

Weekly Newsletter

January 25, 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

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.

News You Need

- Save The Date I ♥ the 80s! **kik** Spring Event May 12, 2018
- Please donate gently used or new coats for the Bacich Warm Coat drive through February 5, 2018
- There is still time to register for the Love and Logic workshop, beginning on February 8, 2018. Click here for details.
- Flu Information Parent Letter - English and Spanish

Upcoming Events

Friday - 1/26/2018

- Lost & Found items will be donated.

Tuesday - 1/30/2018

- 5th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room

Wednesday - 1/31/2018

- 6th-8th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room

Thursday - 2/1/2018

- 6th-8th Grade Choir Concert, 7-8 p.m., Angelico Hall, Dominican University, San Rafael
- Registration ends for [Love & Logic Parent Workshop](#)

Friday - 2/2/2018

- 8th Grade Graduation Fundraiser - Snack Sale at recess

Save the Date:

- 2/5/2018:
 - [Bacich Site Council](#) meeting, 3-4 p.m.
 - Bacich Coat Drive ends
- 2/6/2018:
 - [Communications Committee](#) meeting, 1-2 p.m., District Office
 - Parent Partners meeting, 4-6 p.m., District Office
 - ADEPT Parent Night, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 2/7/2018: **kik** Board meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., District Office
- 2/8/2018: [Love & Logic](#) Parent Workshop, 6-8 p.m., Bacich Library
- 2/9/2018: Bacich Parent Workshop "How to Raise a Successful Mathematician," 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich room 34
- 2/13/2018: [School Board](#) Meeting, 5 p.m., District Office

New Date - The District [Safety Committee](#) meeting has been rescheduled for 2/28/2018. Details to come.

[View Entire District Online Calendar](#)

Download Board-approved [2017-18 District Calendar](#)

* Please note that February 2018 vacation is different than February 2017 break.*

Download Board-approved [2018-2019 District Calendar](#)

Superintendent's Update



Dear Kentfield School District Community,

On Monday evening, the district presented information about our current budget to the community. Over the next several months, this [presentation](#) will be delivered at ten more [meetings](#), five of which are open to the public. In addition to these meetings, the School Board - publicly elected community members - regularly reviews the budget at its monthly [meetings](#).

A school district's budget is a public document that is created through a public and transparent process. Taxes from the community we serve are our primary source of revenue. It is, therefore, important for our community to understand the budget, what revenue comes into the district and how it is spent.

Unfortunately, recent social and other media discussion and reporting have spread inaccuracies about our budget. I encourage you to read the information in our slide [presentation](#) and welcome you to [contact me](#) if you have any questions about it.

Liz Schott
Superintendent

District Budget Meetings

If you were unable to attend this week's 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:

February 15, 2018: KTA Leadership/Executive Committee

February 21, 2018: Classified Employees Committee

March 5, 2018: KSPTA - *public meeting*

March 5, 2018: Bacich Site Council - *public meeting*

March 6, 2018: Kent Site Council - *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

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

* The Kentfield community 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
- Look for Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot: Week of February 5, 2018
- Last Day to Register to Vote in this Election: February 19, 2018
- Not Registered to Vote? Register here: www.registertovote.ca.gov or call (415) 473-6456

*Important note: This election will be conducted entirely by mail 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 Health Information

The 2017-18 flu season is in full swing. This year's strain of flu, called Influenza A, is a particularly dangerous and severe form of the flu, and the flu vaccine is only partially effective in reducing its severity. Additionally, the medication prescribed to treat the flu is currently out of stock at many pharmacies in the area. This is due to the rapid rise of cases, which increased the demand for the medication and depleted the inventory. The medication doesn't cure the flu but it helps reduce the symptoms and prevent complications and must be started within 48 hrs of getting the flu.

So, what can you do? Health officials recommend that you get the vaccine if you haven't already done so, wash your hands frequently, especially before eating,

and avoid close contact with anyone who is coughing or sneezing. Also, avoid contact with the elderly or very young if you are at all feeling sick.

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. Preventing the spread of the flu to our students and staff will be a high priority this winter, and we appreciate your assistance in keeping our community healthy.

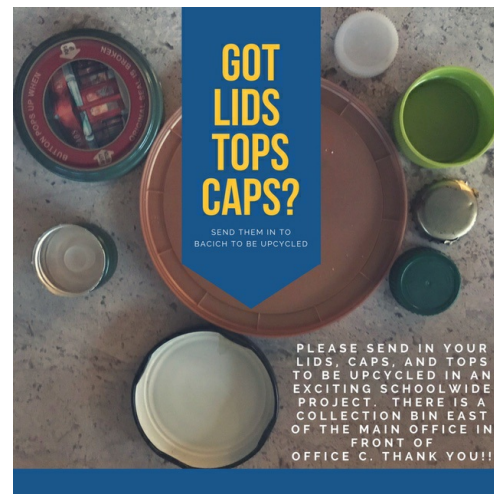
* Marin County Health and Human Services letter to parents on the flu *
English and Spanish

Happy New Year!

Cammi Bell, RN, MS
District School Nurse

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](#)



Community Meetings

Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project Open House

January 30, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Bacich Community Center



Marin County will hold a community open house on prioritizing the various components of the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project. The open house will be held on January 30, 2018 at the Bacich Community Center, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The community outreach process resulted in over \$19 million in project ideas while the current funding available is \$13.5 million. The open house is an opportunity for you to identify your priority projects given the funding available. For more info: <http://bit.ly/2DYGUng>

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

Next month, Bacich will host two events related to mathematics, which we invite you to attend.

On Friday, February 9, 2018, Bacich Math Coach, Fran Yang, will present ***"How to Raise a Successful Mathematician."*** This event will take place in Room 34 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Similar to the fall presentation on *"How to Raise a Successful Reader,"* we will share with parents how you can support and encourage your son or daughter in this subject area.

Additionally, the annual **Bacich Mathematics Fair** is almost here! This event is scheduled for February 22, 2018. For the past four years, the California Mathematics Council and our PTA have brought this fun-filled and engaging math event to our community, and it has received rave reviews from our students and adults alike.

During the day on February 22, 2018, students will participate in various math hands-on activities with their classes. In the evening from 6:00-7:30 p.m. students and their parents are invited to return to the Bacich Community Center to enjoy math-time together experiencing the Common Core Math Standards. This year's theme will focus on the mathematical practices of geometry.

Ms. Yang is looking for parent volunteers to help with the Bacich Math Fair. If you are available and interested in helping, please contact her at fyang@kentfieldschools.org or contact your child's classroom teacher.

We look forward to seeing you on campus soon!

Thank you,

Sally Peck
Bacich Principal

**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 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!

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 Blog**



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

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.

March 8, 2018

March 22, 2018

April 19, 2018

May 3, 2018

May 17, 2018

May 31, 2018

Bacich Parent Events

February 9, 2018: Bacich Parent Workshop "How to Raise a Successful Mathematician", 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich Room 34

February 22, 2018: Bacich Mathematics Fair, 6-7:30 p.m., Bacich Community Center

Love & Logic Parenting Course at Bacich

Sponsored by KSPTA

Thursday Evenings at the Bacich Library

February 8 - March 15, 2018

Register by February 1st

[View Course Flyer](#)

Bacich Community Service



Bacich Annual Coat Drive

through February 5, 2018

Please bring in your gently used coats and help give the gift of warmth this winter. Adult coats will go to Alameda Social Services and children's coats will go to victims of the recent fires in Santa Rosa and Santa Barbara.

Kent Middle School

Dear Kent Families,

This week started out a bit shaky when our server went down on Tuesday and we lost all internet access. The staff and students handled it like champs, being flexible with



lesson plans and making sure everything ran smoothly. A huge thank you to Andrew Korff who worked his magic and got us up and running before 11:00 a.m.

On a health note, we have had many students out with the flu for the past few weeks. This is supposed to be one of the worst strains seen in awhile, so we are doing our best to minimize exposure. If your child is sick, please keep them at home until they are without a fever for at least a day. Not only will they not be able to be successful in school if they come back too soon, they also will put others at risk for catching this awful bug. Teachers are mindful of students being out and will work to help your child return to school. Please read [this letter](#) from the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services on the flu ([Spanish version](#)).

Finally, the 8th grade graduation committee has been meeting regularly to make sure we have another wonderful ceremony this year. Be on the lookout in the newsletter for upcoming fundraising events as well as important information for graduating students. Are we really already talking about graduation?! Yes indeed. This year seems to be flying by!

Skip Kniesche
Principal

Kent Parent Resources

[2017-2018 Kent Student-Parent Handbook](#)

[Electronic Device Policy Summary](#)

[2017-2018 Kent Bell Schedule](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Parking Lot, Drop Off Procedures, and Visitor Parking](#)

[Kent Library Information and Instagram @kentmiddleschoollibrary](#)

Kent Office: 415-458-5970

Attendance Hotline to report a student absence: 415-458-5972

Kent Counselors

Corey Shaw
Tuesday-Friday
cshaw@kentfieldschools.org
415-482-9852

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

YearbookOrderCenter.com

[1.866.287.3096](tel:1.866.287.3096) 

School code: 7587

Kent Parent Events

January 30, 2018 5th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room

January 31, 2018 6th-8th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room

February 1, 2018 6th-8th Grade Choir Concert, 7-8 p.m., Angelico Hall,
Dominican University, San Rafael

Kent 8th Grade Families



Donut Day Fundraiser for 8th Grade Graduation

Bring \$2 on February 2, 2018
Buy a donut to help fund the 8th grade graduation activities!

Tamalpais Union High School District

High School Registration

High School registration in the Tamalpais Union High School District for the 2018-2019 school year begins this month.

Open enrollment Information

All 8th-11th grade students who reside in the Tam District have the opportunity to select their school of attendance. Applications will be available on the tamdistrict.org website in March 2018, with an initial deadline of March 26, 2018. Please note that all students must first enroll at their school of residence. To register, please follow the instructions on the Tam, Drake, or Redwood school websites under "New Student Registration."

If you have additional questions after reading the information on the link above, please email Mary O'Leary at moleary@tamdistrict.org.

[TUHSD school calendar for 2018-2019.](#)

Kent Athletics



2018 Game Schedules

[6th Grade Boys & Girls](#)

[7th Grade Boys & Girls](#)

[8th Grade Boys & Girls](#)

Kentfield Kudos

Teacher Appreciation Mornings





Kudos to the KSPTA Hospitality Committee for making our teachers and staff feel loved with special goodies and treats contributed by Kentfield parents!

On the days of PTA meetings, PTA volunteers decorate the Bacich and Kent staff rooms with special themes and bring in homemade breakfast goodies to show their appreciation for all that our teachers and staff do every day for our students.

Safe Routes to School



Safe Routes to School Updates

The Kentfield School District encourages all families to actively participate in the nationally-recognized Safe Routes to School Program, a neighborhood-focused initiative to advocate green travel alternatives, and address traffic safety at our schools.

Visit Safe Routes to School for important safety tips and other information for safer and greener alternatives to get to and from school.

Locate "Park and Walk" spots, visitor parking, bike/scooter racks for Bacich and Kent. Note in particular the designated parking lot for your neighborhood at Bacich.

Find your "Safe Route" to Bacich or Kent by bike/walking/car!

Support Kentfield Schools



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



**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.kikschools.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!



Love & Logic Parenting Course

Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.
February 8 - March 15, 2018

Register by February 1, 2018
Space is limited.

[More Information](#)

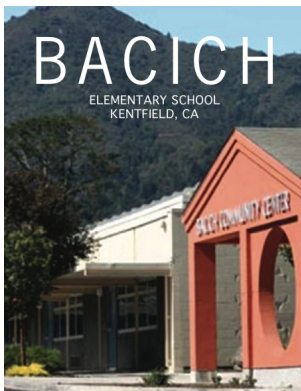
[Register Here](#)



**Come celebrate the Chinese New Year with
your Bacich friends.**

February 25, 2018

[Tickets for this event are available here.](#)



2017-18 Bacich Yearbooks
are now available to order.

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

Are you hearing complaints from your child that they are getting tired of the same lunches every week? Let them know the KSPTA is here to help. We will be holding lunch surveys, at each campus, soon. Make sure that their voices will be heard but only if they vote.

Find us on 

SUPER STEM SATURDAY

Free STEM Day

February 3, 2018
College of Marin

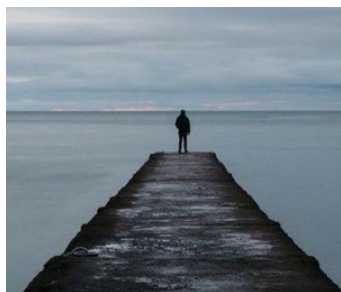
The College of Marin (COM) Math and Science Department and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Marin are co-sponsoring Super STEM Saturday. COM and AAUW invite girls in grades 7 - 9 to attend Super STEM Saturday. While the day is girl-focused, boys are welcome to attend. The free lineup of speakers and hands-on workshops is designed to engage girls in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and to encourage more of them to consider and prepare for STEM careers.

Some highlights:

- Opening speaker from Pixar Studios
- 5 hands-on science workshops given by College of Marin professors
- Free book "Hidden Figures" for all attendees
- "College 101" optional program for parents
- Lunch is provided

Registration for this free event is online at marin.edu/rsvp. If parents or students have any questions, please call (415) 457-8811 ext. 7860.

Parent [Letter](#) and [Flyer](#) in English
Parent [Letter](#) and [Flyer](#) in Spanish



Understanding Anxiety:

The biology behind it and its impact on our kids with
Tracy Foose, MD

February 5, 2018
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Drake Student Center
1327 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard
San Anselmo, CA 94960

[RSVP Here](#)



The parent volunteers of [Dedication to Special Education](#) announce the kick-off of our 13th Annual Prius Raffle.

Dedication to Special Education provides needed supports to special education students in classrooms throughout Marin's public schools.

Look for our volunteers every weekend through February 11, 2018 at shopping centers and farmers markets around town selling chances to win. Call Kathleen O'Brien at (415)577-1062 for more information or to purchase tickets. Go to speciald.org for more details



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](#)

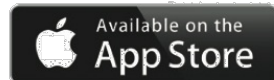
[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[Student Lunch Order](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Local Funding Information](#)

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