

# Weekly Newsletter

**February 22, 2018**

*\* This is a long newsletter - you may need to click "view entire message" to read all of it. \**

**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

## **Para español haga clic aquí.**

\* 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.

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## **News You Need**

- Incoming 5th Graders: please bring completed proof of residency forms to the Kent office on 2/28/2018 between 1:30 and 3 p.m.
- Your KSPTA needs you! Ladies and Gentlemen, we are flat out begging. We need volunteers to help us with our lunch service through the rest of the year. If your kids enjoy our delicious, healthy, hot lunch program please click here to volunteer.
- Jamba Juice lunch snack orders are due 2/27/2018 and Good Earth lunch orders are due 3/4/2018.
- Sixth grade families - bike safety program will be on 3/5/2018, read Jenny Walsh's section for details.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Thursday - 2/22/2018**

- Bacich Math Fair, 6-7:30 p.m., Bacich Community Center
- Love & Logic Parent Workshop, 6-8 p.m., Bacich Library - registered participants only

### **Sunday - 2/25/2018**



## Tuesday - 2/27/2018

- Jamba Juice lunch snack orders due

## Wednesday - 2/28/2018:

- District Safety Committee meeting, 9-10 a.m., District Office
- 8th Grade Drama Presentation, 9-10 a.m., Kent MP Room
- Incoming 5th Grade Proof of Residency, 1:30-3 p.m., Kent office, find proof of residency forms here
- Kindergarten Registration, 3:30-5 p.m., Bacich Community Center

## Thursday - 3/1/2018:

- 7th Grade Drama Presentation, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Kent MP Room
- 3rd Grade Concert, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bacich Community Center
- Love & Logic Parent Workshop, 6-8 p.m., Bacich Library - registered participants only

## Sunday - 3/4/2018:

- Good Earth school lunch orders due

## Save the Date

- **3/5/2018:**
  - KSPTA March meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m., district budget information will be presented, Kent Library
  - Bacich Site Council meeting - district budget information will be presented, 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library
  - 6th Grade PE Classes - Safe Routes blacktop bike class - please read Jenny Walsh's letter in the Kent section for more information.
- **3/6/2018:** Kent Site Council meeting- district budget information will be presented, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Kent room 24
- **3/7/2018:** kik Board meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., District Office
- **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



Our schools are the hub of the Kentfield and Greenbrae communities. We try to balance their openness and availability to district residents with the safety and security needs of our students and staff.

While our emergency preparedness plans and practices are regarded as among the best in the county, these are mainly preparatory for natural disasters. The man-made tragedies such as what occurred in Florida last week are more challenging to anticipate.

Recently, we have added locks to several gates at Bacich, placed some security cameras at Kent, and are in the process of relocating our administrative offices to the entrance of both campuses thanks to our bond program.

Next, the District is consulting with a security expert who will look at the perimeter access, surveillance equipment, and locking hardware on both campuses. Based on his recommendations, bond funded construction and additions will ensure that our school sites are as safe as possible. Anything that can physically protect our staff and students within our budget will be done.

However, that is only one side of the safety equation. The social and emotional supports provided by our teachers, counselors, librarians, paraprofessionals, office staff, custodians, administrators and all adults on our sites are the other side.

As we have once again been reminded by the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School a week ago, a healthy childhood matters. A feeling of belonging, being liked, efficacy, matters. The safety net we provide in our schools - largely funded by local revenues like the parcel tax - is a deterrent as vital as any fence or camera.

We have been asked what, if anything, the district is planning to do about the walkouts planned on several days in the coming months. Bacich will not be acknowledging any the events as it is not appropriate to do so with its age group.

Kent will invite students to gather on the field during recess at 10:00 a.m. on March 14, 2018, if they so choose. A microphone will be set up and pre-approved statements may be read to the assembled students. The gathering will last for 17 minutes - one minute for every student killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

I invite your thoughts on this topic. Please email me at [lschott@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:lschott@kentfieldschools.org).

Liz Schott  
Superintendent

## Support Resources

With deep sadness, we are writing to share resources that may be helpful as we process the latest news regarding gun violence in our country's public schools. Our hearts go out to the victims, their families, and their communities. Our partners at the Marin County Office of Education sent these resources last night, and we wanted to pass them on to you:

- [Tips for Parents Talking to Children about Violence](#)
- [Tips for Talking to Children After Traumatic Events \(Spanish version\)](#)

These documents, and a number of others, are also available online at the [MCOE Safe Schools website](#).

A few families have reached out to us to ask about our practice lockdown drills and safety procedures. The Kentfield School District regularly practices lockdown drills that can help to prevent tragic losses, in the event that unsafe conditions arise on our campus. As we practice these procedures, we carefully balance two different interests: we want our students to understand the seriousness of the drills without creating the conditions for undue stress or anxiety on our students. We do our best to make this happen.

As always, we are here to discuss any concerns that might arise. You are welcome to reach out to us, school administrators, and school counselors at Bacich, [Maia Yamasaki](#), and Kent, [Heidi Longo](#) and [Corey Shaw](#).

Sincerely,

[Liz Schott](#), [Sally Peck](#), and [Skip Kniesche](#)

## 2017-2018 District Budget

### **District Budget Meetings**

If you were unable to attend our first [Community Budget presentation](#), Superintendent Liz Schott and Chief Business Official Barbara Johnson will provide an overview of revenues and expenditures, early predictions of the governor's budget, details of parcel tax funding, and information on mandated pension increases at the following meetings:

March 5, 2018:

KSPTA meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Kent Library, *public meeting*

March 5, 2018:

Bacich Site Council, 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library, *public meeting*

March 6, 2018:

Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Kent room 24, *public meeting*

March 14, 2018: ELAC - *public meeting*

March 15, 2018: Finance Committee - *public meeting*

March 21, 2018: Kent Staff

March 28, 2018: Bacich Staff

\* KSD community members and families are welcome to attend any public meeting listed. Meeting times and locations will be published in the newsletter calendar and district online calendar as the date approaches.

## District Parcel Tax 2018

### District Parcel Tax Information

- Most recent District informational mailer
- Election Date: March 6, 2018
- Not Registered to Vote? Register here: [www.registertovote.ca.gov](http://www.registertovote.ca.gov) or call (415) 473-6456

\*Important note: This election will be conducted entirely by mail-in ballot. All registered voters in the Kentfield School District will receive a ballot in the mail, even if you normally vote at the polls. Completed ballots must be mailed back by March 6, 2018.

## 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: We remind you that our school district policy is to keep sick children home from school until they are fever free for a full 24 hours or if they are coughing or sneezing excessively.
- Marin County Health and Human Services Flu Information - English and Spanish



## Bacich Elementary School

Dear Bacich Families,



Have you ever wondered what the secret sauce is to building a happy and healthy family life? Not too many years ago, a KSD parent shared with me one of the best articles I've read in a long time that addresses this topic.

The article, which appeared in *The New York Times* is titled, "The Stories that Bind Us." It points out the importance of creating an environment in your home where children feel that they belong to something bigger than themselves. ([Read article here.](#))

Creating this environment includes developing a strong "family narrative" where children know a lot about their families. This information provides strength for a child when working through life's challenges and in establishing their own identity.

Psychologist Dr. Marshall Duke from Emory University has explored myths and rituals in American families for many years. He created a measure titled "Do You Know?" This document asks children to answer 20 questions about their families. Questions include: Do you know where your grandparents grew up? Do you know how your parents met? Do you know the story of your birth?

According to his long term research and results, the more children know about their family's history the stronger their sense of control over their lives, the higher their self-esteem and the more successful they believe they can be. His simple "Do You Know?" scale has turned out to be a strong and reliable predictor of children's emotional health and happiness.

Conveying a sense of history and building rituals within your family means creating traditions that get shared and passed down year after year. Dr. Duke points out that these can be as simple as family get-togethers where Aunt Ann always brings her not-so-pretty jello-salad, the annual family bonfire on the beach, Grandpa's silly jokes, singing carols in the neighborhood during the holidays, or going to the same camp each summer. Traditions that become part of your family are important in helping children feel a sense of belonging and strength.

Healthy families communicate about the ups and downs in their lives. It means telling and retelling the funny and positive family stories, and it means sharing and remembering challenging stories of struggle and triumph.

Dr. Duke suggests that we consciously create, refine, and retell our family stories, all the while increasing the odds that our children and our families will thrive for generations to come.

Sally Peck  
Bacich Principal

## 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**



**P.E.**



**Music  
Parents  
and Kids**



**Bacich  
Library  
News**



**Art Blog**

## **Kindergarten Registration**

February 28, 2018  
Bacich Community Center  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Krista Geissberger in the Bacich  
Office for more information.

[kgeissberger@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:kgeissberger@kentfieldschools.org)

415-925-2220

## **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](mailto:jcanon@kentfieldschools.org).

### **Tour Registration Information**

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

March 22, 2018

April 19, 2018

May 3, 2018

May 17, 2018

May 31, 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 on 2/28/2018 between 1:30 and 3 p.m.

## **Bacich Parent Events**

**JOIN US for the  
2018 WINTER BACICH FAMILY  
MATH NIGHT|  
February 22nd, 6-7:30pm**

Join us at the Bacich Math Fair, brought to us by the California Math Council. This year we will focus on math practices involving geometry concepts. We are looking for **volunteers** to have fun with the students at the Math Fair

**during the school day on February 22nd** (no experience necessary). Please email Fran Yang at [fyang@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:fyang@kentfieldschools.org) with one or more of the following time slots you're available:

8:10am-9:45am

10:10am-12:30pm

1:25pm-2:15pm

Thanks so much!



## Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

Welcome back after a gorgeous, albeit chilly, long weekend! We hope you all had a restful few days together with family and friends! While it was a slow news week around here, we do have some updates and "look aheads."

Thank you to our 8th grade Language Arts teachers who once again have had their students create and submit perspectives to KQED. It is such an honor to hear these kids and witness them giving their perspectives on life. Please take a listen to Julia Shippey's wonderful piece here:

[ww2.kqed.org/perspectives/](http://ww2.kqed.org/perspectives/)

We will continue to post these as they come up.



Looking ahead to March, which is already next week(!), we have some important dates for you to jot down.

- The 7th and 8th grade dance will be Friday, March 16, 2018, from 7-9 p.m. in the gym. The dance committee is hard at work getting ready for this St. Patrick's Day theme event!
- Also, the week of March 5-9, 2018 is the annual 8th grade ADEPT program, which is an excellent program designed to alert our kids to the dangers and consequences of misusing drugs and alcohol.

Finally, we will have our 6th grade Safe Routes to School bike class on Monday, March 5, 2018. In light of the construction on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard as well as more impacted neighborhood streets, we are grateful for this program coming and helping our kids understand how to stay safe on their bikes.





Dear 6th Grade Parents,

Monday, March 5th will be day two of the Drive Your Bike program brought to us by Safe Routes to School and the Transportation Authority of Marin. This class was rained out in the fall. Keep your fingers crossed that we will finally be able to host this event for the kids!

Please bring your child's bike and a helmet to school that day or have your child ride to school. Bikes and helmets will be provided to any student who doesn't have their own that day. This activity will be held during P.E. classes during the school day. If there is rain, we will cancel (but let's hope not).



- [Drive Your Bike program flyer](#)

Thank you,

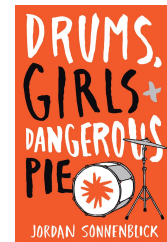
Jenny Walsh  
Assistant Principal  
Kent Middle School

## Kent Library



### Book Club

This month the fifth and sixth grade book is *The Greenglass House*, by Kate Milford and for 7th and 8th graders, we have *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick.



- Our meeting and discussion will be on March 1st during lunch in the library.



### Seeking Donations

Do you have any Magnatiles around your house that your children no longer play with? If so, you can donate them to the library for a second life!



How about LEGOs? We will take those too!!  
Thank you!



[@kentmiddleschoollibrary](#)

## Kent Parent Resources

[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

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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 Student Stress Management Survey

Kent Counselors

Corey Shaw  
Tuesday-Friday  
[cshaw@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:cshaw@kentfieldschools.org)  
415-482-9852

Heidi Longo  
Monday-Thursday  
[hlongo@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:hlongo@kentfieldschools.org)  
415-482-9851

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[YearbookOrderCenter.com](http://YearbookOrderCenter.com)

[1.866.287.3096](tel:18662873096) 

**School code: 7587**

## 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 on 2/28/2018 between 1:30 and 3 p.m.

## Kent Graduation

### **Graduation Raffle Fundraiser**

Interested in donating a prize for the 8th 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](mailto:holly@hollyinmarin.com) or Megan Williams at [megpwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:megpwilliams@gmail.com). Thank you!



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



## 2018 Game Schedules

[6th Grade Boys & Girls](#)  
[7th Grade Boys & Girls](#)  
[8th Grade Boys & Girls](#)



## Attention 5th-8th graders who signed up for golf!

Tryout Rounds Scheduled at [McInnis Golf Course](#)

February 25, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Please look for an email soon with details of what to bring and other important information. All who signed up are expected to respond to the email and attend two of the three rounds (the first and second round were on February 14 and 21, 2018) to determine if they make the team.

Go Falcons, Mr. Palmer

## Kentfield Kudos

### We Love Our Parent Volunteers!



*Rancho Day Volunteers*

Whether you volunteer at Fun Lunch, Car Line, shelve books in the library, fill Friday folders, bring snacks for a holiday celebrations or serve on our PTA or Site Council, we appreciate you!

Last week, this group of parents was among those volunteers who worked together to make Fourth Grade Rancho Day a BIG success.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers. You make our schools a happier place to learn and grow!

## 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!

### Bike Safety Program

**Sixth Grade Families** - the Drive Your Bike program will be held at Kent on March 5, 2018. Please bring your child's bike and helmet to school. Extra bikes and helmets will be provided. [Read flyer](#).

## Support Kentfield Schools



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



**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!**



**2018**

### CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 25, 1:00-3:00 pm  
Bacich Community Center

Help us ring in the Year of the Dog with a traditional Chinese Lion Dancing performance and a dim sum/chow mein lunch. One meal is included with your ticket, additional meal tickets can be purchased at the event.

[> Buy Tickets](#)



### Jamba Juice Lunch Snack Ordering Now Open

Orders Due February 27, 2018

[Order Here](#)



**GOOD EARTH  
NATURAL FOODS**

### Good Earth Lunch Ordering Now Open

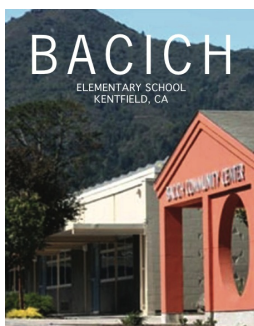
Orders Due March 4, 2018

New, hot entrees that your kids voted for are coming - Taco Tuesday and Lasagna Thursday. To keep the lines down, quantities are limited, so please order by the March 4, 2018 deadline to ensure you don't have to make lunches through the end of the year.

[Order Here](#)



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](mailto:pere.wait@gmail.com), at Kent or Josclyn Christesen, [jchristesen15@gmail.com](mailto:jchristesen15@gmail.com), at Bacich.



**2017-18 Bacich Yearbooks**  
are now available to order.

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



**Parent Ed:**

Documentary screening and discussion of  
*Sensitive the Untold Story*  
at MCDS.

March 1, 2018  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

For more information click [here](#).

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.*

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**Raising Healthy Families: Building  
Connection, Compassion, and Community**

March 3, 2018  
8:30-4:30 p.m.

Co-hosted by  
Community Institute for Psychotherapy &  
The Marin County Office of Education

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

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**Summer Camp at Kent Middle School**

**Pre-K through Incoming 5th Grade**

Camp Galileo is back at Kent Middle School to make our third summer the best one yet! We want to make our fun, high energy, and innovation-focused program available for all.

Financial assistance scholarships are available now.

With four fresh new themes, pre-K - incoming 5th grader's will experience unique projects allowing them to explore one of the following:

- The Incredible Human Body - The Art and Science of Being Human
- Space Explorers - Cosmic Art and Astronaut Science
- Road Trip Adventure - Art and Engineering on Route 66
- Galileo Makers: Materials Challenge - Extraordinary Art and Inventions with Ordinary Supplies

Camp Galileo will run from June 25-August 3, 2018. Optional extended care and healthy lunch available. Learn more at [www.galileo-camps.com](http://www.galileo-camps.com) or 1-800-854-3684. [Financial aid information available here.](#)

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### Art Contest

Some students at Kent are entering the Doodle 4 Google contest (read about it in the Kudos from our [February 1, 2018 newsletter](#)).

The contest is open to all children in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Entries are due to Google using an online submission process by March 2, 2018 at 8 p.m.

[Find out more here.](#)

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### Middle School Field Hockey Clinic for 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Girls

March 18 and 25, 2018  
and  
April 22 and 29, 2018

[Read Flyer](#)

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### Winter Book Club Meetings

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

[Read Flyer](#)

### Free Self Defense Classes

Grades 8-12  
Registration Required.

[Find workshop dates and information on this flyer.](#)

## Quick Links

[District Contacts](#)



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**Student Lunch Order**  
**Safe Routes to School**  
**Local Funding Information**

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