

Weekly Newsletter

June 14, 2018

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Bacich Office: 415-925-2220

Report Bacich Absence: 415-925-2222

Kent Office: 415-458-5970

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News You Need

- Please pick up any medication(s) that your child has in the school office by the last day of school. Any unclaimed medications will be destroyed.
- Early release at noon on last day of school 6/15
- A few more volunteers are needed to help with the 8th grade graduation and party.
- Download 2018-2019 school calendar here.
- KSPTA School Supply orders due by 7/15. (Kent School ID: KEN163) (Bacich School ID: BAC007).

Upcoming Events

Friday - 6/15/2018 - Last Day of School, early release at noon for Bacich and Kent

- 4th Grade Promotion, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich Community Center
- Limited quantities of Bacich yearbooks will be on sale during lunch. Bring cash or check.
- Kent Graduation practice in the morning.
- Kent Graduation at 2:30 p.m. (8th graders should arrive by 2 p.m.), Kent Field and Plaza, reception following ceremony

Save the Date

- **7/15/2018:** Deadline to order next year's school supplies through KSPTA (Kent school ID: KEN163, Bacich school ID: BAC007)
- **8/28/2018:** TK/Kindergarten Back to School Night, 6-7 p.m.
- **8/29/2018:** New Family Welcome Grades 1-4, 6-7 p.m.
- **8/30/2018:**
 - 5th Grade & Student WEB Orientation, 9-11:30 a.m.
 - Kent new Families and tour, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **9/4/2018:** First Day of School
- **9/5/2018:** Bacich Back to School Night, grades 1-4, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **9/6/2018:** Kent Back to School Night, 5:45-8:30 p.m.

[View Entire District Online Calendar](#)

[Download Board-approved 2018-2019 District Calendar](#)

Superintendent's Update



***On behalf of the entire Kentfield School District,
we wish you and your family a healthy and very
happy summer break.***

School Board Meeting Highlights - June 12, 2018

At its last meeting of the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Trustees honored Barbara Libby-Steinmann, Marin County Teacher of the Year, several staff members who are retiring, and PTA President Ina Gotlieb and **kik** co-Presidents David and Annie Riedel. Leaving our district with over a century of combined experience are Mary Beth Karlin, Irene Meehan, Skip Kniesche, and Katie Ward. Happy trails and thank you to all!

Construction starts at Bacich next week with protective fencing being installed first. Demolition of the round building will take place from June 25-July 13, and other classroom modernization will go on throughout the summer. Work at Kent will wrap up at the end of August, with occupancy of the new music classroom and repurposed "old office" classrooms and offices expected on September 4, the first day of the 2018-2019 school year.

The Trustees approved a first reading of Administrative Regulation 6142.92, Math Instruction. The Trustees received public comment from several district parents and were able to ask questions of the Math teachers present. Ultimately, the Board agreed with the teachers that skipping grades and tracking students are practices that are not consistent with the philosophy of math instruction in the Kentfield School District and, therefore, do not show up in the regulation. The key to meeting the needs of all students is differentiating instruction, which is highlighted in the regulation.

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5145.13, Response to Immigration Enforcement, were approved by the Trustees by unanimous vote. These guiding documents outline how the District will ensure that every school site is a safe and welcoming place for all students and their families irrespective of their citizenship

or immigration status.

Liz Schott
Superintendent

New Website

With construction happening at Bacich and Kent, we will also have some "virtual" construction happening with the revamp of our district, Bacich, and Kent websites. During June and July, our IT department will be working to transfer data, finesse the design, and enhance ease of site navigation. While we plan to have basic information available on the website during this time, there is a chance that you may encounter some "under construction pages" until the official launch during Back to School. If there is information that you cannot find, please contact the appropriate school or district office and we will help you.



Due to construction at Bacich next year, we continue to seek parking for our teachers and staff. I have received offers from nearly 20 families already. Please contact Superintendent [Liz Schott](#) if you live near Bacich and have driveway space available for teacher/staff parking. Thank you!

Liz Schott
Superintendent

District Resources

- [Approved 2018-2019 LCAP](#)
- [Board Meeting Information and Agendas](#)
- [2018-2019 District Budget online here.](#)
- [Emergency Safety Procedures for Parents](#)
- [Marin County Immigrant Student and Family Resources](#)
- [Video Tutorial to Set-Up Online Accounts](#)
- [Health Policy](#)
- [Support and Resources Related to Guns and School Safety](#)
- [Important Information from Health Nurse on Vaping in English and Spanish.](#)
- [2018-2019 Registration Information](#)
- [About YouthTruth Survey](#)
- [13 Reasons Why Parent Guide](#)

END OF YEAR MEDICATION REMINDER

Please pick up any medication(s) that your child has in the school office by the last day of school. The school cannot store medication in the office over the summer and unclaimed medications will be destroyed.

Bacich Elementary School

Dear Bacich Families,



Summer months bring back fond memories for me as a child growing up in Minnesota. My sisters and I would step out the back door early in the morning and return late in the day when it was time for dinner. We would ride our horses, catch salamanders in the window wells, build forts in the woods, and eat frozen missile pops from the ice cream truck that would pass through the neighborhood. I still hold on to those feelings of freedom and self-reliance from my childhood.

I think most of us would agree that the landscape of childhood has changed a lot since many of us were elementary age. Two career families and overscheduled children are commonplace. Busy schedules and hectic days are familiar and often unquestioned.

As I have crossed paths with parents during these last weeks of school, I have discovered that many of you are facing summer vacation with the same mix of excitement, anticipation, and a bit of dread. Knowing that the structured days are about to end, parents are rearranging work schedules, lining up play dates and childcare, and finalizing camp plans. The world as we have known it since September is about to come to an end and we are all getting ready.

As we depart for weeks of summer, I encourage you to allow for your sons and daughters to experience real "down" time in their summer schedules and chances to find the value in being alone. Let them engage in ordinary activities like washing the car with the garden hose, taking the dog for a walk, or building a fort with the left over cardboard boxes in the garage. Let them be bored and find something to do on their own. Let them discover resources that they did not know they had. Let them master the fine art of lollygagging that many of us remember as children.

Summer provides many perfect opportunities for adults to fade into the background of our children's lives. Try to erase the schedule a day or two each week and simply let them be, because a day without a schedule is a day of possibilities. Remember, they are on vacation.

Be happy. Be safe.

We will look forward to seeing you in early September!

Sally Peck
Bacich Principal



As the school year ends, I want to take this time to share my gratitude to each and every family who has been supportive this past school year. Your help with Car Line, Earth Day, Lunch, in the classrooms, with specialists, in the office, is what makes Bacich a truly special place. The list is endless in all the ways families add to the experience here at Bacich.

As I leave Bacich this year, I feel so fortunate to have interacted with so many wonderful families the past 29 years. I will miss greeting families in the morning, during the day, on the phone, in meetings, and in the afternoon.

Most of all, I will truly miss talking and observing the children each day. Your

children have made me smile and laugh each day!

I hope you will continue to read with your child, play games together, expect kindness ... be positive ... Love and laugh together as you spend time with your children!

I wish you all the best and will truly miss all of you!

Happy Summer!
Katie Ward



Bacich Modernization Information

[Bacich Construction Kick-Off Presentation](#)

[Bacich Modernization Question and Answer website.](#)

I invite you to email me (speck@kentfieldschools.org) with additional questions to add to our list. Measure D general information is also available [here](#).

Bacich Library

[Research Database for Class Projects](#)
[Online Public Access Catalog](#)

Bacich Parent Resources

[2017-18 Bacich Student-Parent Handbook](#)
[2017-18 Bacich Bell Schedule](#)
[Safe Routes to School and recommended park & walk spaces](#)
[Car Line Procedures](#)
[Reading Workshop Parent Presentations](#)
[Bacich Yearbook Orders](#)
[2018-2019 School Registration Information](#)
[Bacich Modernization Website](#)

Bacich Office: 415-925-2220

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



**Bacich Math
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Website**



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**Music
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Art Blog

Bacich Parent Events

6/15/2018

4th Grade Promotion, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich Community Center



Dear Kent Families,

Well, here it is. The final newsletter of the year and of my time here at Kent. It has been such an honor to work in this community with our amazing staff, wonderful parents, and incredible kids. As we head off to summer, I hope you all remember to play, relax, and refresh. As I know too well, time is fleeting, and it is so important to enjoy life and all it has to offer.

This week has been the perfect one to end a great year. Our 8th graders had a thrilling time at Six Flags on Monday, the 5th and 6th graders made a splash at CoM with their pool parties, and the 7th graders didn't have to travel "far" as they spent today lounging at Mc"Nears." All the kids have worked so hard all year, and they deserved this final week of fun and frolicking. Final grades are locked in and will be available on line soon.

Tomorrow is the big day for our amazing 8th graders, and they are more than ready! They went back to their roots at Bacich yesterday for a delicious breakfast and slide show followed by a special chorus performance by the Bacich bears. It was simply incredible to see how much they have grown from the tiny Kindergartners they once were to the mature young men and women they are today. They have rehearsed their graduation program to perfection, and we know tomorrow will be a special experience for all of us. Please make sure your Falcon is at school by 2:00 p.m. to line up for graduation. Ms. Stephens has set a firm start time of 2:30 p.m., so we want to make sure they are ready to go. We are anticipating gorgeous weather this year, please make sure your graduate wears sunscreen.

As I bid you farewell, I want to thank everyone past and current who has made my time here so memorable. While I am planning on enjoying retirement to the fullest, I will certainly miss my time here at Kent. Have an incredible summer, everyone!

Sincerely,

Skip Kniesche
Principal

Kent Parent Resources

[2017-2018 Kent Student-Parent Handbook](#)

[Electronic Device Policy Summary](#)

[2017-2018 Kent Bell Schedule](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Parking Lot, Drop Off Procedures, and Visitor Parking](#)

[Kent Library Information and Instagram @kentmiddleschoollibrary](#)

[2018-2019 Kent Registration Information](#)

[13 Reasons Why Parent Guide](#)

Kent Office: 415-458-5970

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

Kent Parent Events

6/15/2018 8th Grade Graduation, 2:30 p.m., Kent Field and Plaza, reception following ceremony



[@kentmiddleschoollibrary](https://www.instagram.com/kentmiddleschoollibrary)

Kent Athletics



Last Call for Basketball Uniforms!

Please, please turn in all clean basketball uniforms to Mr. Palmer in room 30.

Failure to do so will result in 2018 yearbook being withheld.

Thank you, Mr. Palmer

Kent Graduation

Calling all 7th Grade Families!

We are still looking for volunteers to help out on June 15th. Please see links below and consider helping out with this special event.

Grad Ceremony Volunteers: www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4daca62ea20-8thgrade

Grad Party Volunteers: www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054faeaa2fa0fa7-grad



Get Reminders and News about Graduation - Follow us on Instagram [@kentgrad2018](https://www.instagram.com/kentgrad2018)

Redwood High Parent Groups: information on groups to help you with you and your student's transition at Redwood High School.

Kentfield Kudos

Kent Students Win Marin Poster Contest

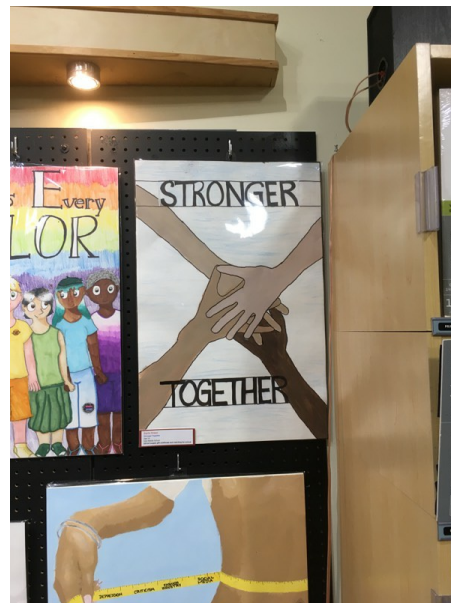


Congratulations to Kent artists Jade Wagner and Gavin Green! Both 8th grade art students received awards in the Marin Youth Poster Contest. Each year, the Youth Poster Contest invites Marin students to design an art poster that communicates their hope, optimism, concerns, and vision about the world.

Last week, the students and their families celebrated at a fun reception with a live band and gallery viewing at Riley Street Arts in San Rafael. Twenty-one winning posters, selected from 240 entries, will be on display in a special exhibition at the Marin County Fair over the Fourth of July weekend. The winning posters will also be shown at the Marin Museum of Contemporary Art through August 4th through 16th. From there, the posters will hit the road and tour the broader Bay Area!

The Youth Poster organizer commented that "the level of messaging and art work contributed this year was truly sensational and a compliment to all of the art teachers, principals, and other supporters of Marin youth."

Kudos to Kent art teacher Michele Montgomery for encouraging students to use art to find their voice!



Please note: students who entered the contest and were not awarded, may pick up their posters at Riley Street Art Supply, 1138 4th St. in San Rafael during business hours.

Safe Routes to School

The Kentfield School District encourages all families to actively participate in the nationally-recognized Safe Routes to



School Program, a neighborhood-focused initiative to advocate green travel alternatives, and address traffic safety at our schools.

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

New Parent Coordinator

After seven years, Heather McPhail-Sridharan will step down as KSD Safe Routes to School Program Coordinator and fellow long-time KSD Berens Neighborhood Captain, Kathleen Helmer, will be taking the reins of the program.

Please consider getting involved in the Safe Routes to School program by joining our next [Task Force meeting](#) on Wednesday, August 15th at 10 a.m. at the District Office.

Please read these SFD rehabilitation plans ([page 1](#) and [page 2](#)) for information on upcoming projects. Exciting safety projects that we have been advocating for many years now are coming soon to our community!

Locate "Park and Walk" spots, visitor parking, bike/scooter racks for Bacich and Kent.

Note in particular the designated parking lot for your neighborhood at Bacich.

Find your "Safe Route" to Bacich or Kent by bike/walking/car!

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Boon Supply in Mill Valley has extended their **kik** fundraiser. From now until July 15th, when you shop at their site, **50% of your purchase will go to your Kentfield/Greenbrae schools** (via **kik**). Shop from a big selection of artfully designed items like organizational tools, kitchen utensils, and items to help beautify your patio and garden.

HOW IT WORKS: Just click the button below to go to their site, select "Find a Fundraiser" in the top navigation, and then click on the **kik** fundraiser. From there, just go shop like you normally would and 50% of every dollar you spend will go towards the **kik** goal of raising \$3,000.

[Shop At Boon](#)



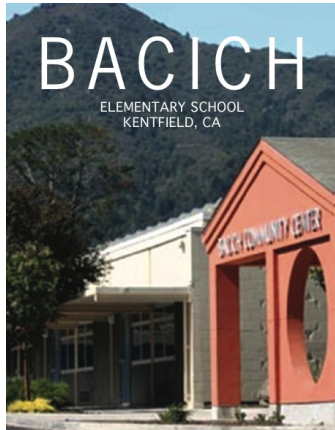
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Annual Giving
Thank You



2017-2018 Business Directory Yellow Pages

Discover 3 ways to support Kentfield Schools that will

cost you nothing!



**Limited Number of Bacich Yearbooks
Will Be Available for Sale
on the Last Day of School - 6/15.**

Cash or check

**School Supplies for 2018-2019
Order By July 15, 2018**



This school year isn't over yet but it's not too early to plan ahead for next year. Don't leave it till the last minute - [click here](#) to order next year's school supplies!

- Kent School ID: KEN163
- Bacich School ID: BAC007

Be sure to order before the July 15th deadline!

Join Our Amazing Group of KSPTA Coordinators Next Year!

- Are you a latent photographer or designer? Do you like to work on photobooks and laying out just the right combination of pictures to tell the perfect story? Then consider working on the Bacich Yearbook next year! Contact [Kathryn M.](#) if you'd like to be one of the Bacich Yearbook coordinators in 2018-2019!
- Are you a social media maven? Are you an avid Tweeter, Instagrammer, Facebooker, or blogger? The KSPTA is looking for a Social Media coordinator for next year to help us communicate better with our school community. Contact [Kathryn M.](#) if you're interested!

Find us on 

Community Announcements

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Summer Reading Program

June - August

Kids can sign up for the Summer Learning Challenge at any branch of Marin County Free Library. Each child receives a folder where they can keep track of the minutes they have read, and receive suggestions for fun learning activities.

Kids earn a Book Buck for every 100 minutes they read (or are read to). Book Bucks can be exchanged for a variety of prizes.

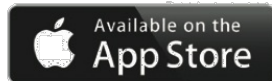
Quick Links

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[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

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