

Weekly Newsletter

May 10, 2018

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**Bacich
News**

**Kent
News**

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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

- I ♥ the 80s! **kik** [Spring Event](#) | This Saturday
- Last day to order Bacich school portraits - 5/11 - [details](#)
- [Bacich Site Council applications](#) due to office by [email](#) or drop-off by 3 pm 5/18.
- 4th to 5th Grade Parent Step Up meeting, 5/21, Kent Library, 8:40-9:40 a.m. OR 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please attend one meeting.
- [Kent Project Night Night](#) collection through 5/25.

Upcoming Events

Friday - 5/11/2018

- 8th Grade Snack Sale for Graduation at recess
- Last day to [order Bacich school portraits](#).

Saturday - 5/12/2018

- I ♥ the 80s! **kik** Spring Event | Buy your tickets at kikschoools.org

Tuesday - 5/15/2018

- [Communication Committee](#) meeting, 1- 2 p.m., District Office

Wednesday - 5/16/2018

- Kent - Margie Burke/Mathletes/KQED Perspectives Lunch

Thursday - 5/17/2018

- Finals of the Kent Karaoke Competition
- Information Session for Prospective Board Members, 6-7 p.m., District Office, RSVP to Maureen Moulton, mmoulton@kentfieldschools.org

Friday - 5/18/2018

- [Bacich School Site Council applications](#) due to office or to Lynn Bartha, lbartha@kentfieldschools.org by 3 p.m.

Save the Date

- **5/21/2018:**
 - 4th to 5th Grade Parent Step Up meeting, 8:40-9:40 a.m. OR 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kent Library. Please attend one meeting.
 - Kent Read Week Begins
 - [KSPTA](#) monthly meeting, 8:30- 9:30 a.m.
- **5/23/2018:** Kent Read Week Event with author Gennifer Choldenko at [Book Passage](#), 6-9 p.m., [event flyer](#)
- **5/24/2018:** 5th to 6th Grade Parent Step Up Day meeting, 8:40- 9:40 a.m., Kent Library
- **5/25/2018:**
 - 4th to 5th Grade Student Step Up Day
 - Last day for [Project Night Night donations](#) at Kent
- **5/28/2018:** No School - Memorial Day
- **5/30/2018:** Kent Volunteer Luncheon, 1:30 p.m., Kent Plaza
- **6/8/2018:** Retirement Celebration for Skip Kniesche, 4-6 p.m., Kent Plaza
- **6/10/2018:** [Kentfield Music Festival](#)

[View](#) Entire District Online Calendar

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

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CAASPP Testing Dates

We would like to remind families to please check their student's state testing dates for the annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) when scheduling appointments or vacations. Testing will not take the entire day scheduled. Segments of the assessment will be given throughout the testing period.

- May 14-May 18, 2018: Fourth Grade Testing at Bacich
- May 7-11, 2018 and May 14-18, 2018: Testing for all of Kent Middle School

Superintendent's Update



Board Meeting Highlights May 8, 2018

At its meeting on Tuesday, the School Board learned from Kindergarten students about their work in science. Ashley Schultz, Hunter Grigg, Madalyn Hellar, and Oliver Hinnant demonstrated their experiments with gravity, force, inertia, and momentum using ramps, balls, and slot cars they made themselves. Then, seventh grade Spanish students Izzy Gonzales and Neri Landi delivered descriptions of Cuba and Argentina in Spanish while Gary Li, Siena Callan, Emme Turkington, Maia Lewis, Ari Miller, Billie Holland, Cassidy Kipp, and Lauren Mann displayed their conversational skills by performing skits in Spanish.

The District's three 2018 Golden Bell Award recipients - Kris Kuivenhoven, Rebecca Jelen, and Fran Yang - who have been featured in the newsletter over the past month were celebrated. The recognition continued with teachers who have been awarded tenure in the district: Ilene Braff, Celeste Perez, Tracey Nott, Shannon Pigott, Catherine Teller, Jennifer Wallen, and Lindsay Zerzan. The Board was thrilled to welcome such a talented and dedicated group onto our permanent staff.

Contract Negotiations Update

It was mentioned at Tuesday's School Board Meeting that we are at impasse in salary negotiations with our teachers union. This is true. We will be meeting with a mediator in the near future to attempt to resolve the gap in the percent increase being offered by the District versus that being proposed by the teachers' union. We are hopeful that a resolution will be reached quickly to the satisfaction of both parties.

Information Session for Prospective Board Members Thursday, May 17, 2018 6-7 p.m. District Office

Superintendent Liz Schott will host an information session along with Board President Juli Kauffman for anyone interested in being a School Board member.

Three members of the Board of Trustees' terms will expire in November of this year.

We will be sharing information on the election process, district operations and finances, the role of governance in public school districts, and we will answer questions. Please email Maureen Moulton (mmoulton@kentfieldschools.org) if you would like to attend.

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

- [2017-2018 LCAP](#)
- [Board Meeting Information and Agendas](#)
- [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](#)
- **District Budget:** 2017-2018 Second Interim Reports and Information now available [online here](#).

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

One of the exciting things about working in education is that each school year has a clearly defined end and each September a new beginning.

As we look forward to fall, we will welcome Methinee Bozeman, as our new Assistant Principal. Methinee has been a Bacich teacher for the past five years and recently completed her California Administrative Leadership Credential. Katie Ward, who has served in this role for the past four years, will be retiring to spend more time with her family and a move abroad in October.

We are also preparing for the major campus construction project, which our Kentfield and Greenbrae families approved in 2016 with the passage of [Measure D](#). The second grade (Round Building) will be demolished this summer and construction will begin on a new building, which will house six classrooms, the administrative office and other spaces. This building will serve as the gateway to our school and offer important security to our campus.

Another change on campus will be our limited parking. Only sixteen parking spots for staff members will be available in the McAllister parking lot. Staff members and parents will find parking in our school neighborhoods, along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, or in the driveways of our neighbors who have offered to share space with staff members.

I assure you that careful thought is being given to every anticipated change on our

campus. I plan to keep our school families apprised of these changes, as they unfold and as I understand them.

In the meanwhile, we are creating a Q & A website specifically to address your questions about the construction project and how it will impact our school community. If you have additional questions to add, I invite you to [email me](#) and we will respond by posting on the website. This site will be live on the Bacich website the week of May 14th.

With a positive approach and open mind, we will tackle next year and we can look forward to a beautiful new campus for our children.

Sally Peck
Bacich Principal

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](#)

Bacich Office: 415-925-2220
Attendance Hotline to report a student absence: 415-925-2222



**Bacich Math
Matters
Website**



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**Music
Parents
and Kids**



**Bacich
Library
News**



Art Blog

School Tours

Tours of Bacich are available for Kentfield and Greenbrae families who are new to the district with children entering TK through fourth grade. If you have any questions please contact Jan Canon at 415-925-2220 or jcanon@kentfieldschools.org.

Tour Registration Information

Tour Dates - all tours will begin at 9 a.m. and last about 1 hour.

May 17, 2018* Last tour of the year.

Bacich Parent Events

5/18/2018 Bacich School Site Council Applications due to office.

5/21/2018 4th to 5th Grade Parent Step Up Day meeting, 8:40-9:40 a.m. OR 6:30-7:30 p.m., Kent Library. Please attend one meeting.

Bacich School Site Council Member Application and Election

The Bacich School Site Council is an elected team of parents and teachers who meet monthly with the school principal. The Site Council advises and shares in the decision-making of the school community with a primary focus on communication and student and school safety.

- Now accepting applications for five open positions for 2018-2019, 2 one-year positions and 3 two-year positions.
- Application are due by May 18, 2018 at 3 p.m. to Bacich Office or by email to Lynn Bartha, (lbartha@kentfieldschools.org).
- Parents will receive an email from Ballotbin on May 21, 2018 with voting instructions and anonymous ballot link. Parents who do not have access to email, may submit a paper ballot in the school office.
- Voting ends on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 5 p.m.
- New Site Council members will be notified by Friday, June 1, 2018 and invited to attend the last Site Council meeting of the 2017-2018 school year for an official vote on Monday, June 4, 2018.
- If you have questions about the School Site Council, please contact Bacich Principal Sally Peck or the Bacich School Site Council chairperson Kathryn Supinski (kmsupinski@gmail.com)

Download Application

Bacich aims to reduce waste on campus.

Please join us by sorting your waste into our 3-bin system!



ZeroWasteMarin.org



Last chance to order!

Thanks to everyone for your digital and print school portrait orders from HotShot Portraits this year!

All online galleries will be archived as we prepare for next season; the last day to order is rapidly approaching.

Online print orders will be received within just a few days of order placement, digital orders may be downloaded immediately!

The proof/order form you received in the fall contains your unique password for access to your student's online gallery of proofs and class pictures.

Contact us at custsvc@hotshotportraits.com for any assistance including password questions.

**Last day to order is:
May 11th**

www.hotshotportraits.com
custsvc@hotshotportraits.com



Dear Kent Families,

It appears we have official summer weather in the mix, which makes our Falcons dream of summer vacation. With just five weeks to go, we understand! So while we enjoy the weather and dream about long days and lazy nights, let's keep our eyes on the end-of-the-year prize.

This week, the fifth and sixth graders were busy with California state assessments. They have done an incredible job managing the schedule and the test load. Fifth graders will finish with the science portion tomorrow before these grades join the seventh and eighth graders for their assessments next week. A huge thank you to Jenny Walsh for the countless hours she spent scheduling testing sessions, organizing all materials, and assisting teachers with their preparation. We certainly could not do this without her!

Today, the eighth graders took their annual class photo out on the field. It is always so amazing to see everyone gathered together and smiling for the camera as a class. Each year, we are astounded by how much they have grown in their four years here at Kent. Be on the lookout for the final product in their graduation packets on June 15th!

Finally, we wish everyone who is attending the **kik I ♥ the 80s!** event and auction this Saturday a totally radical time! Be careful *not to gag yourself with a spoon* as you dine, and *fer sure get like totally tubular* with your bidding! Thanks to all who helped put this rad event together for their gnarly efforts and energy. Welcome back to the 80's!

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](#)

Kent Office: 415-458-5970

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



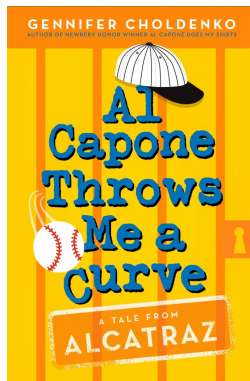
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- 6/15/2018 8th Grade Graduation, 2:30 p.m.

- **2018-2019 Registration Information**

Kent Library



**Kent and the Book Passage present
author Gennifer Choldenko**
(author of the Al Capone series and many more)
May 23, 2018

**6-9 p.m.
Book Passage**

Event Flyer

Featuring:
The Kent Jazz Combo

A dramatic reading Al Capone Does my Shirts by Kent students, and Gennifer's new book Al Capone Throws Me a Curve, which releases on May 8, 2108, snacks provided by PTA!

**** 15% of all sales go back to Kent! ****
Get your summer reading books and end-of-year gifts!

Kent Community Service

Project Night Night Collection



Helping Homeless Children Have Sweet Dreams

From now until May 25, 2018

Blankets, books, and stuffed animal collection. All items must be new.

[Donation Guidelines](#)

Kent Athletics



All Kent Basketball Parents

Please return cleaned basketball jerseys to Mr. Palmer in room 30 or the Kent office. Failure to do so may result in the holding of your student's 2018 yearbook.



Kent Golf is representing the Falcons well, sporting a 7-3 won/loss record going into this week's play. Standouts include Damian Wabl, Arjun Aujla, Stokes McConnell, Baden Bunch and Sam Sumski. In their last match, Arjun led the way with a solid 34 over 9 holes and Damian chipped in with a 36! Go Kent!

Kent Extracurricular Activities



Daily Full-Immersion Spanish Classes After School at Kent Next Year

5th-6th Grade New to the program
September 10, 2018 - June 7, 2019
M-F 7:40-8:10 a.m.

[Click here to register](#)

For more information please visit www.vivaelespanol.org or call 415-326-5199.

Kent Graduation

Sign up to help 8th Grade Graduation Fundraisers and Events.
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4da4ad2da3fa7-8thgrade



Get Reminders and News about Graduation - Follow us on Instagram [@kentgrad2018](#)

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

Kentfield Kudos

Encouraging Eco-Friendly School Transportation



Bacich students enjoy morning treats from Rustic Bakery and Peets.

On Wednesday, May 9, 2018 hundreds of Kentfield students walked and rolled to school to celebrate National Bike to School Day.

Thank you to the Kent Eco-Action team, Bacich Green Team, Safe Routes to School, and countless parent volunteers for dedicated efforts to promote eco-friendly school transportation in our district. Safe Routes to School has mapped the safest routes for students to walk, ride, and roll safely to and from school with the help of neighborhood parent volunteers. Because of these groups, using green school transportation is not just a one day event - it is part of the Kentfield culture. Throughout the year, both the Bacich Green Team and Eco-Action team created fun campus events that encouraged and increased family participation in the Safe Routes program.



And remember, our district's May Go Green Challenge still has a couple more weeks to travel green to and from school.

Using non-car transportation methods to and from school will be even more important next year while parking is limited at Bacich. Why not discover the eco-friendly method and route that works best for your family this spring before the start of the new school year?

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.



May Go Green Challenge

Is it possible for your student(s) to take ZERO single-occupancy vehicle rides to school for the entire month of May?

Now that the weather has warmed, we encourage all KSD students, families, and staff to commit to the May Go Green Challenge and travel green to and from school (bike, walk, park and walk, or carpool) for the entire month of May.

Thank you!

The dedication of our team of 18 volunteer parent Neighborhood Captains over the past year is the foundation of the success of the Safe Routes to School program. These parents have been advocating on behalf of student safety in our community for many, many years. . . thank you for your tireless commitment!

Greenbrae

Celeste Perez
Beatrice McMillan
Sarah Poser
Marci Sumski
Silvia Reyes
Connie Zlot
Rob Tulipani

Laurel Grove

Dana Marotto
Lindsay Wilson

Murray Park

Amita Puri

SFD Firehouse

Zack Macdonald

Kent Woodlands

Megan Ayres
Elizabeth Estes
Teola Partain
Sara Barker
Geoff Callan

Berens

Bree Eaton
Kathleen Helmer

If you're interested in becoming involved in the KSD Safe Routes to School Program, please contact Heather McPhail Sridharan mcphail.sridharan@gmail.com for more information

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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30th Annual Auction
Presented by kik



May 12, 2018

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JOIN US AT
MARIN COUNTY CIVIC CENTER 5:30-11PM

Musical Guests **The Cheeseballs**

HOST BAR

THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT!

ONLINE RSVP REQUIRED BY APRIL 30TH

kikschools.org

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE

Must bring cell phone to bid
Credit Card required at check-in

Individual Ticket \$165

No Reserve Seating

10 Person Reserved Table \$2,200

Reserved Seating for 10 • Premium Wine

12 Person Reserved Table \$2,500

Reserved Seating for 12 • Premium Wine

FOR MORE INFO (415) 458-5140 OR VISIT KIKSCHOOLS.ORG

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**2017-2018
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2017-2018 Business Directory Yellow Pages

Discover 3 ways to support Kentfield Schools that will cost you nothing!



KPSTA MEETING

Monday, May 21, 2018
Location TBD

Final PTA General Meeting for 2017-2018 school year.



Kentfield Music Festival

Sunday, June 10th, 2018
12-3 p.m.

We are looking for a few groupies to join our festival planning committee. Please contact our head rocker Ina Gotlieb (gottliebfamily@comcast.net) if you love music or you just like planning big, community events.

And, if you can't wait to get the music started, check out our [Performer Registration Form](#).

Find us on 

Community Announcements

These programs are not sponsored by the Kentfield School District. Distributing flyers is a community service and does not imply endorsement.



Youth Football Registration Now Open

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



Bike Drive

May 11, 2018, 7:40-8:10 a.m.
May 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Hall Middle School is hosting a bike drive open to everyone in Marin County. Bring your gently used bikes to Hall Middle School parking lot that faces the police station.

All bikes will be donated to underserved elementary schools in Marin county. Please make sure that your donated bike/s are in working condition and you would not be ashamed to give it as a gift.



23 Elephants Theatre

A non-profit Theatre and Dance Conservatory

[Information and Tickets](#)

Shrek Jr. opens 5/18/2018
Come support Kentfield students in the production!

www.23elephants.org

[Read Summer Camp Flyer](#)

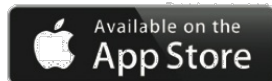
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[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

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