

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, February 16, 2017

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Bacich News

Kent News

News You Need

- No School 2/20 - 2/24/2017
- Maker Night - [2nd Half Volunteers Needed!](#)
- 4th Grade Registration for next year's 5th Grade 3/1/2017, 1:30-3 pm, Kent Office, paperwork in the Kent section below
- The LunchMaster will credit accounts for paid meals missed on school closure days

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Upcoming Events

2/20-2/24/2017 No School

Monday - 2/27/2017

- 6th Grade Basketball at Davidson - Girls only, 3:45-4:45 pm

Tuesday - 2/28/2017

- Parent Partner Meeting, 9-11 am, District Office

- Communications Meeting, 1-2 pm, District Office
- Bacich Maker Night, Session 1 - 4:30 - 6:00 pm, Session 2 - 6:15 - 7:45 pm, Please check-in 15 minutes prior to start time. Bacich Community Center, [register for free event here](#)

Wednesday - 3/1/2017

- Current 4th Grade Proof of Registration for 5th grade at Kent in 2017-18, 1:30-4:30 pm, Kent Office

Thursday - 3/2/2017

- 8th Grade Basketball at Kent v. Lagunitas, Boys - 4:45 pm
- Third Grade Concert, 6:30-7:30, Bacich Community Center

Friday - 3/3/2017

- 8th Grade ADEPT
- 6th Grade Rosicrucian Museum Field Trip

Save The Date

- 3/6/2017 KSPTA Meeting [Agenda](#)
- 3/9/2017 Service Innovation T2 Community Dinner
- 3/10/2017 [5th & 6th Grade Games Night](#)

[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,

At its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, the Board of Trustees accepted retirement letters from many long-time, beloved members of the Kentfield teaching staff. Peter Gavin, Mary Lynn Kirk, Geoff Chin, Louise Osterman, Winnie Caulkins and Judianne Eynon will be launching the next chapter of their lives and we wish them all the best!

Science at Bacich and Kent was the focus of the Educational Showcase for February. Geoff Chin shared with the Board a project that was a Kentfield Kudo in

our [newsletter](#) a few weeks ago, first graders helping with a Marin County Parks' restoration project of Creekside Marsh. Next, eighth graders Jordan Mann and Olivia Kharrazi joined teacher Leslie Canin to describe the transition Kent has made from Science Fair to Innovation Convention and the students previewed their innovations, which will be on display at Kent's Open House on March 30th.

Aaron Jobson of QKA, the district's architects, updated the Board on our [Measure D building projects](#). We are on schedule to break ground on the two-story, eight-classroom building on the Kent campus in June. Bacich follows suit a year later. Committees of staff, teachers, and parents at both schools have been collaborating to fine tune the plans.

Two important resolutions were passed by the Board at this meeting. [One](#) is a declaration of the District and its schools as safe havens for those who may not realize that all students have a right to attend school regardless of their immigration status. The [other](#) changes the date for Trustee elections to primary or general election dates in even-numbered years, pursuant to Senate Bill 415. By enacting this resolution, current Trustees will have their terms extended by one year, and our next School Board election will be in 2018.

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](#)

Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

First of all, a belated Happy Valentine's Day to everyone! We love and appreciate you all and the spirit you encourage in your kids. On Tuesday, we had the Eco-Action club "going green" with their love for our environment, the Service Innovation kids spread the kindness by placing homemade hearts with inspirational sayings on every door, the Library celebrated with a "hearty" book club, and we painted the campus red ...and pink... with kids dressed up for our spirit day. Love and kindness were definitely in the air!



Along the lines of having a lot of heart, our basketball teams have been doing an amazing job representing Kent! Not only do they give their all, but the boys dress in slacks and ties on game days to show their respect for the game and their skills. We love seeing all our athletes playing their hearts out!

Finally, we hope you all have an incredible week off next week. Whether you are going someplace exotic, hitting the slopes in Tahoe, or just relaxing at home, be sure to enjoy each moment with your child. They are incredible people and we at Kent feel so lucky to get to spend our days with them!

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

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

Heidi Longo
Monday-Thursday
hlongo@kentfieldschools.org
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 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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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 Events

A flyer for a community dinner. The background is dark grey with a red and white checkered pattern in the bottom left corner. The text is white.

Kent Community Dinner

March 9, 2017
6:30-8:30 pm
Kent MP Room

Pay What You Wish
Italian Dinner

All proceeds benefit charity.
Event organized by 7th Grade
Service Innovation Students.

The 7th Grade T2 Service Innovation Class at Kent will manage all the planning, cooking, serving, and cleaning.

[Read Flyer](#)



Surf's Up! 5th & 6th Grade Games Night

Hosted by KSPTA

Friday, March 10th, 6 - 8 pm
Kent MP Room



- Snacks and Drinks Provided
- Exciting Games and Contests
- Raffle Prizes with Entry Ticket

Tickets: \$6 at lunch 3/9 & 3/10 or \$8 at the door

Please lend a hand to make this a rip-roaring event!
Volunteer to lead an activity or work the event. We are looking for 30 volunteers to get their game on!
[Volunteer here](#) or contact [Celia Golden, celiagolden@comcast.net](mailto:celiagolden@comcast.net) , or [Gail Hartka, hartka@pacbell.net](mailto:hartka@pacbell.net) .

Kent Sports



Basketball Schedules

[6th Grade](#)

[7th Grade](#)

[8th Grade](#)

Schedule Changes

6th Grade 2/7 game make-up date is 3/6/2017 at Miller Creek
Girls - 3:45 pm, Boys - 4:45 pm

8th Grade 3/6 vs. Miller Creek at Kent
Girls - 3:45 pm, Boys - 4:45 pm

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,

Friendship and kindness seem to go hand in hand when we think of Valentine's Day and the month of February. It is one of my favorite times of year in an elementary school.

Red and pink construction paper were in high demand as hearts and valentines multiplied on our windows and class walls. Teachers and students sang valentine songs and wrote poems and stories about friendship and the things that they love. Beautifully decorated boxes and bags were ready for all the valentines that arrived on campus this week and our first graders decorated the trees in the front of our school with pretty hearts.

Friendships and social interactions are an important part of school. Teachers spend a considerable amount of classroom time helping their students navigate social and friendship issues. Teachers recognize the importance of helping our students learn to manage their feelings of sadness, frustration, and disappointment because we know that they need the opportunity to learn the wave pattern of one's emotions. Rushing in to rescue them from distress limits their opportunities to learn that they can have these emotions and recover on their own.

The important social lessons that take place every day at school are those that seem simple to some children and quite complicated to others. Like reading, writing and math, social cognition is a subject, which cannot be ignored. We recognize that the social dynamics of a school day can affect a student's ability to focus and learn. An unresolved friendship or playground issue can derail even the best of lessons. Time in classrooms discussing these issues is often time well spent.

Our goal is to empower our children and provide them with tools to manage challenging social situations. We are committed to helping our young students learn how to develop healthy and positive relationships through lots of practice and conversation.

Wishing you heartfelt thanks for sharing your children with us.

Sally Peck
Principal

Bacich Parent Resources

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[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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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

March 8
March 22

April 5
April 19

May 3
May 17

Tour Registration and Information

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

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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.

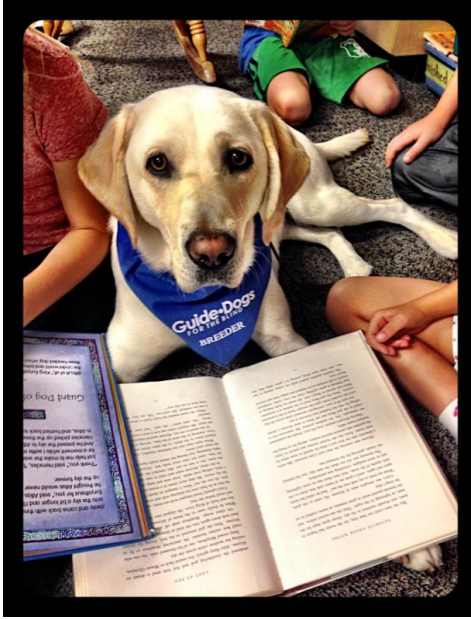
Kentfield Kudos

Bacich's Therapy Dog - Honu

One of the most popular figures on the Bacich campus is Honu.

Honu is a 3 ½ year old golden Labrador, who comes to school every day with second grade teacher, Ms. Ross.

Honu holds a Therapy Dog Certificate and was trained as a Reader Dog. Honu has a special "office" in Mrs. Ross' classroom where students curl up next to her and read.



Students throughout the school seek her out for a hug and some quiet time, especially if they have had a hard day. Others request that she visit their classroom for a lesson on kindness and compassion.

Therapy dogs help students understand empathy and they help nourish a deeper love of literacy in children, while making reading a joyful and safe experience. Research on pet therapy shows that animals connect people to each other and this bond strengthens students' ability to work together in the classroom.

Honu's patience and curiosity make her a beloved member of our school. For all the work she does and the love she shares, she only asks for a tummy rub or a milk bone in return. Thanks Honu!



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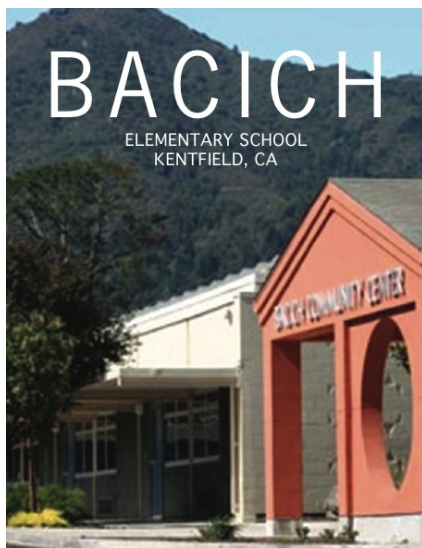
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Storytimes for babies - 6 year old children



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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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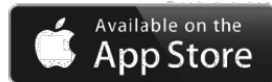
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