

Weekly Newsletter

May 17, 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

Report Kent Absence: 415-458-5972

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News You Need

- Bacich Site Council applications due to office by email or drop-off by 3 pm 5/18.
- Please read the Superintendent's letter and our *13 Reasons Why, Season 2 Parent Guide*
- 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 Read Week begins on 5/21 (remember to bring a reading book to school), author event at Book Passage on 5/23, Kent Project Night Night collection through 5/25.

Upcoming Events

Friday - 5/18/2018

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

Monday 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 - bring a reading book to school.
- **KSPTA** monthly meeting, 8:30- 9:30 a.m., location TBD

Tuesday - 5/22/2018

- 5th Grade Museum on Wheels event
- Last day snack sale fundraiser for 8th grade graduation

Wednesday - 5/23/2018

- Kent Read Week Event with author Gennifer Choldenko at Book Passage, 6-9 p.m., event flyer

Thursday - 5/24/2018

- 5th to 6th Grade Parent Step Up meeting, 8:40- 9:40 a.m., Kent Library

Friday - 5/25/2018

- 4th Grade Step Up Day
- Last day for Project Night Night donations at Kent

Save the Date

- **5/28/2018:** No School - Memorial Day
- **5/29/2018:** School Board meeting, 5-7:30 p.m., District Office
- **5/30/2018:**
 - Kent Volunteer Lunch, 1:30 p.m., Kent Plaza
 - 5th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room
- **5/31/2018:**
 - Kindergarten Concert, 8:30-9:30 a.m, Bacich Community Center
 - 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room
- **6/1/2018:** 6th, 7th, & 8th Choir Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room
- **6/8/2018:** Retirement Celebration for Skip Kniesche, 4-6 p.m., Kent Plaza
- **6/10/2018:** Kentfield Music Festival

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

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



Superintendent's Update



You may recall that we launched YouthTruth surveys this spring to hear from our students, parents/guardians, and school staff on themes related to school climate and culture. We are using this data to help measure success in school beyond test scores. We have been looking for an instrument to measure factors such as engagement, connectedness, student voice and leadership ever since they were written into our strategic plan and LCAP. Youth Truth is that instrument.

YouthTruth has completed the analysis of our data, we've received the findings, and we are reflecting on your insights and planning next steps. I wanted to send a note of thanks for your participation and to let you know what we are doing with your feedback.

Some of the feedback indicates that we are on track and achieving our goal of delivering a quality education; some of the data indicates there is more work to be done to realize our goal of inspiring our students to live, learn and lead to their fullest potential.

Our Process: Reflect and Prioritize

We are reviewing the findings to identify the areas that - based on your feedback - are working well and we should keep doing, and the areas that need to be prioritized for more improvements. Specific groups of questions and responses will be analyzed with groups having influence over those topics. However, for today, I would like to share one question asked of Kent students that causes me great concern:

**"In the last twelve months,
have you seriously considered attempting suicide?"**

Seven percent of 5th graders, 4% of 6th graders, 12% of 7th graders, and 15% of 8th graders at Kent responded "yes" to this question.

This information was enough to make me feel sad and concerned, but when coupled with the imminent release of the second season of 13 Reasons Why, Season Two, I am moved to fear and action.

It is widely felt that 13 Reasons Why can stimulate conversations about important topics *with* a caring adult. It is also known that the series can cause emotional distress or suicidal ideation/attempts in vulnerable students. ([View our 13 Reasons Why Parent Guide](#))

If we are to believe students' self reports of considering suicide, 57 Kent students have seriously thought about killing themselves in the past year. Twice that number report that in the past year they have felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that they stopped doing some usual activities.

Believe me when I say that our district will be treating this information with the utmost seriousness but we are not with students for two thirds of their weekdays and never on weekends. This is where your vigilance as parents becomes crucial.

I encourage you to read the [attached information from the National Association of](#)

School Psychologists, which can help frame discussions with your children and respond to the needs of anyone disturbed by the series.

Please let me or one of our school counselors know if you have any questions and I will pass along additional guidance/resources as they become available.

Liz Schott
Superintendent

About YouthTruth Survey **13 Reasons Why Parent Guide**



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,

Bacich would not be the outstanding school that it is without the parent volunteer support, which we have in our district. From *Fun Lunch* to carline duty, to planting with the children in the school gardens, to shelving books in the library or organizing special events for our students to experience - the generosity of time and energy that parents share at Bacich is difficult to top. Our children truly benefit because so many of our parents give and care so very much.

This is the time of year when we reflect on the many, many hours, which our parent volunteers have given to our school and some of the amazing programs we are able to deliver because of your efforts.



On Thursday, June 7, 2018 we invite our parent volunteers to join us for a Parent Volunteer Tea from 8:30-10 a.m. We will meet in the Community Center for a brief musical performance, and then adjourn to the quad area to enjoy breakfast snacks provided by our staff to honor each of you.

For those of you who might be new to Bacich School, have your youngest child entering kindergarten in the fall or simply curious about other volunteer opportunities, I invite you to get in touch with our PTA. There are many volunteer opportunities available for those who are interested in becoming more involved in our school next year. Positions range from larger commitments to smaller and more manageable positions.

The opportunity to work with other parents in our school community is a wonderful and fun way to make new friends. Many of the mothers and fathers you meet while your children are in elementary school are people you will discover to be lifelong friends. Volunteering is also a terrific opportunity to understand more about our school.

We belong to a school community where parents are interested, involved, and truly care. I thank each of our volunteers who have stepped up during the 2017-2018 school year to help make Bacich the special school that it is. We look forward to honoring you on June 7th!

Sally Peck
Bacich Principal

Bacich Modernization Website: we are putting the finishing touches on the construction project Q & A and will be able to release the website next week.

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



Bacich Parent Events

- 5/18/2018 [Bacich School Site Council Applications](#) due to office.
- 5/21-28/2018 Bacich Site Council Elections
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Center

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!**



Kent Middle School

Dear Kent Families,

The seventh and eighth graders have been working hard all



week on their CAASPP assessments, taking their cue from the fifth and sixth graders success last week. With the bulk of the testing finished today, they have proven, once again, that Kent students know how to buckle down and get it done. Eighth graders will take the science portion on Friday, May 18th, and both grades will finish anything they didn't complete earlier this week. What an accomplishment for all!

Next week is our school-wide Read Week initiated by our wonderful librarian and Golden Bell winner, Rebecca Jelen. The whole school will be taking time to silently read together while we celebrate literacy and knowledge. Please remind your child to bring a reading book to school next week. Also, be sure to come to the celebration at the Book Passage on Wednesday, May 23rd from 6-9 p.m. The Kent Jazz Band and Concert Choir will be performing in advance of author Gennifer Choldenko reading from her new book, *Al Capone, Throws me a Curve*. It should be a wonderful evening to visit Book Passage as 15% of money spent will go back to the Kent Library. It's a chance to purchase your summer reading or donate a book to the Kent library.

We had our karaoke finals today out on the lunch plaza. Wow! What talent we have on our campus! Our four finalists sang their hearts out to the delight of their peers and the staff. We are so inspired by their bravery and passion! Our finalists were Asal Takesh, Maddie Eaton, Alissa Wallace, and Rachelle Belanger. Congrats to them all! The winner will be announced on Friday, May 18th.

Finally, next week is a BIG week at Kent. Monday, May 21st is our fourth grade Step Up Day meeting for incoming parents from Bacich. We will have two opportunities (8:40 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.) for you to learn about the Kent program from some of our fifth grade students. On Thursday, May 24th, our sixth grade students will be speaking to interested fifth grade parents in the morning (8:40 a.m.) about the program in sixth grade. Also on Thursday, May 24th, we will be welcoming our new Principal, Grant Althouse along with our Principal of the Day, Tony Dale. On Friday, May 25th, we will be welcoming all the fourth graders from Bacich. It should be a busy and informational week for parents and students!

Enjoy your weekend.

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](#)

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



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

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

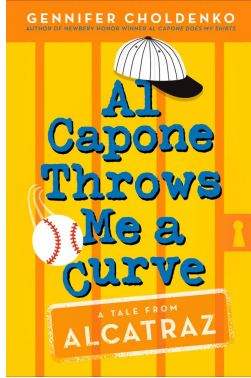
13 Reasons Why Parent Guide

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 of 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 Extracurricular Activities



Daily Full-Immersion Spanish Classes Before 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. (zero period)

[Click here to register](#)

Kent Graduation



Last Donut Day Fundraiser for the 8th Grade Graduation

May 22, 2018

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](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 Music Magic



Kent musicians are spreading their music magic throughout Marin thanks to Kent music teacher Mike Martinez. Over the past month, Mike has taken the Kent Band, Chorus, and Jazz Band to two community events showcasing the amazing music program and students we have in the Kentfield School District. On April 28th, Kent musicians played *Playing for Peace* in Corte Madera Town Park and the Community Heritage and History Day in Bon Air Greenbrae on May 5th. Next week, the Kent Jazz Combo will perform at the Read Week event at Book Passage on Wednesday, May 23rd.

Did you miss hearing these outstanding musicians led by the extraordinary practicing musician-educator Mike Martinez?

- **5/23/2018:** The Kent Jazz Combo and Concert Choir, 6-9 p.m., [Read Week Event](#) at Book Passage

Catch one of their on-campus spring concerts:

- **5/30/2018:** 5th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room
- **5/31/2018:** 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room
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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
Marcy 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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Together We're Ensuring Our Kids Get a Top-Quality



Education



Like, what an awesome party! Thank you so much to our Kentfield School District community for supporting both the **Online Auction** and **I ♥ the 80s Spring Event**. Not only did we have a great time, we raised a lot of money to support our kids, teachers, and staff. We are thrilled with the support we received for our **Fund a Need** to help build a fantastic playground at Kent. There is still an opportunity to donate [here](#) so we can make it even better for our kids! A special thanks goes to our amazing **kik** board members for helping us every step of the way.



[Donate Here](#)

2017-2018
Annual Giving
Thank You





2017-2018 Business Directory Yellow Pages

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



KPSTA MEETING

Monday, May 21, 2018
8:30-9:30 a.m.
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 (gotliebfamily@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](#).



Online School Supply Ordering Now Open

Make it easy on yourself, visit kspta.org to get your 2018-2019 supplies.

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](#)



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!

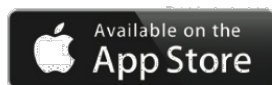
www.23elephants.org

[Read Summer Camp Flyer](#)

Quick Links

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[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)
[Safe Routes to School](#)

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