

# Weekly Newsletter

March 1, 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

- Your KSPTA needs you! We are currently on the look out for a few good people to join our Executive Board. Want be a part of something great? Please email [Pere Wait](#) and let's start working together.
- [Jamba Juice](#) and [Good Earth lunch orders](#) are due 3/4/2018.
- 6th Grade Bike Safety class on 3/5/2018. Bike Safety Class. Please bring bike and helmet. Extra bikes and helmets will be available.
- District budget information will be presented at three meetings next week - KSPTA, Bacich Site Council, and Kent Site Council. See calendar below for details.
- Kent Community Kitchen Dinner, 3/8/2018, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Kent MP room, pay what you wish.

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday - 3/4/2018:

- [Jamba Juice](#) and [Good Earth lunch](#) orders due

#### Monday - 3/5/2018:

- [KSPTA March meeting](#), 8:30-9:30 a.m., Kent Library, district budget

information will be presented

- 8th Grade ADEPT
- Bacich Site Council meeting - district budget information will be presented, 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library
- 6th Grade Bike Safety class. Please bring bike and helmet. Extra bikes and helmets will be available.

### **Tuesday - 3/6/2018:**

- 8th Grade ADEPT
- 8th Grade Graduation snack sale at recess
- Kent Site Council meeting- district budget information will be presented, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Kent room 24, agenda

### **Wednesday - 3/7/2018:**

- 8th Grade ADEPT
- **kik** Board meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., District Office

### **Thursday - 3/8/2018**

- 8th Grade ADEPT
- Love & Logic Parent Workshop, 6-8 p.m., Bacich Library - registered participants only
- Kent Community Kitchen Dinner, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Kent MP room, pay what you wish

### **Friday - 3/9/2018**

- 8th Grade ADEPT

### **Save the Date**

- **3/13/2018:** School Board meeting, 5-7:30 p.m., District Office
- **3/14/2018:** ELAC meeting, 6-7 p.m., District Office, District budget information will be presented, childcare provided
- **3/15/2018:**
  - Kent Community Service Assembly, 1:26-2:09 p.m., Kent MP room
  - District Finance Committee meeting, 3:45-4:45 p.m., District Office, district budget information will be presented
- **3/16/2018:** 7th & 8th Kent Dance, 7-9 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



In Sally Peck's letter this week, she quotes a Bacich teacher who says, "I love how our supportive and friendly families are here with us for many years."

Supportive and friendly families. . . that's you.

That's you when you attend your children's concerts, drive on field trips, send your child's teacher a thank you note, work in the library, and serve lunch.

That's also you when you make hundreds of phone calls, knock on scores of doors, address thousands of envelopes, and distribute lawn sign after lawn sign in an effort to secure funding for much of what characterizes the education of a Kentfield School District student.

I have learned so much about the selflessness of our families and staff in the past several weeks as our common goal has united us and fueled efforts that resulted in many missed dinners and bedtimes.

For your sacrifice, for your support, I am truly grateful.

Liz Schott  
Superintendent

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### English Learners Advisory Committee Meeting

March 14, 2018  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Bacich Library

Childcare available.  
Snacks will be provided.

The meeting is for parents of English learners at Bacich and Kent. During the meeting, we will review district budget information and gather feedback from parents.

### 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](#)

## 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](#).

## 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:**

- English Learners Advisory Committee, 6-7 p.m., District Office, *public meeting*

#### **March 15, 2018:**

- [Finance Committee](#), 3:45-4:45 p.m., District Office, *public meeting*

**March 21, 2018:** Kent Staff meeting

**March 28, 2018:** Bacich Staff meeting

**May 2, 2018:** kik Board meeting

\* KSD community members and families are welcome to attend any public meeting listed. Meeting times and locations will be published in the

## District Parcel Tax 2018

### **District Parcel Tax Information**

- Most recent [District informational mailer](#)
- Election Date: March 6, 2018

\*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.

## Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

Each month, I meet with the Bacich Grade Level Coordinators (GLCs). These six individuals represent their grade levels and the specialist teacher team. They serve as an important conduit between the administration and their teaching teams.

Typically, our GLCs are veteran Bacich teachers, who know the school community well and readily offer their wisdom and perspective on important workings of the school.

This week, I asked this knowledgeable group of teachers the following question: "What do you know and love about our school?"

Their responses did not surprise me, but rather confirmed what I too appreciate and know about our school. I share with you a sampling of their comments:

- I love that our students have the opportunity to have specialist teachers who add to their day and provide a special and safe haven for many of our children.
- I know that we are always striving to improve our teaching and to better understand how our kids learn. The conversations with my colleagues tell me that this is so.
- I love how each staff member, paraprofessional, and the office staff care about all of the students and each other.
- I appreciate our willingness to learn new things and try out new ideas that are best for our students.
- I love how inspiring our school is. When you walk on campus and into classrooms you can see teachers inspiring kids.
- I know that Bacich cares about helping our students learn about character and about being a good person. We do not just teach reading, writing, and math.

- We help children love learning, to be curious, to ask questions, and to be kind.
- I love how our positive relationships with one another provide a model for our students and our families.
- We always try our best to do whatever it takes to make sure our students enjoy their school experience.
- I love that our supportive and friendly families are here with us for many years.
- I love how grade level teams support one another and work together to collaborate and share ideas every day.
- We are inspired to constantly learn and be better teachers.

Research is clear that positive feelings in the work place lead to increased creativity, resilience, optimism, motivation, and employee engagement. Being happy at work matters - particularly when those in our profession are touching the lives of children!

Sally Peck  
Bacich Principal



### 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



## 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.

	May 3, 2018
April 19, 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.

## Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

As we expected, and needed, the rain made its return this week! Luckily, we missed most of it during the school days this week as we "march" into yet another new month.

As noted in [Liz's letter last week](#), many students have asked us to show support for the students in Florida who are raising their voices to make changes in keeping our schools safe. We have heard their pleas and are supporting them in the following way: on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 we will adjust our schedule so that recess begins at 10:05 a.m. Students will be allowed to walk out at 10:00 a.m. in solidarity with numerous schools across the nation. They will go directly to the lunch plaza where a microphone will be set up for 17 pre-arranged speeches to be performed. These speeches will have been vetted prior to speaking. Each speech will represent a life lost in the Parkland shooting. Recess will last for 17 minutes, from 10:05-10:22 a.m. For those who wish to have recess and not participate, we will have yard duty as usual. Please note that no curriculum time will be lost, as minutes are being added to class periods and taken from Opportunities. We are proud of our students for being a passionate, inspiring generation!

Also inspiring are the numerous Google Doodle entries the kids have been turning in for Google's national contest (check out this week's Kudos for an artistic sampling). Ms. Montgomery and Ms. Jelen have done an amazing job encouraging our Falcons to combine their artistic talents with their passion for a variety of causes in this unique competition. Final entries were due today.

Finally, don't forget to mark your calendars for next Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for our Trimester 2 Service Innovation dinner. The kids have been practicing writing checks and handing out flyers to our surrounding communities to put on another pay-what-you-wish community dinner. Bring your appetites and ripples of kindness to our Kent MP room that night to help our students feel the joy of serving on many levels!

Skip Kniesche  
Principal

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Dear 6th Grade Parents,

Monday, March 5, 2018 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

### 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](#)

## 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

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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 Counselors

Corey Shaw  
Tuesday-Friday  
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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.

## Kent Graduation



### Donut Day Fundraiser for the 8th Grade Graduation

Please remind your child to bring \$2 on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, for a donut to help fund the 8th-grade graduation activities.

**We still need volunteers for the donut day and pizza day.** [Sign up here](#)

### 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



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

## Kent Community Service



### Kent Community Kitchen

March 8, 2018  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Kent M.P. Room

A "pay what you wish" dinner organized, cooked, and hosted by Kent Middle School Service Innovation students. A portion of the proceeds will benefit an organization selected by the class.

## Kent Athletics



### 2018 Game Schedules

6th Grade Boys & Girls  
7th Grade Boys & Girls  
8th Grade Boys & Girls

Go Falcons, Mr. Palmer

## Kentfield Kudos

### Google Doodles

A few weeks ago, our Kentfield Kudos featured the collaborative Doodle 4 Google project for Kent students organized by Kent Art teacher Michele Montgomery and Kent Librarian Rebecca Jelen.

We continue to be impressed with the creativity and talent of our students. We thought you would enjoy a sampling of the Doodle entries from Kent students.





## 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!



**GOOD EARTH  
NATURAL FOODS**

### **Good Earth Lunch Orders Due Sunday, 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](#)



### **Jamba Juice Order Deadling Extended**

The Jamba Juice ordering deadline has been extended to Sunday, March 4th.

Take advantage of our kindness and order today

### **KSPTA Monthly Meeting**

#### March Meeting

March 5, 2018  
8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Kent Library

District budget information will be presented.

**5th and 6th Grade Game Night is  
Friday, March 23, 2018  
Kent MP Room.**

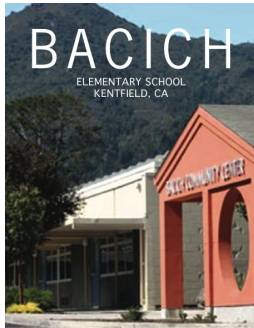


Tickets will be on sale for \$6 at lunch on 3/22 and 3/23 (\$8 at the door).

If you can donate a raffle prize or help out at the event, please contact [Gail](#) or [Celia](#) for more information.



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 Joselyn 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.

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.*



**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](#)



**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.](#)



### **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.](#)



### **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](#)



### **Winter Book Club Meetings**

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

[Read Flyer](#)

## **Quick Links**

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

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