



Weekly Newsletter

March 22, 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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News You Need

- Participate in our Family Survey to help determine our LCAP goals. Read the Superintendent's Update for more information. Survey ends 3/30/2018.
- Volunteers are needed for Games Night! Ladies and gentlemen, we are short volunteers for the 5th/6th Game Night tomorrow (3/23/2018). If we do not have enough folks to run the event, well... we'll be short on games and fun. Can you please help us? (Games Night Flyer)
- Registration assistance in English and Spanish will be available at 5:30 p.m. in the Kent Library before the Open House, at 6-7:30 p.m.
- Bacich Yearbook and Kent Yearbook (school code: 7587) order deadline is 3/30/2018.
- Bacich families - watch this video introduction and read this flyer for Friday's (3/23/2018) visitor, artist Rafael López.

Upcoming Events

Friday - 3/23/2018

- Artist Rafael López visits Bacich - read this for more information.
- 5th & 6th Games Night, 6-8 p.m., Kent M.P. room, tickets will be on sale at lunch for \$6 or \$8 at the door.
- Attention 7th graders! WEB applications are due to the Kent office.

Tuesday - 3/27/2018

- 5th Grade Colonial Interpretation Day
- Parent Ed: Network Protection and Home Tech Tips, 7-8:30 p.m., Kent Library

Wednesday - 3/28/2018

- Kent Late Release - 3:28 p.m.

Thursday - 3/29/2018

- Kent registration assistance, 5 p.m., Kent Library
- Kent Open House, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Kent - Preliminary Round One of the Karaoke Competition

Friday - 3/30/2018

- Kent Early Release day - 1:13 p.m., Wednesday schedule
- Bacich Yearbook and Kent Yearbook (school code: 7587) order deadline.

Save the Date

- **4/2/2018:**
 - 4th Grade Gold Country Parent meeting, 8:30-9 a.m., Bacich room 34
 - KSPTA General Meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m. location TBD
 - Bacich Site Council, 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library
- **4/3/2018:**
 - Parent Partners meeting, 9-11 a.m., District Office
 - Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 p.m., location TBD
- **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
- **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



Twice as many of you as last year have already taken the time to help with our planning by completing the annual family survey for which I thank you. There is still time for the rest of you to help, too. The deadline for completing the survey is Friday, March 30, 2018. There is so much we have no way of knowing without your input.

I was asked today about the district's success in getting a school bus to help with getting students to and from school. I work on making this happen every year, thus far unsuccessfully. There is some chance of our prevailing next year, if the vendor who provides service in Ross Valley and Mill Valley is willing to expand. The cost may be a factor - around \$5.75 per day for a round trip ticket - but first we must ascertain that the bus company wants to provide our students with transportation.

On the subject of transportation, with the main Bacich parking lot being unavailable next year due to construction, we continue to seek parking for our teachers and staff. Eleven of you who live near Bacich offered spaces in your driveways for teachers to park. We could use many more. Please let me know if you are able to help us out in this small way.
lschott@kentfieldschools.org

Thank you ~

Liz Schott
Superintendent

Family and Student 2018 Survey

Student Survey:

Administered between March 19-31, 2018 (3rd -8th grade).

Student [permission letters](#), which also have a link to all of the student survey questions.

Family Survey:

Available in English and Spanish, now open online until March 31, 2018.

[More Information](#)

[Take Family Survey Now](#)

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](#)

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](#).

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

Have you noticed that being a parent means feeling helpless a lot of the time? Helpless to give your daughter the reading skills that don't come easily, helpless to make your son the professional baseball player that he would like to be, helpless to give him the "perfect" teacher every year. The list of things that parents cannot do or control is infinite.

Watching our children struggle with social issues is one of the more difficult things to bear as a parent, and there is no place where a mother or father feels more powerless to make a significant difference than in your child's social life.

Friendship is the "gold of childhood." Children discover this for themselves. Most things in their lives are imposed - school, bedtime, what is for dinner - but friends are something they can choose. There is no doubt that peer relationships are important in the lives of our children. Our sons and daughters do not necessarily need a dozen close friends or one incredibly close friend, and they don't need to be the most popular kid in the class. Each child is unique and requires a different kind of friendship where they feel accepted and supported. What that looks like is different for everyone.

Most adults do not understand the true nature of child development. As children grow, the ground rules of friendships develop and change. In elementary school, children regularly promise friendship, withhold it, and speculate on it. It is common for a mother or father's own personal experiences to creep in to this aspect of our children's lives. It is important for parents to understand that friendships will change, conflict is natural and inevitable, and not all close friendships will last even when the parents are "best friends".

The truth is that children need to move at their own developmental pace when it comes to friendships. They need to learn to negotiate the ups and downs and twists and turns of growing up. For some students this comes naturally, while for others, they need some additional support and/or coaching to experience success and develop their social skills. Providing space for our children to grow socially is important. Equally important is conveying confidence in our children that they can work through many of these social issues. These are skills that will serve them well and last a lifetime.

Sally Peck
Bacich Principal

P.S. *Best Friends, Worst Enemies* by author Michael Thompson is a powerful book for parents on how to support and understand our children's social relationships.

Bacich Meets Artist Rafael Lopez

Meet
Rafael

Mr. Rafael Lopez will visit Bacich on Friday March 23, 2018. He has recorded this quick video introduction of himself and his art studio in San Diego so you can see where he works: [Introduction video](#)



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.

May 3, 2018

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.



Registration

Volunteer Sign Up

Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

We officially headed into spring this week on Tuesday! I cannot believe how quickly the time is flying around here. We have made amazing memories this year with exciting moments and accomplishments and there is still so much to do.

First off, I must give huge props to our amazing Co-Vice Presidents, Jacqui Martin and Harper Glass. They put on a fantastic final seventh and eighth grade dance last Friday night, which was no small feat. We moved the dance to the gym to give the kids more room, and the girls spent several hours after school getting it ready. The decorations were incredible, and all night we heard from kids saying it was the best dance ever. They will certainly be a hard act to follow once they graduate! Thank you both for creating such a wonderful event!

Today, we held our annual Pennies for Patients assembly to raise money for the Leukemia/Lymphoma society. This is a cause that is very close to my heart as my son, Johnny, was a beneficiary of this charity, and as a result, he came to speak to our kids today. He went through ten years dealing with cancer and happily, he's now married to a special wife and they have a wonderful son. The Leukemia/Lymphoma society was a big support throughout his ordeal, and it was nice to have him come today to speak with our kids.

We will be collecting change and donations from now until Friday, April 6, 2018, so be sure to encourage your Falcon to get bring in that change. The goal is to

have the kids raise this money themselves - not have parents write a check.

Our Kent Open House will be next Thursday, March 29, 2018 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We will also be helping families with registration beginning at 5 p.m. if you would like to drop by the library. A Spanish language interpreter will be available to help families with registration during this time. Please join us to see all the inspiring work our staff and your kids have put in this year. This is always such a beautiful community event and I have no doubt this year will be the same.

We will be holding a "gift ecology, pay what you wish" bake sale during Open House to raise money for Pennies for Patients. If you can contribute baked goods, please drop them off the tables outside the MP room when you arrive at Open House. WEB leaders will be handling the sales. Thank you in advance for any contributions you can offer!

Finally, we have decided to postpone the cell phone sleeve rollout originally scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2018. Instead we will be initiating it with seventh and eighth graders on Monday, April 30, 2018. Fifth and sixth graders' rollout will begin early in May 2018. We are doing this as Monday, April 9, 2018 will be our first day in our new offices and we are sure to be busy organizing and unpacking. If you haven't turned in the cell phone form that you received by mail, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you and enjoy the weekend.

Skip Kniesche
Principal

Attention 7th Graders: WEB Leaders Application

Our student-based WEB leaders manage our snack bars efficiently, connect with the fifth graders through rainy day lunches, and present wonderful assemblies during Be the Change Week. It will soon be time to pass the baton to next year's eighth graders. If your seventh grader is interested in applying to be a WEB leader for the 2018-2019 school year, please have them pick up an application in Room 34 from Ms. Stephens. Once they have completed the entire application, they need to return it to the office to move onto the next phase of the process - teacher recommendations.

- **The deadline for turning in WEB applications to the front office is Friday, March 23, 2018.**

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
Tuesday-Friday
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415-482-9852

Heidi Longo
Monday-Thursday
hlongo@kentfieldschools.org
415-482-9851

Kent Parent Events

- 3/23/2018 Fifth and Sixth Games Night, 6-8 p.m., Kent M.P. Room
- 3/29/2018 Kent Open House, 6-7:30 p.m., Registration help available at 5 p.m. in the Library.
- 4/3/2018 Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 p.m., location TBD

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 for next two weeks. They are holding a contest to encourage more walking and biking to school.

- Dates: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 and Wednesday, April 4, 2018; plus and two Surprise Days.

Have your student pick up a punchcard at our welcome table on Monday, March 26, 2018 and if they 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!

Kent Graduation

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 Earns Highest Safe Routes To School Ranking

Emerald
Green Award

Safe Routes to Schools proudly recognizes

Kent Middle School

Kent Middle School achieved the highest possible ranking of "Emerald Green" for its students' and families' dedicated participation in the Safe Routes to Schools Program. The [Safe Routes Survey](#), based on the 2016-2017 school year school

transportation methods and frequency, showed that Kent students taking "active" (using their own power) and "green" trips are steadily increasing - 57% of Kent students walked or biked to school. Kent increased active transportation modes by 68% from baseline year when Safe Routes was implemented. When carpooling is included with walking/biking figures, 65% travel "green" to and from school! Thirty-five percent currently travel in single family vehicles (one family per car); compared to baseline year (49%). This was a significant decrease.

*"Along with Task Force representation and high student participation, Kent Middle School exemplifies a model Safe Routes to Schools in Marin."
([Safe Routes Certification Letter](#), March , 2018)*

We are so thankful for the work that Kentfield's Safe Routes to School team of volunteer families does to help our students get to and from school safely. Safe Routes to School volunteers created a network of safe walking and biking routes from each of our district's neighborhoods, and they provide educational outreach to teach students safe habits to use in traveling to and from school.

Kudos to Kent educators Jenny Walsh and Leslie Canin for supporting and encouraging eco-friendly methods of school transportation for our students. Ms. Walsh and Ms. Canin have worked with the Safe Routes team to ensure an effective implementation of the Safe Routes program on the Kent campus.

Of course, this success would not be possible without our parents and students actively choosing and using eco-friendly school transportation methods! We know that many mornings are busy and can be chaotic and we appreciate the extra effort our community makes to choose transportation options that are healthier for our students and our environment.

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!

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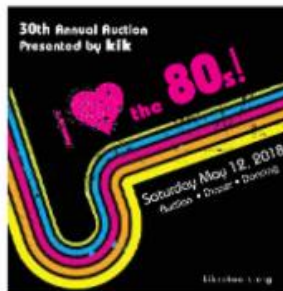
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Now your support goes 3 times as far

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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foundation@kentfieldschools.org | www.kickschools.org

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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!



5th and 6th Grade Game Night

Friday, March 23, 2018

6-8 p.m.

Kent M.P. Room.

Tickets will be on sale for \$6 at lunch on 3/23/2018. Be sure to send your 5th and 6th graders to school, with a little extra pocket money!

Tickets are \$8 at the door.

Want to help us out?
Donate raffle prizes or donate your time.

Event Flyer

PlanetBravo

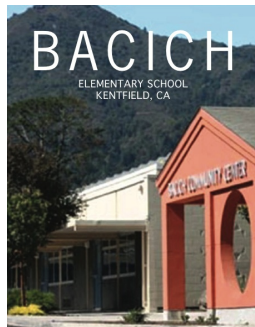
**Parent Ed Event:
Find out what your kids are doing online**

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

7-8:30 pm

Kent Library

Please visit kspta.org for more info.



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.

**BACICH FAMILY
MAKER
NIGHT 04.18.18**

MAKE + CREATE : LIGHT + SOUND
a FREE tinkering + discovery event for the whole family



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.

Find us on 

Community Announcements

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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.](#)



Tam High School Cheer Tryouts

[Read Flyer](#)



MARIN COUNTY
OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Parent Ed: Natural Highs: Supporting Teens Making Healthy Choices

April 23 or 26, 2018

Free event, registration required, and space is limited.

[Read Flyer](#)

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