

Weekly Newsletter

March 15, 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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* 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

- Participate in our Family Survey to help determine our LCAP goals. Read the Superintendent's Update for more information. Survey ends 3/31/2018.
- Spring Break: 4/9-13/2018
- Please remember to use your placard at the Bacich Car Line.
- Bacich Yearbook order deadline is 3/30/2018.
- When visiting campus, please remember to always check-in with the Bacich or Kent front office upon arrival.

Upcoming Events

Friday - 3/16/2018

- Lost and Found items to be donated.
- 7th and 8th Grade Dance, 7 p.m., Kent, tickets will be on sale at lunch and at the door for \$5.

Tuesday - 3/20/2018

- Kent Mathletes, 4-6 p.m., San Jose Middle School, Novato

Thursday - 3/22/2018

- Kent Pennies for Patients Assembly
- 5th and 6th Games Night tickets for sale at lunch for \$6 or pay \$8 at the door.

Friday - 3/23/2018

- 5th & 6th Games Night, 6-8 p.m., Kent M.P. room,
- Attention 7th graders! WEB applications are due to the Kent office.

Save the Date

- **3/27/2018:** 5th Grade Colonial Interpretation Day
- **3/28/2018:** Kent Late Release - 3:28
- **3/29/2018:** Kent Open House, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **3/20/2018:** Kent Early Release day - 1:13 p.m., Wednesday schedule
- **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
- **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



At its meeting on Tuesday, the School Board participated in activities with first and second graders who helped their teachers present the Educational Showcase for March.

First graders Tatum Lillevand, Stefano Ledesma Minaya, and Reid Bornstein

guided the Board through activities from their 100th day of school celebration and demonstrated how they practiced measurement through their study of the Winter Olympics alongside teachers, Lisa Cicurel-Jones and Janeen Swan. Cass Walsh and Thalia Milano brought Kate Miller, Aaron Whitton, Mason McCandless, Taylor Fahy, and Esteban Aguirre to the meeting to share their study of land forms and the effect of water on mountain ranges. Kent Math department chair Cassie Hettleman was joined by two fifth graders who shared another Winter Olympics-themed project - bobsleds. Pratyush Srivastava and Charlotte Martin described the building, testing, and improving of their model bobsleds. Four eighth graders were also on hand to share their learning in Math 8 and Algebra. Helena Janku, Damian Wabl, Ian Lind, and Hannah Morgan shared graphing and equation projects that help them master content.

Longtime Kentfield School District educators - both working at Bacich -informed the Board that they will not be returning. Katie Ward has been a teacher and administrator for the past 35 years with 29 years at Bacich, and Irene Meehan has taught special education for 17 years. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and will miss them dearly.

Cake and celebration were the order of the night as the Board enjoyed the passage of Measure A, our parcel tax renewal. Certificates of appreciation were given to Sarah Killingsworth and John Holzwarth, campaign co-chairs, and Vanguard Properties, the Larkspur real estate office that hosted Measure A phone banks since January. Certification of results by the Marin County Registrar of Voters Lynda Roberts is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 2018.

Liz Schott
Superintendent

Family Survey Information

A hallmark of the Kentfield School District is our interest in knowing what our constituents think about the job we are doing. We are using a survey instrument called Youth Truth this year to capture this information. It asks all participants - students, families, and staff - about the same topics with slightly different questions.

Student Survey

- Administered between March 19-31, 2018 to students in third-eighth grades.
- Permission letters, which also have a link to all of the student survey questions.

Third and Fourth Grade

- Parent permission is required for third and fourth graders to participate.
- Please email your child's teacher or print, sign and return the correct letter if you **agree** to have your child take the survey.
- If we don't receive your letter by the time of survey administration, s/he will be given an alternate activity.

Fifth-Eighth Grade

- Parent notification is needed if you **do not** want your student to

- o Parent notification is needed if you do not want your student to participate.
- o Please email Jenny Walsh (jwalsh@kentfieldschools.org) if you do not want your student to take the survey. You can also print, sign and return the correct letter to Ms. Walsh.
- o If we don't receive an email or letter from you by the time of survey administration, your child will take the survey.

Family Survey

- Can be taken on any internet-enabled device, including computers, laptops, chromebooks, tablets, and smart phones.
- The link is **live now** through Saturday, March 31, 2018.
- The survey is available in English and Spanish.
- The survey will take approximately 15 minutes for each family member to complete.
- Parents/guardians do not need a login code to access the survey.
- We recommend that one parent or guardian from each household provides feedback.

What do we do with survey data? We use it to develop our plans for next year. Survey information from previous years has helped us formulate our LCAP goals that form the roadmap for our decision-making.

We appreciate your participation, and your permission for your child's participation. Feedback on your experiences and input on your hopes are valued and incorporated in our practice. Thank you for taking the time to improve our school district.

Take Family Survey

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.](#)



Dear Bacich Families,

Get out your calendars! Coming up on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 is a community event that you do not want to miss. Our third annual Bacich Family Maker Night is back!

Come make, create, and celebrate with other school families. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage and have fun with your kids and discover the amazing things that happen when you make and collaborate as a family.

This year's line-up of activities include Make and Take Headlamps, Legos, and Circuit Cubes. Art teacher, Ms. Libby and second grade teacher, Ms. Ross are excited to lead a hands-on Reflecting Light station where students can create symmetrical art with mirrors and make kaleidoscopes.

Technology teacher, Mr. Bessonette will guide the Folioscope station where students can create an animated flipbook and Exploratorium Educator, Mr. Modesto, will help us create amazing musical instruments called Membranophones.

Due to the popularity of our Maker Night, the Kentfield School District PTA has scheduled two sessions to accommodate the demand. Join us for Session I from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. or Session II from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Don't want to cook that night? Dinner will available to purchase from one of our favorite vendors - Abe's Taco Truck.

Please take time to register and reserve tickets for this event:
bacich-makers.eventbrite.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sally Peck
Bacich Principal

Correction

In my letter last week, I announced that Katie Ward, our Director of Student Success and Family Engagement, will be moving to London next fall. Her resignation to KSD is effective at the close of the 2017-2018 year, not 2018-2019 as my letter stated.



Car Line Reminder

I would like to remind families to use their placards for the Car Line.

If you have any questions about Car Line procedures, this [document outlines](#) the process and rules or you may [contact me](#).

Sincerely,

Katie Ward
Director of Student Success and Parent Engagement



Did you get your Bacich School magnet?

Check your child's Friday folder or stop by the Bacich office and pick one up!

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
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**Bacich
Library
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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.



Registration

Volunteer Sign Up

Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

What a week it has been! Wet, yet wonderful, as special events rained down on our campus.

On Wednesday, we participated in the national efforts to bring awareness to school safety with our walk out.

Although we kept our daily schedule the same and it was

pouring rain, we allowed the students to use the power of their voice by walking out of class at 9:45 a.m. We gathered to hear speeches, poems, and songs from students, staff, and community members to honor those whose lives were taken in Parkland, Florida as well as to inspire all of us to be kinder to each other. To quote my wife, Nancy, who was in attendance, "the event was sobering and amazing. The kids were incredible, both speaking and listening." It truly was an event where the students *Walked the Squawk*.

Today, we held our second trimester Community Service assembly to recognize those Falcons who have met or exceeded their community service hours. What a wonderful way to remind us that serving others is an amazing way to build a better world and to ripple kindness into the community. We are so proud of our students and the inspiring way they represent our school!

Tomorrow is another festive spirit day! Have your Falcon dress in their leprechaun best with green and gold goodness. We are going to paint the town green as we flood our campus with spirit.

Finally, tomorrow night is the final seventh and eighth grade dance for this year. The dance committee has been hard at work getting decorations ready and selling tickets. A reminder that tickets will be on sale at lunch again tomorrow and at the door tomorrow night for \$5. A huge thank you to all the parents chaperoning this fun event! The dance will be held from 7-9 p.m., and we ask that you please come to school promptly at 9 p.m. to collect your exhausted, well-sugared student!

Skip Kniesche
Principal



Last week we had our final bike safety class for sixth graders after postponing due to rain in the fall. We are so fortunate that Safe Routes to School provides our students with these very important classes at no charge. The Back 50 playground was transformed into a maze of "roadways" with stop signs, roundabouts, and intersections.

The children learned how to drive their bike safely on our roads. I hope this will encourage more students to choose a bike over a car when considering their commute to school. It has measurable positive effects on their total well being. For example, according to researchers from Copenhagen and Aarhus Universities, "As a third-grade pupil, if you exercise and bike to school, your ability to concentrate increases to the equivalent of someone half a year further in their studies." This is one of the main conclusions of a comprehensive Danish project, the "Mass Experiment 2012," which set out to examine the link between diet, exercise, and the power of concentration.



I love seeing kids on bikes. If you know me, you know that I am passionate about biking. I love being an assistant coach for the Redwood High School mountain bike club. It's such a joy to witness Kent graduates on the team blossom into well-rounded, confident young adults. One standout from Kent is freshman Sean Middleton who has won back-to-back races this month.

I also run the Marin chapter of Little Bellas. Little Bellas, a non-profit, aims to help young women realize their potential through cycling. The adult women in the program, called Mentors, model strong female bonds and build camaraderie for girls on bikes. We teach biking, yes, but also positivity, resilience, and confidence.

Lastly, if you're going to talk the talk, you've got to walk the walk (or squawk as we say here at Kent). I have been riding my bike to school almost everyday since August!

Sincerely,

Jenny Walsh
Kent Assistant 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 Library

Kent Poetry Slam

Attention all student poets! Save the date for the evening of Wednesday, May 23, 2018 for Kent's first ever Poetry Slam at the Book Passage.

Students are invited to perform original poems for Kent families, to be followed by an evening of shopping at the store focused on summer reading. We hope you can join us for an evening of poetry, celebration of reading and refreshments. A portion of the proceeds from that evening's sales will go back to the Kent library. More information will follow on how students can get involved.



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

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



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

Heidi Longo
Monday-Thursday

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.
- 4/3/2018 Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 p.m., location TBD
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YearbookOrderCenter.com

1.866.287.3096 

School code: 7587

Ordering ends at the end of March

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 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.

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

Student Walkout

On Wednesday, in the cold, pouring rain, our students quietly, respectfully and voluntarily joined together to honor the victims of gun violence at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.



In the weeks after the Parkland shooting, students felt compelled to take action and to participate in the National School Walkout. They collaborated with their teachers, administrators, and parents to create a space for an observance for the victims of the Parkland tragedy.

The staff and parents in attendance were deeply moved by the respect and reflection shown by our students during Wednesday's Walkout. Many commented that seeing the reaction of our students during the event gave them a powerful spirit of hope and inspiration for our future. Despite the challenging times, Wednesday's event confirms that our students are aware, engaged, and determined to shape their community and world for the better.

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



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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**.

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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
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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 3/22/2018 and 3/23/2018 (\$8 at the door).

Want to help us out?

Donate raffle prizes or donate your time.

PlanetBravo

Save the Date for Our Latest Parent Ed Tech Talk:

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

7-8:30 pm

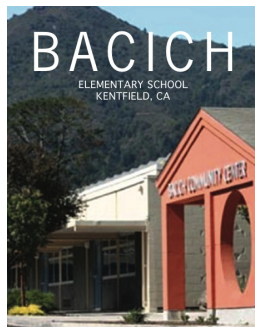
Kent Library

Network Protection and Tech Tips for Home and Personal Device Use presented by PlanetBravo.



Many of our lunch volunteers are still down for the count and your KSPTA is continuing the search for folks who can help us serve our children hot lunch. If you are one of these amazing peeps, please contact Pere

Wait, pere.wait@gmail.com, at Kent or Joselyn Christesen, jchristesen15@gmail.com, at Bacich.



Order 2017-18 Bacich Yearbooks

Order Deadline: Saturday, March 31, 2018

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

**KSPTA
Monthly
Meeting**

Monday, April 2, 2018

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Location TBD

[Registration](#)

BACICH FAMILY MAKER NIGHT 04.18.18



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Community Announcements

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



UC Berkeley Young Writers Camp at Kent

June 18 - July 6, 2018

Turn this summer into more than a story with the Bay Area Writing Project's Young Writers Camp. Led by Kent Middle School teacher Jennifer Sterling and Mill Valley Middle School teacher Rod Septka.

[Find out more here.](#)



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.](#)



Winter Book Club Meetings

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

[Read Flyer](#)

Tam High School Cheer Tryouts



[Read Flyer](#)

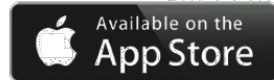
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