costume glasses with or without lenses.

Need to be cleaned, no sharp edges! We are hoping to collect 150 cans.

with interesting colors/prints). Boxes need to be taken apart and flattened.

hoping to collect 150 1qt plastic bottles.

CDs.

We are hoping to collect 150 pairs.

We are also collecting small items to embellish and decorate the upcycled artworks.

Please look in your kitchen, garage, office, or play room for ribbons, string, yarn, citrus or onion bags, beads, buttons, feathers, shiny things, plastic spoons and forks, screws, nuts, bolts, legos, and puzzle pieces.

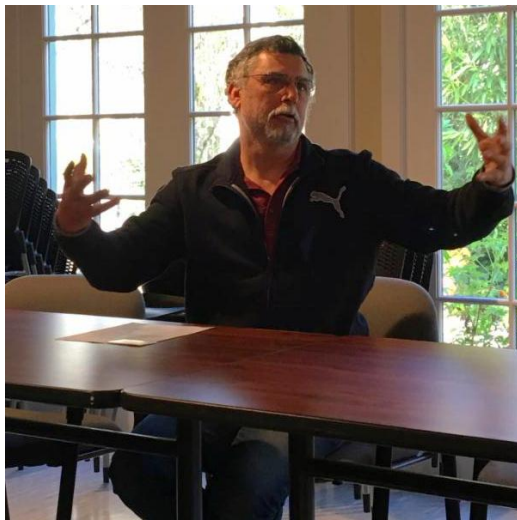
Please bring your collected items to the Bacich art room by February 13, 2017

Save The Date:

Bacich Upcycling Art Installation Open House - April 6th 2017

Kentfield Kudos

Paul Miller Never Rests



Paul Miller in a rare moment - sitting. Resting? No. He was at a Safety Committee Meeting.

It can be hard to track down Paul Miller, Kentfield School District's Facilities Director. He is frequently working on maintenance projects on both campuses and planning new projects during the walk between Bacich, Kent, and the District Office.

Even during the weekend, Paul is keeping an eye on our district. One past weekend, rains were heavy and the tide was high. Superintendent Liz Schott sent him a text on Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. - "should we install the anti-flood gates?"

Paul responded immediately, that he had already been at school several hours earlier to check and the gates weren't yet needed.

When the danger of flooding presented itself twice after, Paul and his crew installed the gates as a precaution. Installing the anti-flood gates is a 3-4 hour

process during both the installation and removal - and they didn't request any extra help!

That Kentfield School District has been able to remain flood-free and experience minimal storm damage is only the result of Paul's dedication to maintenance - tree pruning, removal of dangerous trees, gutter cleaning, and never resting when there is work to be done.

Paul has worked for the district throughout his career and his knowledge is invaluable. We thank him for his watchful eye, proactive measures, and strong determination to make sure the job is done right. We send Paul and his operations crew a huge Kentfield Kudos for their willingness to work in the cold, rain, wind, and even wee hours of the morning to constantly maintaining a safe campus for our students and staff.

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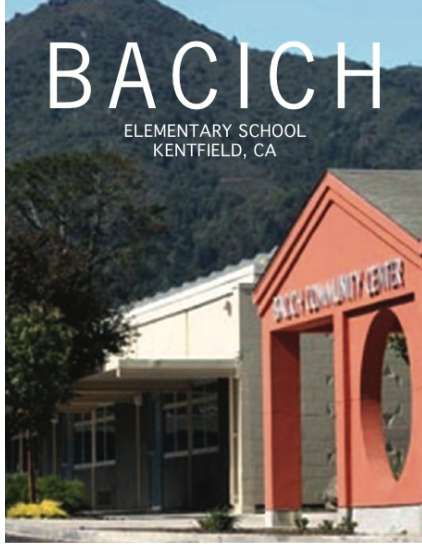
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January 29, 2017
3:00 Marin Veteran's Memorial Auditorium

Information in English and Spanish



Corte Madera Library Events

Read To A Dog

First Saturday of Every Month, 2-3 pm
Call the children's librarian at 415-924-6382 to

schedule a time for your child to read to a dog.



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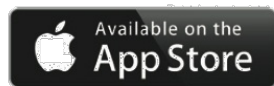
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