

Weekly Newsletter

February 1, 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

- Bacich Coat Drive ends February 5, 2018
- Save The Date I ♥ the 80s! **kik** Spring Event May 12, 2018
- Lunch volunteers are needed to cover shifts during flu season - contact Pere Wait (Kent) or Kent or Joselyn Christesen (Bacich).
- Kent ADEPT program information for parents
- 2/19-20: No School - Presidents' Day Holiday

Upcoming Events

Friday - 2/2/2018

- 8th Grade Graduation Fundraiser - Snack Sale at recess

Monday - 2/5/2018

- Bacich Site Council meeting, 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library
- Bacich Coat Drive ends

Tuesday - 2/6/2018

- Communications Committee meeting, 1-2 p.m., District Office, agenda
- Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Parent Partners meeting, 4-6 p.m., District Office

- [ADEPT Parent Information and Education Workshop](#), 6:30-7:30 p.m., Kent Library

Wednesday - 2/7/2018

- **kik** Board meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., District Office

Thursday - 2/8/2018

- 2/8/2018: [Love & Logic](#) Parent Workshop, 6-8 p.m., Bacich Library, participants must have registered for the class through KSPTA

Friday - 2/9/2018

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

Save The Date

- 2/12-15/2018: Seventh Grade ADEPT programming
- 2/13/2018: [School Board](#) Meeting, 5 p.m., District Office
- 2/16/2018: Rancho Day at Bacich, [volunteer here](#)
- 2/19-20/2018: No School - Presidents' Day Holiday
- 2/22/2018: Bacich Math Fair - interested volunteers should contact [Fran Yang](#)
- 2/25/2018:



- 2/28/2018:
 - Kindergarten Registration, 3:30-5 p.m., Bacich Community Center
 - [District Safety Committee](#) meeting, 9-10 a.m., District Office

[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



The Kentfield School District Board of Trustees



*Heather McPhail Sridharan, Ashley Paff,
Juli Kauffman, Cynthia Roenisch, Quoc Tran*

January was California's School Board Appreciation Month, an opportunity for school districts like Kentfield to say "Thank You!" to the five extraordinary elected volunteers who take responsibility for our schools for at least four years. Our Board of Trustees has governed our district for a combined total of 40 years!

What do Trustees do? They hire and evaluate the Superintendent, adopt district policies, approve the Local Control Accountability Plan, adopt and monitor budgets, monitor district performance and student achievement, and actively listen to public comments. Our Trustees do this and so much more. Each has been adopted by two grade levels and s/he attends events in those students' classrooms. They serve on subcommittees ranging from policy to safety to communication to finance. They prepare for, attend, and actively participate in at least one Board Meeting per month, and much more.

One hallmark of their efficiency and effectiveness is how they prepare for their biannual elections. There is a School Board election coming in November, 2018. There will be informational workshops for anyone interested in running for the Board later this Spring. Watch for dates and times in this newsletter.

You don't have to visit many School Board meetings in other districts to realize what a committed, smart, compassionate, and dedicated group we have here. Kudos to the Kentfield School Board!

Liz Schott
Superintendent

2017-2018 District Budget

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](#)

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](#)

Kentfield Parent Partners

February 6, 2018
4-6:00 p.m.
District Office

The Parent Partners welcome Dan Phillips of the Technology Resource Center of Marin, who will demonstrate assistive technology for students with a variety of learning differences. Contact [Virginia DiGirolamo](#), Kentfield Director of Student Services, for more information.



Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

There are many important volunteer jobs that Bacich parents fulfill each day on our campus. Operating the carline is one such position. It is this volunteer's duty to ensure that our students arrive on campus safely each morning and leave each afternoon in the care and in the car of a trusted adult. We appreciate each and every one of you!

Rain or shine, these parent volunteers usher children in and out of cars before

they themselves start their day in the office or back at home. Their help allows for a smooth transition to and from the school day. Using car line, families do not need to find a coveted parking spot in the morning to drop off their child, nor do they have to navigate the hustle and bustle at the end of the day looking for their sons or daughters somewhere on campus. Parent car line volunteers make this process easier and safer for everyone.

The well-being and safety of our students is very important to us. We ask all parents who use the carline to follow these tips when driving on the Bacich campus:

- Keep your placard visible for volunteers to see,
- Drive slowly and carefully,
- Be attentive (children are often not paying attention as they walk to their cars),
- Do not text or talk on your phone,
- Allow for extra travel time,
- Be a good role model - say "thank you" to our wonderful volunteers.

When parents and guardians do not follow our [Safety Tips and Carline Guidelines](#), they put everyone's children at risk. An accident, where a student is injured or worse, is a scenario that none of us want to imagine. It is therefore of the utmost importance that we adhere to the carline rules.

[Read Bacich Carline Guidelines](#)

Thank you for your cooperation in the interest of our students.

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 Blog**



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**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
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.

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

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2018 WINTER BACICH FAMILY
MATH NIGHT
February 22nd, 6-7:30pm**

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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!



**Fourth Grade Families:
Rancho Day**

February 16, 2018



We need your help to make our annual Rancho Day a super fun and exciting event for our kids!

There are lots of opportunities to help - please sign up for more than one volunteer slot/activity if you are able to do so. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Thank you in advance for your support,

The 4th Grade Rancho Day Team

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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,

Well, it's official - we are halfway through the year, having finished hexamester 3 of 6 on Monday. I can hardly believe



how quickly the year is going! We still have a lot of important work to do and events to experience.

This week, Mr. Martinez and his students put on absolutely incredible shows once again! It always amazes me how far the kids come from their beginnings in the fall. Tonight the 6-8th grade chorus performed with Hall Middle School, Ross School and Redwood High School at Dominican University. A huge thank you to Mike for all his tireless efforts with our budding musicians and artists.

We have also had some wonderful sports moments the past few weeks with our basketball teams flying high and RAKing up tons of points! This week both the 8th grade boys and girls showed off their amazing skills on Monday playing against San Domenico. Our boys were victorious and while the girls did not win, they still played their hearts out and made us proud!

Tomorrow is our first 8th grade graduation fundraiser... Donut Day! Donuts will be \$2 each and sold at recess. The kids have been anxiously waiting for this doughy day since the posters went up last Friday! Thanks to all the parent volunteers who are making graduation another memorable event for our Kent families!

Finally, this was written for the Hall Middle School weekly bulletin and I am copying it as is. It's been a topic of national concern lately with stories on NBC and ABC news. While we haven't heard of it on the Kent campus, it is probably in the minds of many of our students.

"You may or may not be aware of the recent Tide Pod Challenge craze. If not, we wanted to raise your awareness of the seriousness of this unfortunate trend. The challenge includes consuming the contents of a Tide Pod (detergent) traditionally used for cleaning laundry. This craze has become very popular via social media and YouTube. Unfortunately, young people are engaging in this risky behavior, sometimes resulting in death. To date, there have been a number of reported deaths from consumption of a Tide Pod. Please caution your children about the dangers of participating in such an act. To see an ABC news story on this topic, click [here](#). Also, please stress to your students that there will be serious consequences for anyone found on campus in possession of one of these detergent pods."

Skip Kniesche
Principal

Kent Library

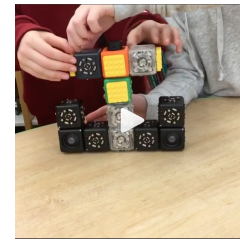
Thank you PTA!

I am so appreciative of our KSPTA for so many reasons, the latest of which is for the generous grants the library received last month. We now have the funds to purchase new games and puzzles as well as Magic

cards for our Thursday Magic Club.

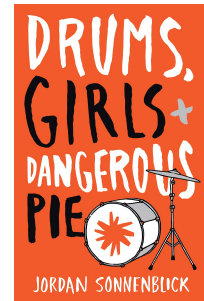


Mr. Deboi and I also received a grant to buy Cubelets, a modular robotics and coding system we will share between the Makerspace and the library. We have already rolled them out in the library at lunch and in Mr. Deboi's robotics classes...the kids are loving them!



Book Club for February

Last month we read the gripping book *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline. Though we only had three students attend the meeting and discussion, they had a lot to say and it was so fun to hear their thoughts about the novel. We can't wait to see what Steven Spielberg does with the movie.



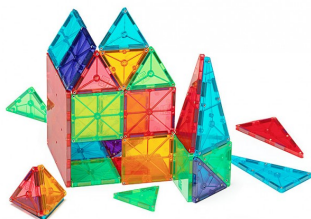
This month the fifth and sixth grade book is *The Greenglass House*, by Kate Milford and for 7th and 8th graders, we have *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick. Our meeting and discussion will be on March 1st during lunch in the library.

FastForward

Attention Eighth Grade Families!

If your child is interested in journalism and writing, he or she may be interested in FastForward Magazine's summer program in New York City! The program takes place from July 29-August 4, 2018 and scholarships are available.

We will have a lunch meeting in the library with FastForward's founder Winifred MacLeod on February 13, 2018 for eighth grade students who would like to know more. Please encourage your child to come to find out all about it.



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!

January's Library Patron of the Month

This last month we had two patrons, as it was hard to choose just one! Alex

Sumski and Jordan Marotto shared the honor. Check out their profiles in the Kent Library!

What classes are up to....

- Fifth grade classes are learning how to find nonfiction books and read for information
- Sixth grade classes are learning valuable research skills through the Egypt report and teen activism and public speaking projects.
- Seventh grade students will be "speed dating with books" in February, are working on research and presenting for TED talks, and writing for an upcoming issue of FastForward Magazine. Seventh grade Spanish classes are researching a Spanish speaking country for their research projects.



[@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

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Kent Middle School is partnering with [Being Adept](#), a local program providing an age appropriate drug and alcohol abuse prevention curriculum.

To hear more about this program and to gain concrete tools for dealing with this challenging issue, please come to the ADEPT parent education workshop, The program includes a panel of local high school teens, there to answer any questions you might have about high school, drug use and parenting tips.

Parent Education Workshop

February 6, 2018

6:30 pm

Kent Library

[Read parent letter and meeting information](#)

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 

School code: 7587

Kent Parent Events

February 6, 2018 Parent meeting - ADEPT program, 6:30-7:30 p.m. [Read parent letter on the ADEPT program.](#)

Kent Graduation



Donut Day Fundraiser for 8th Grade Graduation

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

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 or Megan Williams at megwilliams@gmail.com. Thank you!

Kent is offering a Valentine's Day bake sale on February 14, 2018 after school to help raise money for the 8th grade graduation activities.



Please remind your child to bring money to buy the baked goods.

If you are interested in donating baked goods for this event, [sign up here](#).



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

Kent Athletics



2018 Game Schedules

[6th Grade Boys & Girls](#)

[7th Grade Boys & Girls](#)

[8th Grade Boys & Girls](#)



Attention Kent golfers!

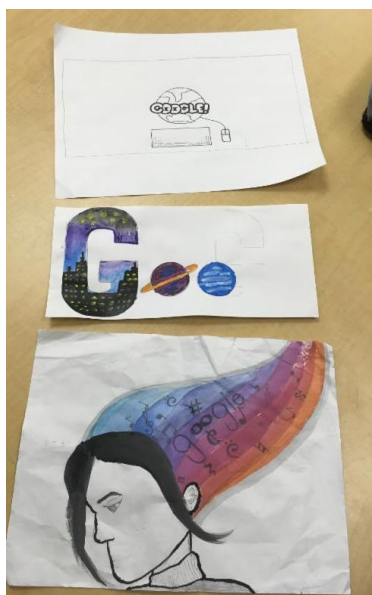
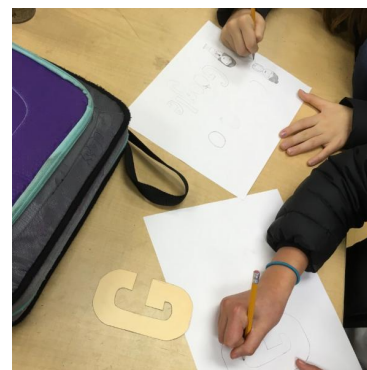
Golf team sign-ups are posted in the boys' and girls' locker rooms. Tryouts will be held over two rounds at the McInnis Golf Course in February. Listen to the

Kentfield Kudos

Teacher Collaboration

Kent art teacher Michelle Montgomery, activities teacher Melissa Stephens, and librarian Rebecca Jelen are collaborating on the *Doodle 4 Google* student contest.

"What inspires me" is the doodle theme which can be expressed in a medium of the student's choosing.



Rather than handing students a blank paper and instructing them to draw a doodle, these educators are applying a design approach to doodle creation.

Their classes have held discussions on sources of inspiration and researched events in history and current affairs that they find inspiring to develop a unique doodle.

Each doodle must be accompanied with an artist statement and paperwork. Besides the creative value of this art contest, the process of submitting one's work to outside organizations is helpful practice for future school and award applications.

Kudos to Ms. Montgomery, Ms. Stephens, and Ms. Jelen for encouraging students to explore, create, and participate.

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.

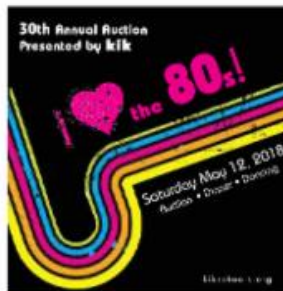
Locate "Park and Walk" spots, visitor parking, bike/scooter racks for Bacich and Kent. Note in particular the designated parking lot for your neighborhood at Bacich.

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!



Be A School Lunch Hero And Save The Day!



The colds, flus, and viruses circulating in our school community are hitting our amazing lunch crew hard. We need healthy lunch servers to serve our healthy lunches.

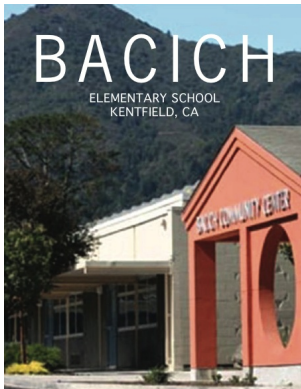
Please contact Pere Wait, pere.wait@gmail.com, at Kent or Joselyn Christesen, jschristesn15@gmail.com, at Bacich if you can help fill in for a lunch shift or two over the next few months.

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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](#)



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



Free STEM Day

February 3, 2018
College of Marin

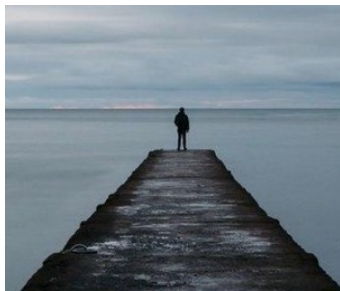
The College of Marin (COM) Math and Science Department and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Marin are co-sponsoring Super STEM Saturday. COM and AAUW invite girls in grades 7 - 9 to attend Super STEM Saturday. While the day is girl-focused, boys are also welcome. The free lineup of 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, M.D.

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 Toyota 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](#)

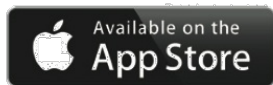
[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

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