

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, February 9, 2017

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Bacich News

Kent News

News You Need

- 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
- The LunchMaster will credit accounts for meals missed on school closure days
- Please see Kent Basketball section for scheduled make-up games
- [Volunteer at Bacich Family Maker Night](#)
- No School 2/20 - 2/24/2017

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Upcoming Events

Monday - 2/13/2017

- Bacich Upcycling materials due
- [Last day to order Jamba Juice](#) for session 2
- 6th Grade Basketball at White Hill, Girls - 3:45 pm, Boys - 4:45 pm
- 8th Grade Basketball at Kent - Girls only, 3:45-4:45 pm
- 7th Grade ADEPT

Tuesday - 2/14/2017

- Kent Bake Sale during lunch to support graduation
- 7th Grade ADEPT
- School Board Meeting, 5-8 pm, District Office
- 6th Grade Basketball at Mill Valley, Girls - 3:45 pm, Boys - 4:45 pm

Wednesday - 2/15/2017

- Current 4th Grade Proof of Registration for Kent 2017-18, 1:30-4:30 pm, Kent Office, scroll down to Bacich or Kent section for details
- 7th Grade Basketball at Mill Valley, Girls - 3:45 pm, Boys - 4:45 pm
- ELAC - English Learners Advisory Committee Family Literacy and Pizza Night, 6-7:30 pm, Bacich Library, Flyer in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- **kik** Board Meeting, 7:30-8:30 pm, District Office

Thursday - 2/16/2017

- 7th Grade ADEPT
- 8th Grade Basketball at Mill Valley, Girls - 3:45 pm, Boys - 4:45 pm
- Finance Committee Meeting, 3:45-4:45 pm, District Office

Friday - 2/17/2017

- 4th Grade Rancho Day

Save The Date

- 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 Bacich or Kent section for required paperwork

[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



Dear Families and Staff,

Free, public education for all has been a hallmark of our country and a vital component our democracy for centuries. In 1907, John Dewey wrote in [The](#)

School and Society, "What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child, that must the community want for all of its children. Any other ideal for our schools is narrow and unlovely; acted upon, it destroys our democracy."

I have been asked this week about the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as the Secretary of Education, particularly as it affects our school district. While DeVos's lack of experience with public education is concerning, I assume she can be brought up to speed on laws such as those ensuring Special Education, and the difference between growth and proficiency measures on high-stakes assessments. Further, funding from the federal Department of Education to Kentfield is minimal, since most of such money is based on a district's percentage of socioeconomically disadvantaged students. So there is not much to lose there if it comes to that.

It is DeVos's philosophy on school choice that could directly impact Kentfield. Current charter school laws allow groups who wish to establish a charter school in a district to receive a fair hearing. The parameters under which a district may reject a charter application are quite narrow.

What may not be widely known about charter school funding is that it comes straight out of a district's general fund - property taxes, state aid, and parcel tax(es). DeVos's full-throated endorsement of alternatives to public school clearly points toward more diversion of funds away from local public schools. The record on whether or not alternatives such as charters are more effective is mixed at best.

The question all districts - including Kentfield - could be grappling with under a DeVos Department of Education is, "Should attendance at charter, private, or religious schools be taxpayer-funded, thereby diminishing the local resources available to students in districts governed by democratically elected trustees?" Further fragmentation of a strained system weakens us all.

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

Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

I am straying a bit from my normal weekly bulletin. In the past two or three weeks, Kent Counselors and Administration have been spending an inordinate amount of time dealing with issues that should not be happening.

We have been dealing with a number of inappropriate social media posts from mostly younger students, who have treated their classmates irresponsibly. We have found that many of these electronic posts happen during sleepovers or time spent together after school at students' homes. While this isn't necessarily a school issue, it becomes a problem when it affects the relationships of our students at school. Student learning is impacted when kids are distracted by unkind comments on social media.

As a recommendation, we would like you try something new when hosting kids at your house, whether it's for an afternoon or a sleepover. How about collecting all electronic devices when the children arrive at your home? That would include smart phones, iPads, laptops, etc. Children can play games, do an art project, or simply watch a video while eating popcorn.

Applications such as Musically, Snap Chat, Instagram, and some online games have all proven to be harmful when used inappropriately. When looking at the Musically application, for instance, students must be 13 years old to sign up and a lot of the content is geared for people 18 and older. We are finding a lot of our students have Musically on their devices. These apps have created a lot of hurt feelings by having students produce songs making fun of students, sending inappropriate texts, or snap chat/Instagram photos.

Watching what your child does with social media will go a long way to help them become stronger digital citizens. We need to partner in guiding the children in the proper usage of social media - we can't do it alone at school. I encourage you to go to [Common Sense Media](#) to learn more about the safe use of electronic devices.

In other news, the 5th graders got back from Walker Creek today and had an incredible time! Despite some VERY wet weather, they enjoyed hikes, the Barnyard Boogie, and bonding as a grade level. Jenny Walsh and I visited the group on Wednesday and everyone was very upbeat. Scroll down to the kudos sections for a special thank you to all our Walker Creek parent volunteers and 5th grade teachers for making the trip a memorable event. You should have your child thank their cabin leader and their teacher for the extra effort they put in this week.

Finally, next Tuesday is Valentine's Day. To celebrate this day of heart-felt joy, our spirit committee is asking that all Falcons dress head to toe in red, white, pink, and hearts - the works!! We will count house points in Advisory so let's RAK those up!!

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

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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](#)

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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.



Valentine's Day Bake Sale

**Tuesday, February 14th
Lunchtime
Outside Kent Library**

Stop by the bake sale buy a treat for your sweet (or for yourself).

All proceeds benefit 8th Grade Graduation.

We could still use a few bakers. Please sign up at the following link (under "bake sale"): [Sign Up To Bake](#)

Kent Sports



Basketball Schedules

[6th Grade](#)

[7th Grade](#)

[8th Grade](#)

Make-Up Games: 6th Grade Only

1/10 game make-up date is 2/13/2017 at White Hill

2/7 game make-up date is 3/6/2017 at Miller Creek

Girls - 3:45 pm, Boys - 4:45 pm - both make-up games

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!



Dear Parents,

Get out your calendars! Coming up on Tuesday, February 28th is a community event that you do not want to miss. The second annual Bacich Family Maker Night is back!

Come make, create, and celebrate with other school families. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage and have fun with your kids and see some of the amazing things that they experience during their school day.

This year's line-up of activities includes a Make-and-Race Car Derby, a Glow in the Dark Corner, an Animation Station, a Bristle Bot Building station, and a Sew and Weave workshop.

Art teacher, Ms. Libby and second grade teacher, Ms. Ross are excited to lead a hands-on Upcycling Art Studio. Steve and Kate's Camp, Camp Galileo, The Cyber Garage, and Golden Gate Learning Center will also bring Maker activities to share with our parents and students.

Last year's Maker Night was so popular, that our Kentfield School District PTA has scheduled two sessions to accommodate the demand. Join us for Session I from 4:30 - 6:00 pm or Session II from 6:15 - 7:45 pm.

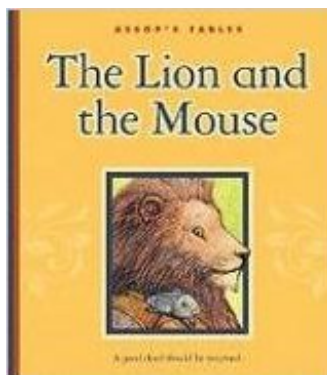
Don't want to cook that night? Dinner will available to purchase from El Paisa Taqueria and JJ's Burger Joint.

Please take the time to register and reserve tickets for this event:

bacich-makers.eventbrite.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sally Peck
Principal



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.

Bacich Parent Resources

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

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Car Line Procedures](#)

[Bacich School Portraits Ordering](#)

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

Contact Bacich School Counselor [Maia Yamasaki](#)



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**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.

Tour Dates

February 15

March 8
March 22

April 5
April 19

May 3
May 17

[Tour Registration and Information](#)

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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 Materials Due Monday, February 13th

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.

TK/K	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
Aluminum or tin cans any size, soda cans, soup cans, and food cans. Need to be cleaned, no sharp edges! We are hoping to collect 150 cans.	Colored cardboard (gift boxes, cereal boxes, and cardboard with interesting colors/prints). Boxes need to be taken apart and flattened.	Plastic water bottles We are hoping to collect 150 1qt plastic bottles.	CD's We are hoping to collect 500 CDs.	Old eyeglasses, sunglasses 3-D glasses, and 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, shiny things, plastic spoons and forks, screws, nuts, bolts, legos, and puzzle pieces.

Please bring your collected items to the Bacich art room.

Save The Date:

Bacich Upcycling Art Installation Open House - April 6th 2017

Kentfield Kudos

Walker Creek Outdoor School Trip

This week's wet weather didn't stop our Falcon fifth graders from their Marin County Outdoor School at Walker Creek adventure, an overnight,



residential environmental program. Walker Creek sits on 1700 acres of grassland, forest, riparian, and coastal chaparral ecosystems in beautiful West Marin County.

The program offers students hands-on field studies aligned to Next Generation Science Standards with a focus on conservation and environmental stewardship. Students also learn about the local cultural history and the importance of this land to local Native American tribes through the Miwok grinding rock and Walker Creek museum.



The Kent fifth grader teachers and parent chaperones deserve platinum kudos for spending time away from their families to be with our fifth grade students. They stayed in cabins with the students and enthusiastically helped the Walker Creek staff run activities.

Kudos to our fifth grade parents who braved the stormy weather and Marin County backroads to safely drive carloads of fifth graders to Walker Creek and back to Kentfield.

Thank you to all our staff and families who supported this memorable trip.





Our kids are counting on
all of us this year!



SAVE THE DATE for this
year's auction!

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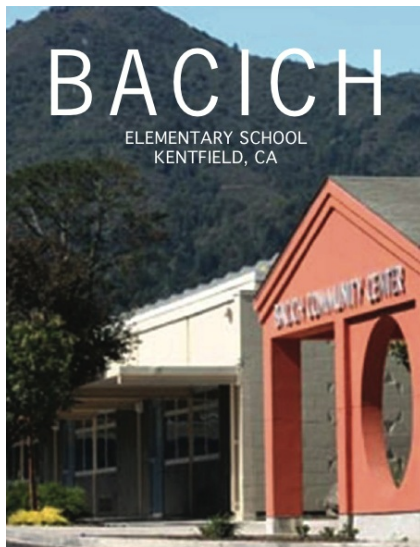
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schedule a time for your child to read to a dog.

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