

Weekly Newsletter

March 29, 2018

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**Bacich
News**

**Kent
News**

District Office: 415-458-5130

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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* El boletín se convierten utilizando Google Translate. Entendemos que esto no es una traducción perfecta, sin embargo, esperamos que sea útil para las familias de que hablan español. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la información, póngase en contacto con nosotros.

News You Need

- Bacich Yearbook and Kent Yearbook (school code: 7587) order deadline is 3/30/2018.
- Bacich report cards available 3/30/2018 at 5 p.m. ksd.powerschool.com
- Bacich Open House, 4/5/2018, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Spring Break: April 9-13, 2018
- Please join us for Bacich Maker Night, 4/18/2018. Not only is it a super-fun evening for your kids, but it can be a great night for you, when you buy them dinner at our on-site vendors Pig in a Pickle and El Paisa Tacos.

Family and Student 2018 Survey

Student Survey:
Complete

Family Survey:

Available in English and Spanish, now open online until March 30, 2018.

[More Information](#)

[Take Family Survey Now](#)

Upcoming Events

Friday - 3/30/2018

- Kent Early Release day - 1:13 p.m., Wednesday schedule
- Bacich report cards available at 5 p.m. at ksd.powerschool.com.
- Bacich Yearbook and Kent Yearbook (school code: 7587) order deadline.

Monday - 4/2/2018

- 4th Grade Gold Country Parent meeting, 8:30-9 a.m., Bacich room 34
- Bacich Site Council, 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library

Tuesday - 4/3/2018

- Parent Partners meeting, 9-11 a.m., District Office
- Bacich Fourth Grade *A Touch of Understanding* Assembly
- Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Kent room 24, agenda

Wednesday - 4/4/2018

- **kik** Board meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., District Office

Thursday - 4/5/2018

- Kent Karaoke Competition Preliminary Round Two
- Bacich Open House, 6:00pm - 7:30 p.m.

Friday - 4/6/2018

- Fifth Grade Colonial Day

Save The Date

- **4/9-4/13/2018**: Spring Break
- **4/18/2018**: Bacich Maker Night, Session 1 - 4:00 - 5:30 or Session 2 - 6:00 - 7:30, registration is required
- **4/23-25/2018**: Fourth Grade Gold Country Trip
- **4/23/2018**: KSPTA April Meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich
- **4/28/2018**: Kent Band and Chorus at Family Festival, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Corte Madera Town Park
- **5/3/2018**: KSPTA Bloom Event, 6-8 p.m.
- **5/12/2018**: I ♥ the 80s! **kik** Spring Event

View Entire District Online Calendar

Download Board-approved 2017-18 District Calendar

Download Board-approved 2018-2019 District Calendar

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.

- April 30-May 4, 2018: Third Grade Testing at Bacich
- 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



I am thrilled to announce that Kent has a new Principal! The selection process involved 12 committee members from all of our stakeholder groups in a rigorous schedule of paperscreening, question development and interviews. We have concluded our work and I am so happy to report that Grant Althouse has accepted our offer and his hire has received Board approval.

Grant comes to Kentfield from Palo Alto where he has been a principal and assistant principal for the past seven years. He and his family are relocating this summer, and he is looking forward to meeting all of you and getting started at Kent. There will be opportunities in the coming months to get to know Grant, one of which is the April 17, 2018 Board Meeting where we will be officially welcoming him to the district. We will announce other opportunities as they get calendared.

Thank you to the selection committee - Jenny Walsh, Lisa Sandberg, Heidi Longo, Peter Goetz, Lisa Bridges, Tracey Nott, Sally Peck, Virginia DiGirolamo, and parents Kristi Burlingame, Jen Kabat, and Alden Mills - for your commitment to this process and securing such a great successor to Skip.

I am also very pleased to announce that the Board approved the hire of Methinee Bozeman as Bacich's Interim Assistant Principal, starting next school year. Methinee is in her fifth year teaching at Bacich, following more than a decade in San Francisco Unified. Methinee got her administrative credential recently and will start the next chapter of her outstanding career with the Kentfield School District.

Liz Schott
Superintendent

Parent Partners Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 2018
9-11 a.m.
District Office

Parent Partners is a group for parents of students with learning differences. The group meets three times per year with the primary goals of providing parent perspective and feedback to the school district, supporting children with exceptional needs by increasing knowledge and acceptance of learning differences in the community, and supporting other parents of students with exceptional needs. Please contact Kentfield Director of Student Services [Virginia DiGirolamo](#) for more information.

Due to construction at Bacich next year, we continue to seek parking for our teachers and staff. Please contact Superintendent [Liz Schott](#) if you live near Bacich and



have driveway space available for teacher/staff parking.
Thank you!

District Resources

- [2017-2018 LCAP](#)
- [Board Meeting Information and Agendas](#)
- [Emergency Safety Procedures for Parents](#)
- [Marin County Immigrant Student and Family Resources](#)
- [English Learners Parent Guide - Spanish, English](#)
- [ELPAC Practice Tests](#): English Learner parents, please visit [this website](#) for sample/practice questions from the new ELPAC test that English Learners will take in the spring.
- [Video Tutorial to Set-Up Online Accounts](#)
- [Health Policy](#)

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

Support and Resources Related to Guns and School Safety

- [Superintendent parent letter](#) from 2/22/2018 district newsletter.
- [Tips for Parents Talking to Children about Violence](#).
- [Tips for Talking to Children After Traumatic Events \(Spanish version\)](#).
- [Marin County Office of Education Safe Schools](#).
- Gun safety at home - [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Important Information on Vaping

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'm writing to inform you about an emerging concern regarding vaping in the community and to request your partnership in keeping our schools vape-free. According to the California Healthy Kids Survey, in Marin County 25% of ninth graders and 39% of 11th graders have experimented with vaping. These statistics were prior to the introduction of the increasingly popular e-cigarette called JUUL.

Our main concern with this trend is the health of our students. According to a recent study, 47 out of 51 vaping products contained the same chemicals in cigarettes that are linked to cancer. JUULS (e-cigarettes) are particularly concerning due to their high nicotine content. In a few minutes a child can ingest the same amount of nicotine found in one pack of cigarettes. As we know from generations of experience with tobacco, nicotine is highly addictive. We want to protect our students from carcinogens, and from developing dependence on nicotine early in life.

Possession of a vape pen, e-cigarette (JUUL) or any associated materials is strictly prohibited at school and is illegal. Please educate yourself on what these look like, and discuss this issue with your children. JUULS also may be more difficult to recognize as vaping products, since many resemble a flash drive.

Please visit this Centers for Disease Control website for valuable information www.cdc.gov/features/ecigarettes-young-people/index.html. Students can be tempted to try vaping if they believe it isn't as dangerous as a cigarette. The accessibility to these devices has become increasingly easy through online merchants, local shops, and peers. If we have a credible report of a student vaping or possessing vaping materials, we will investigate and take appropriate disciplinary actions.

In an assembly for seventh and eighth graders this year, our school Resource Officer Josie Sanguinetti and I addressed the harms of vaping, and reviewed the policies to keep our campuses vape-free. If students see other students vaping, or find anything in their backpack or desk that is not theirs, they should tell a teacher immediately.

Because many of these products are marketed toward youth and misrepresented as harmless, it's vital that we offer a consistent message as parents and educators. Thank you for remaining vigilant in this emerging threat to our students' health. If you have further concerns about this or need more information please contact me.

Sincerely,
Cammi Bell, RN, MS
Kentfield School District Nurse
415-458-5973

[Read letter in English and Spanish.](#)

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

Second trimester report cards will be ready for parents to view on Friday, March 30, 2018 at 5 p.m. As you are aware, Bacich report cards are based on the *Common Core Standards*. These standards guide specific classroom learning at each grade level.

It is our goal that each child meet the *Common Core Standards* by the *end* of each school year, however, we know that not all children follow the same path or the same time frame in their achievement or their progress at school. Some students may need more time and maturity to master these standards.

During the past few weeks, teachers have spent time reassessing their students and analyzing the student's academic information to accurately identify and document how each child is progressing at this point in the school year. It is a critical time to be aware if your son or daughter is struggling in any academic areas. In this way, you can work closely with us to support your child in the last few months of the school year. If you have additional questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

We hope that our families will first celebrate and acknowledge the success and accomplishments of their children when reading the report cards. We encourage you to make this the main focus of the conversation when discussing your child's progress and efforts. We know that elementary age children tend to see themselves through the eyes of the people who love and teach them. Being positive and encouraging is important. If there are areas of growth, talk with your

child about setting personal goals and working to accomplish them in months ahead.

School is a place where we celebrate our students' success and support them as they master their challenges. We also know that they flourish best when the adults in their lives provide positive guidance, consistent support, and they work as a team with the school. We thank you for your partnership, and we thank you for sharing your children with us.

Second trimester report cards can be accessed on Friday, March 30, 2018 after 5 p.m. at: ksd.powerschool.com.

Sally Peck
Bacich Principal

A Touch of Understanding



On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, Bacich fourth graders will participate in an award-winning character-building disability-awareness workshop brought to us by A Touch of Understanding. ATOU is a non-profit agency dedicated to educating a new generation of students to understand challenges that may be experienced by people with disabilities and to accept and respect all individuals.

Bacich Library

[Research Database for Class Projects](#)
[Marin County Pathfinder Resource Guide for 3rd Grade Project](#)
[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.

April 19, 2018 May 3, 2018
May 17, 2018* Last tour of the year.

Current Fourth Grade Families

- To start the registration process at Kent Middle School, please bring completed proof of residency form 5111.1 to the Kent office.

Bacich Parent Events

4/2/2018 Gold Country Parent Meeting, 8:30-9 a.m., Bacich Room 34
4/2/2018 Bacich Site Council, 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library
4/5/2018 Bacich Open House, 6-7:30 p.m.

A promotional poster for 'Bacich Family Maker Night 04.18.18'. The poster features a bright pink background with the text 'BACICH FAMILY MAKER NIGHT 04.18.18' in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below this, it says 'MAKE + CREATE : LIGHT + SOUND' in yellow and pink, followed by 'a FREE tinkering + discovery event for the whole family' in white. To the right of the text is a photograph of a group of people, including children and adults, gathered around a table, engaged in a hands-on activity. The table is covered with various materials and tools.

Registration

Volunteer Sign Up

Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

Based on concerns about cellphone-related stress that came up in our recent student survey, we launched a search for a tool to help students regulate their use of devices on campus. Even though we have rules around access to phones during the school day, YONDR seemed to present a solution to close the loopholes we know are exploited by a small number of students.

In an effort to move quickly, we discovered that a) the problem isn't widespread at Kent, b) the implementation would impact teaching time, and 3) the idea was not wholly embraced by parents. As a result, we will not be implementing YONDR at this time. This is a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability to

follow school rules, and we will continue to help students improve their self-regulation around cell phone use.

We could not have asked for a more perfect week to be celebrating Open House. The sun was shining, and the kids were soaking up that positive energy. It was wonderful to be out in the sunshine as we head into the last portion of the school year.

First and foremost, we were so excited to see you all at Open House this evening. I am certain you were as impressed as I was when you saw all the incredible work your students completed with the guidance of our wonderful staff. We hope you enjoyed the Science Innovation Convention in the MP room as well as all the classrooms and enrichment classes. It was a magical evening once again!

This is also the **last week** to order your yearbooks. An email blast went out earlier this week, and we got many new orders. To order, go to: www.yearbookordercenter.com and use our school code: 7587.

Finally, a big congratulations to Rebecca Jelen for being chosen as the Kent Golden Bell certificated recipient this year. She has done amazing things in the library and made it a place where all kids feel welcome. This is a well-deserved award, and we are proud to honor all her efforts!

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



[@kentmiddleschoollibrary](#)



Find out more here about Being Adept, Kent's age-appropriate drug and alcohol abuse prevention [program](#). Read the [parent letter](#) about the program and the [information handed out at the parent meeting](#).

Kent Counselors

Corey Shaw

Heidi Longo

Kent Parent Events

4/3/2018 Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Kent room 24, agenda

YearbookOrderCenter.com

1.866.287.3096 

School code: 7587

Order Deadline: Friday, March 30, 2018

Kent Registration - Incoming 5th Graders

To start the registration process for fifth grade at Kent Middle School, please bring completed proof of residency form 5111.1 to the Kent office.

Kent Community Service

Walk the Squawk Events

Kent Eco-Action students are planning several "Walk the Squawk" events to encourage more walking and biking to school.

- Dates: Wednesday, April 4, 2018; plus and two Surprise Days.



Punchcards were available at the Welcome Table on Monday, March 26, 2018. If students walk/bike three of the four dates - they can win prizes - Camelback pack, water bottles, and more!

If you live too far, park and walk at least 10 minutes.
(Kent walk and park map.)

Kent Athletics

Attention: Please return clean jerseys to Mr. Palmer in room 30 during recess or lunch. Failure to do so will result in loss of yearbook privileges. Thank you to those that already have done so!

Kent Graduation

Mark your calendars!

Donut Day Fundraisers for the Eighth Grade Graduation will be held on Tuesday, April 24 and May 22, 2018.

We need volunteers for the donut days and raffle ticket sales. [Sign up here.](#)

Graduation Raffle Fundraiser



Interested in donating a prize for the eighth grade graduation raffle fundraiser?

We are looking for gifts appealing to parents and/or kids and would especially love a donated iPhone X, Warrior tickets, Giants tickets, Spa treatments, and hotel or wine country getaways. Cash donations are also welcome.

Contact Holly Welch holly@hollyinmarin.com or Megan Williams at megpwilliams@gmail.com. Thank you!



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

Kentfield Kudos

Kent Librarian Rebecca Jelen ***Kent's Golden Bell Award Recipient***



In Kentfield Kudos, we will feature each of the district's Golden Bell award recipients. This week's kudos will feature Kent Librarian, Rebecca Jelen.

Rebecca Jelen's innovative approach to providing engaging opportunities for all students has made the Kent Library a sought-after-hub on campus. And it isn't just for her adorable dog Ziggy who visits the library often! She offers students a variety of morning and lunchtime activities - author visits, book clubs, art projects, puzzles, and MAKER activities are a few highlights. Students stop by the library for her latest book recommendation or to have a quiet place to relax. Her influence reaches beyond the library's walls - she has cultivated strong partnerships with childrens and young adult authors, the Marin County Library, and local independent book sellers. Anyone who has avoided libraries because they were shushed as a child, needs to stop by the Kent Library to witness the Rebecca Jelen's implementation of a new model of library engagement.

Thank you, Rebecca Jelen for encouraging a love of reading and providing Kent students a beloved spot to connect, unwind, and engage with their peers, books, and Ziggy, of course!

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.

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!

Support Kentfield Schools



Together We're Ensuring Our Kids Get a Top-Quality Education

3x your impact! From March 12-31, Amazon is **tripling the donation** rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2665683 and Amazon donates to **Kentfield Schools Foundation**.



Now your support goes 3 times as far

From Mar 12 – 31, Amazon will triple the donation rate to 1.5% on your first eligible purchase at smile.amazon.com.

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**SAVE THE DATE for this year's auction!
Saturday May 12, 2018**

KIK PRESENTS I ♥ THE 80s

Bid, dine, dance and raise money for our school!

How can I support the auction and help you?

- If you or someone you know would like to promote their business, become a sponsor for the auction (sponsorship form on back)
- Donate an item from the following wish list

If you can help please contact: Mandy Willian or Megan Hirschbein - Auction Co-Chairs
mandy.willian@gmail.com and mchirschbein@gmail.com

Live and Silent Auction Wish List

Hotel & Vacation Homes:

- Beach and ski resorts, Europe, Mexico, etc.

Fun Experiences:

- Sporting events tickets
- Tickets to a talk show
- Backstage passes to a concert
- Winery tastings

Wine:

- Rare wines, flights, magnums

Golf Outings:

- Members-only clubs, destinations

National retail gift cards:

- Nordstrom, Restoration Hardware, Apple, etc.

Thank you!

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I ♥ the 80s! Sponsorship Benefits

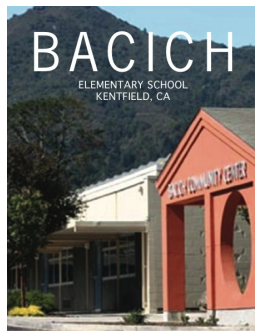


**2017-2018
Annual Giving
Thank You**



2017-2018 Business Directory Yellow Pages

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



Order 2017-18 Bacich Yearbooks

Order Deadline: Friday, March 30, 2018

[Click here](#) to make sure this school year is not forgotten.

Kent Yearbooks are [sold here](#) and have the same order deadline. Enter school code 7587.

KSPTA Monthly Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2018
8:30-9:30 a.m.
Bacich

[More Information](#)

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[Registration](#)

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)



**Don't forget:
Join the Good Eggs School Fundraiser!**

Earn 10% back for Bacich every time you shop on Good Eggs during March and April.

Pssst! Never tried Good Eggs? You'll get \$15 off your order when you join, plus our school is eligible for bonuses when new families get a Good Eggs order!

How do I join?

Step 1 Visit schools.goodeggs.com.

Step 2 Enter the code BACICH

Step 3 Place an order and 10% goes back!

Good Eggs is the unbelievably simple way to feed your family well, all week long. Absurdly fresh groceries + easy weeknight dinners, delivered to your door the same day you order.



Save the Date

Thursday, May 3, 2018
6-8 p.m.

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.



Southern Marin Football and Cheer

2018 Registration now open. Financial assistance available.

Flyer in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).



San Francisco State University Summer Reading Skills Program

Sir Francis Drake High School

Programs for 4 year olds to high school ages.

[Find out more here.](#)

**Parent Ed:
Natural Highs: Supporting Teens Making Healthy
Choices**

April 23 or 26, 2018
Free event, registration required, and space is limited.



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[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

Download the KSD Mobile App



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