

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, December 21, 2017

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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

- Enjoy Winter Break! School resumes Monday, 1/8/2018.
- The KSPTA is accepting grant applications through, Monday, January 8th. For more details please click here.
- Kent basketball game schedules released.

Upcoming Events

12/22/2017 - 1/5/2018: Winter Break

Monday - 1/8/2018

- School Resumes
- Bacich Site Council, 3-4 p.m.
- KSPTA Grant applications due

Tuesday - 1/9/2018

- Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Kent room 24 agenda
- School Board meeting, 5 p.m., District Office

Wednesday - 1/10/2018

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

Save the Date

- 1/15: No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/16: Kent Mathletes Round 2, 4-6 p.m., San Jose Middle School, Novato
- 1/17: Citizens' Oversight Committee meeting, 5-6 p.m. District Office
- 1/22: KSPTA monthly meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m., location tbd
- 1/24: Safety Committee meeting, 9-10 a.m., District Office
- 1/30: 5th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room
- 1/31: 6th-8th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room
- 2/1: 6th-8th Grade Choir Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room

[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,

As we head into Winter break, I have one seemingly banal item to share with you before the cooking and wrapping kick into high gear . . . parking.

Last week, the School Board approved the recommendation I made for accommodating students and staff at Bacich next year when construction is in full swing on that campus. The next challenge is where teachers and staff are going to park since the large lot is not going to be available.

We are working with the county and College of Marin on solutions, but a creative option was raised that I wanted to share with those of you who live within walking distance of Bacich.

Could a teacher park in your driveway during the work day for the duration of construction? If this is something you would consider, please drop me an email and I will put your name on a list to contact as we craft this plan.

lschott@kentfieldschools.org.

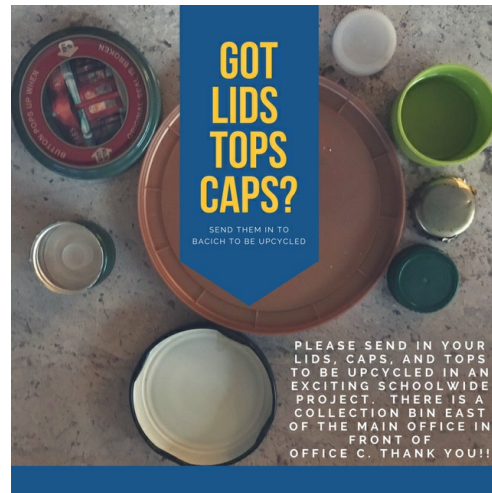
Update: Many of you expressed interest in participating in the selection process for Kent's next principal. We began advertising for the position this week with an application deadline of February 9. I will be working on creating the selection team after Winter break.

With that, I wish you a safe and joyful holiday and break.

See you in 2018 ~

Liz Schott
Superintendent

- [2017-2018 LCAP](#)
- [Board Meeting Information and Agendas](#)
- [Emergency Safety Procedures for Parents](#)
- [Parenting Series: Addressing Racism](#)
- [No Bully! Ten Ways To Bully-Proof Your Child](#)
- [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](#)



Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

Community Service Learning happens at both Bacich and Kent. Each grade level, from TK through eighth grade, participates in community service hours throughout the year.

Teachers and students select one or more service learning projects to focus on, which increases the students' personal involvement in academic and civic life beyond the walls of the classroom.

The Bacich Student Council takes the lead on many of our all-school community service projects. This fall, students were invited to participate in our twentieth year supporting UNICEF, which is an international organization providing humanitarian and developmental assistance to children and mothers in developing countries. Last month, Bacich students and their families participated in our annual canned food drive, which supports the Marin Food Bank. When we return from Winter Break, we will begin our One Warm Coat Drive. One Warm Coat is a local non-profit organization, which provides free, warm coats to any person in need.

Currently, many of our classrooms are busy decorating holiday cards for the Warm Wishes campaign and the Ceres Project. Warm Wishes provides

backpacks full of warm clothing, socks, ponchos, hats and more for the homeless. Ceres Cards are delivered with a hot meal to chronically ill patients in the Marin area.

Second grade recently completed their Holiday Book Drive for families connected to the Canal Alliance and the Fairfax/San Anselmo Children's Center. First Grade made toys and donated bedding for the animals at the Marin Humane Society. Fourth Grade collected toys, books and clothing for Marin Foster children and will be wrapping these gifts this week in time for a Christmas delivery.

Bacich students also donate their time and energy close to home. Our First Graders participate each spring in marshland restoration work behind our school and work side-by-side with the local rangers from Marin County Parks. While our community service projects happen year round, it is this time of year when it is particularly important to remember those who may need an extra smile during the holiday season.

Wishing you a wonderful Winter holiday.
We look forward to seeing you on January 8, 2018!

Sally Peck
Bacich Principal



Santa made a special visit to Bacich!

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 Office: 415-925-2220

Attendance Hotline to report a student absence: 415-925-2222



**Bacich Math
Matters Blog**



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**Music
Parents**



**Bacich
Library**



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.

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| February 8, 2018 | March 8, 2018 |
| February 22, 2018 | March 22, 2018 |
| | May 3, 2018 |
| April 19, 2018 | May 17, 2018 |
| | May 31, 2018 |

School Portraits

There is still time to order prints and digital files of your child's school portrait! Online print orders will be received within just a few days of order placement and digital orders may be downloaded immediately!

Prices increase January 1, 2018. [More Information](#)

Bacich Parent Events

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| 1/8 | Bacich Site Council , 3-4 p.m. | |
| 1/26 | Bacich Parent Workshop - Social-Emotional Learning | 8:30-9, a.m. |
| 2/1 | Institute for Social Emotional Learning (IFSEL) Parent Event, | 6:30-8 p.m. |

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 Library

[Research Database for Class Projects](#)

Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

Once again, our final week before Winter break proved to be one of my favorites. It is such a special time with so many wonderful traditions, I am feeling the bittersweet emotions that come with this being my last year.

On Tuesday, the PE department held our annual and amazing dance assembly. It was wonderful to see our Falcons dressed to the nines, partner dancing (in step!) and showing just how blessed we are to have all these incredible enrichment opportunities. This is truly my most treasured assembly of the year and our beautiful ballroom dancers did not disappoint.

Today, we raised the MP Room roof with another Candy Court! The sea of red and white spirit was flowing endlessly as we crowned our Royal Court. Our president, Claire McKechnie, did an absolutely fantastic job leading the way through this fantastically festive and crazy Kent tradition. Our Falcons certainly know how to kick off a vacation!



*Mr. Kniesche, Emperor of Kent's
Candy Court*

So that's it. 2017 is a wrap! As we head into the new year, our staff cannot thank you enough for all the love and support you show us each day. Your presence is truly a gift!

As this will be my last holiday message before I retire next June, I want to say what a pleasure it is for me to arrive on campus each day to the calls of "hello Mr. Kniesche." It is such a joy for me to be here with your children as they are polite

and respectful. The holidays are a time to reflect on family and traditions and the Kniesche family will be all together celebrating Christmas. With our seven grandchildren, it's a joy to see the holiday through the eyes of the child. They are so excited for the holidays. I encourage you to enjoy every moment with your family and I wish you all a healthy and Happy New Year.

See you all in 2018.

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

1.866.287.3096 

School code: 7587

Kent Parent Events

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| 1/9 | <u>Kent Site Council</u> , 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
| 1/30 | 5th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 p.m., Kent MP Room |
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Kent 8th Grade Families

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 in January. Most families choose to attend their school of residence, but for students who would like to transfer within the Tam

district, please read the information on open enrollment at [this link](#).

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."

Open enrollment applies only to students who are TUHSD residents who wish to attend a district high school other than their school of residence. For instance, students who reside in Ross and want to attend Redwood do not need open enrollment transfers, but a student who lives in Ross and wants to attend Drake does need to apply for open enrollment.

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

Also, please find the [attached TUHSD school calendar for 2018-2019](#).

Kent Library



Winter break is a great time to catch up on your reading! I hope students will come in to check out several books to read over the break. Here's what I have loved reading recently:

"The 57 Bus" by Dashka Slater, "Orphan Island" by Laurel Snyder, "Thornhill" by Pam Smy, and "Long Way Down" by Jason Reynolds.

Book Passage

As you already know, [Book Passage](#) is an amazing store with an incredibly knowledgeable staff. What you might not know is that if you mention that your child goes to Kent Middle School, a percentage of your purchase helps us buy new library books! Don't forget to mention Kent on your next visit!



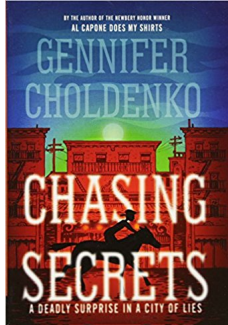
Author Visit Ahead!

We are excited to co-host, with The Book Passage, author [Eliot Schrefer](#) here at Kent for students in 5th and 6th grades. Eliot's new book, "The Lost Rainforest: Mez's Magic" comes out on January 2nd and students will have a chance to pre-order the new book after the new year. Eliot is the author of many books for young people and we are so excited to have him speak to our students.

Overdrive

Did you know that if you have a Marin County library card you have access to thousands of audio and e-books, right from the comfort of your home or vacation spot? [Overdrive](#) is an amazing and underused resource offering a diverse catalog of titles- from the newest novels and nonfiction to classics. Just click on the link provided to learn more. If you need help, simply call the Corte Madera library help desk at (415) 924-3515 for assistance.

Book Club!



Our next book club with Sarah from the Corte Madera library will be on Thursday, January 18, 2018. 5th and 6th graders will be reading "Chasing Secrets" by Jennifer Choldenko, and 7th and 8th graders are reading "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline. 5th and 6th graders may read the 7th and 8th grade title if they have a young adult permission slip signed by their parents.



Kent Athletics



2018 Game Schedules

6th Grade Boys & Girls

7th Grade Boys & Girls

8th Grade Boys & Girls

Kent Extracurricular Activities



Parent Information Night

Monday, January 22, 2018

7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Marin YMCA

1500 Los Gamos Drive, San Rafael

Is your child interested in discussing international issues, building leadership skills, and gaining a broader perspective of the world? Model United Nations, sponsored by the YMCA, will meet at Kent for the second year. It will be available to students in 6th-8th grades.

Kent students will meet once a week on Wednesdays after school from 1:40 - 2:40 p.m. from January 10, 2018 through May 9, 2018. They will discuss a myriad of topics led by Model UN moderator, Brandon Drake from the YMCA, as they prepare for their roles as delegates. In addition to weekly meetings, there will be two field trips. Students will spend a weekend in Paso Robles where they will train for their roles in the Model United Nations Summit. The program culminates when delegates from around the state convene at the annual Summit in Los Angeles where they meet with other Model UN delegations.

The cost for the program is \$1,055, which includes all materials, lodging, transportation, most meals for both field trips.

* Financial assistance is available through the YMCA.*

Please contact Brandon Drake at BDrake@ymcasf.org or (415) 446-2178 for more information about the program and financial assistance forms.

Spreading Holiday Cheer



Thanks Greenbrae Peets!

Today, Bacich celebrated Holiday Go Green Day organized by KSD Safe Routes to School and the Bacich Student Green Team. Students, families, and staff who used eco-friendly methods to arrive at Bacich were treated to pastries, fruit, hot cocoa, and coffee (for the the adults!).

Last week, the Kent Eco-Action Club served delicious cups of hot cocoa to warm up students who arrived at campus by carpooling, walking, biking, or scooting. It was great to see such a long line of students who use green alternatives to get to school!

Kudos to Kentfield parents, students, Safe Routes to School, the Bacich Green Team, and Kent's Eco-Action Club for such a committed effort to reducing traffic congestion near our campuses and promoting green transportation alternatives.



Ziggy at the Kent Library thanks everyone for their generous book donations for the Laurel Dell book drive!



DECEMBER 2017

Welcome to the first Quarterly Newsletter
of the Zero Waste Marin Schools Program!

We are excited to use this newsletter to circulate relevant updates, helpful zero waste tips, and highlight success stories from the participating Zero Waste schools. If you are a principal, Green Team lead, or PTA lead, please forward this to your teacher and parent communities.

For our first newsletter, we would like to highlight the work that is happening at **Anthony G. Bacich Elementary School** since this August 2017. Bacich, with over 80 students on the Green Team helping to sort at lunch, is planning a trash reduction competition between grades for the beginning of 2018. Keep up the great work, Bacich!



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**



**2017-2018
Annual Giving
Thank You**



2017-2018 Business Directory Yellow Pages

**Discover 3 ways to support Kentfield Schools that will
cost you nothing!**



**KSPTA Grant Program
Applications Now Available**

KSPTA is pleased to announce the 9th year of the KSPTA Grant Program! KSPTA Grants provide specific funding to enhance and enrich the educational experience of Bacich and Kent students.

This year, KSPTA has budgeted \$10,000 to fund innovative educational ideas such as:

- Instructional tools (manipulative, books, STEAM equipment, software licenses)
- Special projects that support curriculum
- Publications (magazines, subscriptions - online and hard copies)
- Leadership & professional development seminars/classes for teachers
- Special assembly presentations/workshops for

students

Applications Deadline: January 8, 2018 at 5 p.m.

[More Information](#)



Did you know you don't have to be a parent or a teacher to be a member of the PTA?

PTA membership makes a great gift for grandparents, aunts, uncles, or whoever has an interest in your children having the best school experience.

[Give the gift of membership today.](#)



Love & Logic Parenting Course

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

Register by February 1st.

[More Information](#)

Next KSPTA Meeting

January 22, 2018
8:30-9:30 a.m.
Location TBD

Find us on 

Community Announcements



Winter Book Club Meetings

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

[Read Flyer](#)



Classes & Open Studios Now Enrolling

MakerSpace, Coding, Robotics, and STEAM Lab for K-8th kids.

[Read Flyer](#)



Wednesday Classes at Kent Middle School Now Enrolling

TinkerTech Girls Coding
Grades 5-8

TinkerTech Makers and Builders
Grades 5-8

[Register Here](#)



Winter Competitive Training

January 9, 2018

Boys age 5-12

Six-level program offers vocal training, music appreciation and performance experience that is age specific. [Financial assistance available.](#)

[More Information](#)



San Francisco Boys Choir Auditions

January 9, 2018

Boys age 5-12

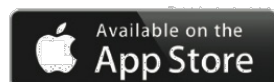
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