

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, February 2, 2017

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Bacich News

Kent News

News You Need

- No School 2/20 - 2/24/2017
- 4th Grade Registration for next year's 5th Grade 2/15/2017 and 3/1/2017, 1:30-3 pm, Kent Office, paperwork in the Kent section below, and in Friday Folders
- Want to Make a Difference? [2017-2018 KSPTA Nominations Now Being Accepted](#)
- 2nd Annual Bacich Maker Night - Space Limited - [Register Early](#) - Helping hands are appreciated - [Volunteer](#)

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Upcoming Events

Monday - 2/6/2017

- 5th Grade Walker Creek Trip
- Bacich Site Council, 3-4 pm, Bacich Library
- 7th Grade Basketball at Davidson, Girls at 3:45, Boys at 4:45 pm
- 6th Grade Basketball at Kent, Girls at 3:45, Boys at 4:45 pm
- ADEPT (Alcohol, Drugs Education Prevention Training) 6th-8th Grade

Tuesday - 2/7/2017

- 8th Grade NAEP Testing
- 5th Grade Walker Creek Trip
- Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 pm, Kent Room 24
- 6th Grade Basketball at Kent, Girls at 3:45, Boys at 4:45 pm
- KSPTA Parent Ed - Mindfulness, 6:30-8 pm, Bacich Library

Wednesday - 2/8/2017

- 5th Grade Walker Creek Trip
- 7th Grade Basketball at Kent, Girls 3:45, Boys 4:45 pm
- Special Board Meeting, 4:15-6:15 pm, District Office

Thursday - 2/9/2017

- 5th Grade Walker Creek Trip
- 8th Grade Basketball at Kent, Girls 3:45, Boys 4:45 pm

Save The Date

- 2/15/2017
 - 4th Grade Proof of Registration for enrollment at the Kent Office, 1:30-3 pm, scroll down to the Kent section for required paperwork
 - ELAC - English Learners Advisory Committee Family Literacy and Pizza Night, 6-7:30 pm, Bacich Library
- 2/17/2017 - 4th Grade Rancho Day
- 2/28/2017 - Bacich Maker Night - Register early to reserve a spot. Helping hands are appreciated - volunteer!
- 3/1/2017 - 4th Grade Proof of Registration for enrollment at the Kent Office, 1:30-3 pm, scroll down to the Kent section for required paperwork

[View](#) Entire District Calendar

[Download](#) Board-approved 2016-17 District Calendar

[Download](#) Board-approved 2017-18 District Calendar

Superintendent's Update



Dear Families and Staff,

The Kentfield School District has a long history of inclusiveness that warrants revisiting in these divisive times.

In the 1960s, the Kentfield Multi-Ethnic Committee, led by district parent and future U.S. Senator, Barbara Boxer, committed to "...bring knowledge and understanding of minorities to our teachers and to our classrooms." Joan Brownstein, another parent and future Trustee, recalled that the group hoped to build bridges and lessen prejudices through knowledge and understanding. The Committee was influential at the local and state level and Brownstein added that "Kentfield children would have the knowledge to be able to make a real contribution to racial harmony." No doubt they did.

Although the Multi-Ethnic Committee called itself a success and proclaimed their work finished, we know that some work is never finished.

Since the 1960s, our schools have become gloriously diverse. Spend time in any of our classrooms and you will meet students from all over the world, who speak a dozen different languages at home, some of whom may now be reasonably worried about the safety of themselves and their families, here and abroad.

What I want to say to all of you is that this District is a safe and inclusive environment for our students, regardless of their race, ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, or disability. And, we will protect students' guaranteed equal access to school, regardless of their or their families' immigration status.

In the proud tradition of Senator Boxer, Trustee Brownstein and the entire Multi-Ethnic Committee, the Kentfield School District champions and celebrates diversity, understanding that our strength and excellence depend on it.

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](#)



ELAC 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](#)



Dear Parents,

In these challenging times, it's important to read our Superintendent's message above. As Superintendent Liz Schott stated, our "District is a safe and inclusive environment for all of our students." If your child is worried or has questions or concerns, please direct them to one of our Counselors: Heidi Longo - hlongo@kentfieldschools.org or Corey Shaw - cshaw@kentfieldschools.org. We are here to help you in any way possible.

Exciting news for all of our artists! This year our wonderful yearbook staff is adding a page for all original Falcon art. Artists may submit a small drawing or painting by bringing it to Room 34 with their full name on the back. We will scan it and highlight it on our yearbook showcase page. All original artwork will be returned to the artist. As a side note, this page will be replacing the "Hall of Fame" pages, which were the categories of "Best Eyes", "Best Athlete", etc. The students felt that in keeping with our school focus on kindness and inclusion of all, it was important to focus on their fellow Falcons' creativity and spirit rather than what can become a "popularity" page. We are proud of their forward-thinking and embracing our school climate!

Is your child wondering what to do at lunch? Remind him or her that we have tons of clubs happening on campus! We've just added a knitting club to Fridays and Room 34 is always open as a spot to hang out, chat with friends, or catch up on some homework. We truly value all kids feeling included, so please let us know if we can help your child find the perfect spot at lunch!

If the campus seems a bit quieter next week, it is because the entire 5th grade will be at Outdoor Ed at Walker Creek from Monday through Thursday. This is a first time trip for our youngest Falcons and we are so excited for the opportunity! They will be hiking, exploring, and bonding as a grade level. A big thanks to Grade Level Coordinator, Julie Gallagher, who has coordinated all the details, as well as the many parent volunteers who are making the trip possible. We cannot wait to hear all about it, 5th graders!!

Finally, ADEPT (Alcohol, Drug Education and Prevention Training) is hosting a parent evening next Monday, February 6th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Kent Library. If you have never heard the presentation I highly recommend coming to listen. They will be working with all 7th graders beginning the week of February 13th and with 6th and 8th grades to follow. We are fortunate to be able to offer this to all our middle school kids.

Enjoy your weekend and stay dry.

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 - Stadium Way Information](#)

[Kent Library Blog](#)

[Private School Application Information and Deadlines](#)

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

Kent Counselors

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415-482-9852

Heidi Longo
Monday-Thursday
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415-482-9851

2017-18 Kent Registration for Incoming 5th Graders (current 4th graders)

Please read the Proof of Residency parent letter: [English](#). Letters in Spanish and Haitian Creole will be available in the Kent Office.

1. Update your information in [PowerSchool](#). Please complete the registration by Friday, 2/10/2017.
2. Submit Proof of Residency documents at the Kent Office on either 2/15/2017 or 3/1/2017 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Find paperwork below or in your student's Friday Folder this week.
 - [Affidavit to sign](#) and [Requirements Form to complete](#)



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 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.

Redwood-bound 8th Grade Parents



Be involved next year at Redwood High School! The RHS Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) is currently putting together the board for next year. The PTSA needs one or two parents to be

the Freshmen Representative to the board for the 2017-2018 school year. Additionally, there are other open Committee and Board positions, such as Parliamentarian and Parent Ed. If interested please contact Cheryl Pole for more information at cspole@me.com.

Kent Sports



Basketball Schedules

[6th Grade](#)

[7th Grade](#)

[8th Grade](#)

Golf Team



Golf team sign-ups are now posted in the locker rooms. Practices should start by the end of February. Stay tuned to the broadcast!

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Parents,

As you well know, parenting is hard work and we need to pace ourselves through the years. As the mother of two grown boys, I look back and realize that some of the most important parenting work that my husband and I did was when they were between the ages of five and twelve - the age of our students at Bacich.

It was during these early years, where life was forever busy and it seemed as though there was limited "adult time." The calendar was always full and sleep never felt complete. There were baseball games, soccer practices, play dates, volunteer projects, school functions to attend, and more. The boys were of the age where we wanted and needed to know where they were and whom they were with - and for the most part, they followed our plan and answered our questions.

As they moved into teenage life, they pushed to become more independent; they were less inclined to fill us in on life's daily details and they were not always willing to follow our plans. While we were available to meet their needs and very much interested in their lives, we realized that their peers and friendships were taking on a greater importance and our influence was taking a back seat.

Looking back, I realize that our family values, our expectations and our influence,

while not over, needed to be rooted securely in place by the time they reached the middle school years. They needed a firm foundation to successfully and safely navigate this bigger, more complicated world - beyond our vision and often beyond our immediate control.

Allowing our young children room to make mistakes and opportunities to suffer the consequences (when the stakes are small) is important. Modeling the values and behaviors we want them to follow (even when you don't think they are watching!) and providing a balance of love and firm, consistent boundaries, are essential parenting practices that I assure you will prepare them well for life after Bacich.

This parenting business is challenging; pace yourself; the race is long, but it is also a wonderfully rewarding one.

Sally Peck
Principal



Dear Parents,

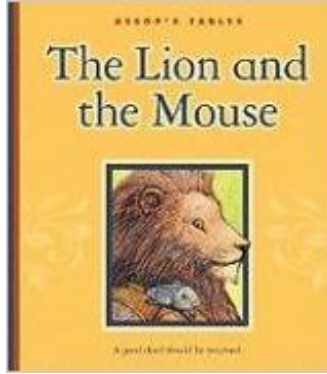
In light of our Superintendent's recent message to our families, I would like to reiterate my personal commitment to providing a "safe, inclusive learning environment" for our beautifully diverse student population.

As Ms. Schott shared, Bacich is home to children whose families come from all over the world. We are proud of this fact and celebrate it. Unfortunately, recent events have given some of our children cause for concern over their and their family's safety and well-being and/or immigration status, either at home or abroad. As always, I am available to meet with any child or parent who may be suffering from fear or worry. I am bilingual (Spanish) and we can hire an interpreter if needed for other languages that may be spoken. It is highly important to me personally and to our district that there is a sense of trust in our community, among all of its valued members. Please don't hesitate to reach out, if I am able to help in any way.

Right in line with the value of "trust" that we hold as a community, is this month's Character Counts focus on "Trustworthiness". All of our classes will be reading "The Lion and the Mouse," one of Aesop's Fables.

We hope that you will continue the conversation at home about what it means to be a trustworthy person, namely:

- Be honest.



- Do what you say you'll do.
- Don't deceive.
- Have the courage to do the right thing.
- Be loyal; stand by your friends, your family, and your community.

I am confident, now more than ever, that by working together we can continue to grow decent, honest, courageous, and loving young people.

Kindly,

Maia Yamasaki
Bacich School Counselor

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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 15

March 8

April 5

May 3

March 22

April 19

May 17

[Tour Registration and Information](#)

Attention Current 4th Grade Families 2017-18 Kent Registration for Incoming 5th Graders

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Bacich Library



During the month of January, we celebrated the winter season, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Chinese New Year.

In TK, we read some wonderful winter books and discussed what we can do in this season. In kindergarten, we read books about animals in winter to accompany their study of hibernation, migration, and adaptation. Our first graders learned how to find a "just right book" by using the Five Finger and Goldilocks rules. Ask your child about these methods for find the right book on your next library visit. First graders will now be allowed to check out two books every week. One is a free choice and the other book has to be a beginning chapter book that is "just right." We continue to cover the Information Literacy benchmarks.

In second, third, and fourth grade classes we just finished a unit on genres. We will continue research skills learning why we use a dictionary and a thesaurus. Sarah Butts, Marin County Librarian, visited our fourth graders in the library to discuss upcoming events at the Corte Madera Library.



Chinese Dragon Display

We celebrated Chinese New Year and the Year of the Rooster by reading, The Year of the Rooster by Oliver Clyde Chin, Why Rat Comes First, a tale of the Chinese zodiac retold by Clara Yen, and Sam and the Lucky Money by Karen Chinn.

In February, we will continue to read the newly announced Caldecott, Newbery, Coretta Scott King, and Theodor Seuss Geisel award winning books. See my library blog for reviews of these award winning books for your child to read at the library.

This month, we will be celebrating Black History Month. In second grade we will read Henry's Freedom Box, the story of Henry "Box" Brown who mailed himself to freedom by Ellen Levine, and A Good Night for Freedom by Barbara Olenyik Morrow. This is the story of Levi Coffin, President of the Underground Railroad, who with the help of young Hallie, manages to save two young slave girls from slave catchers. In third and fourth grade we will read Patricia Polacco's Mr. Lincoln's Way, the story of a principal who helps his students overcome intolerance and we also read Freedom Summer, a wonderful story about friendship and prejudice.



See you in the library!

Susan Warnick
Bacich Librarian

Bacich Activities

Bacich Lunchtime Game Room

The Game Room is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a place for students to play games during lunch recess. 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.



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,	Colored cardboard (gift boxes,	Plastic water bottles	CD's	Old eyeglasses, sunglasses 3-D glasses, and

soup cans, and cereal boxes, food cans.

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

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

We are hoping to collect 150 1qt plastic bottles.

We are hoping to collect 500 CDs.

play/costume glasses with or without lenses.

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, shine 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

Kent Students Share Stories on the Value Trustworthiness



Trustworthiness Skit

At Kentfield School District, we value the importance of older students modeling behavior that represents our district's values to our younger students. We create opportunities that allow our older students to play leadership roles and strengthen the connection between students at Bacich Elementary and Kent Middle School.

Kent Service Innovation first trimester students organized a Character Counts Education assembly for Bacich students on Friday, January 13th. As part of Bacich's Character Education program, the assembly focused on the value of "trustworthiness," as it relates to kindness and service.

Our Bacich students were thrilled to have the "older students" visit their campus. Asal Takesh, Kiley Giordano, Annie Goldstein, and Cole Lewis performed an engaging skit about trustworthiness and shared events in their lives that exemplified the importance of trustworthiness. These Kent students made a big impression on our Bacich bears! Bacich teachers loved seeing their former students share their expertise on trustworthiness with the Bacich students.

Kudos to Melissa Stephens and the Kent Service Innovation students for organizing the Kent students and preparing such an awesome presentation. We look forward to more Bacich-Kent assemblies and activities.

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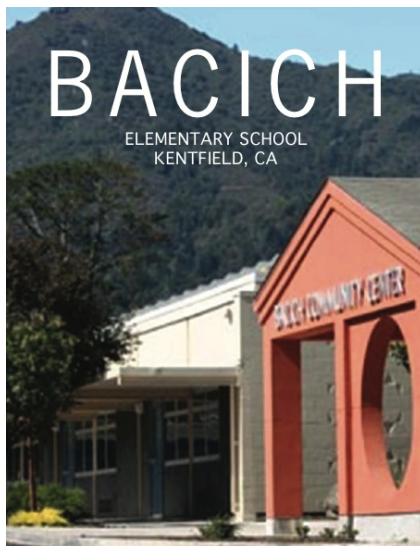
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Corte Madera Library Events

Storytimes for babies - 6 year old children

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Read To A Dog

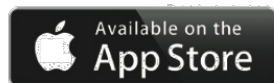
First Saturday of Every Month, 2-3 pm
Call the children's librarian at 415-924-6382 to schedule a time for your child to read to a dog.

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