

# Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, January 18, 2018

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

**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.

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## News You Need

- Lost & Found items will be donated Friday, 1/26.
- Please donate gently used or new coats for the Bacich Warm Coat drive through 2/5/2018.
- KSPTA Parent Ed "Love & Logic" series information and registration is available at [kspta.org](http://kspta.org). Workshop begins 2/8.
- New Date - 1/24 Safety Committee meeting has been rescheduled for 3/28. Details to come.

## Upcoming Events

### Monday - 1/22/2018

- KSPTA monthly meeting, 8:30-9:45 a.m., Kent Library, [agenda](#)
- Community Meeting about District Budget, 6-7:30 p.m., Kent Library

### Tuesday - 1/23/2018

- Kent Club Picture Day - students should check schedule with teachers or posted throughout campus
- Governance workshop on equity, diversity and inclusion, 4:30-6:30 p.m., District Office

### Friday - 1/26/2018

- Lost & Found items will be donated.

## Save the Date

- 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., Angelico Hall, Dominican University, San Rafael
  - Institute for Social Emotional Learning (IFSEL) Parent event, 6:30-8 p.m.

[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,

Please join me on Monday, January 22nd, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Kent Library for a community meeting about our district budget. We 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. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Bring a neighbor who doesn't have children in the district!

Thank you to all of our neighbors who have offered a spot in their driveway for a Bacich teacher's car next year when parking is going to be nonexistent due to construction. We need more! Please contact me at [lschott@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:lschott@kentfieldschools.org) if you have an extra spot.

Liz Schott  
Superintendent

## School Board Meeting Highlights January 16, 2018

This month's Educational Showcase spotlighted Language Arts in Bacich's 3rd and 4th grades and at Kent. Third graders Brayden MacEachern and Tessa Holles described the process by which they learn, write about, and present current events guided by teachers Katy Colwell, Andrea Livengood, and Marjorie Bukowski. Then, 4th teachers Maria Martin and Abbey Davis introduced Nathalie Veletzuy Renteria, Celeste Paniagua Reyes and Jake Post who walked the Board through the nonfiction reading and writing unit titled "Reading the Weather." Finally, Myra Anderson introduced 8th graders Ansel Rausis, Samantha Michaels and Gavin Green who shared their Perspectives essays which will be considered by KQED for airing on the radio.

During the [Measure D](#) design process and in the resulting plans, which are

currently being constructed, the need for air conditioning in certain key areas of the campuses that are most exposed to sun were identified and cooling systems were added. Subsequently, the teachers' association requested that the Board look into adding air conditioning in all classrooms. The architect reported at this meeting that the price tag for this addition to the scope of work would cost \$2.1 million. The Board decided that they could not commit these funds at this time, knowing that the cost estimates for the Bacich construction will be higher than the original quote from last May due to stresses on the construction industry in our area after the North Bay fires. The proposal will be held for reconsideration should funds remain available at the end of the construction projects.

The Board has been considering revisions to its policy on Math Instruction for the past several months. On Tuesday, they approved a first reading of the policy that hews closest to the California School Boards Association's model policy and directs staff to develop protocols and procedures for appropriate placement of students in math courses we offer. They also directed the Superintendent to work with the Board's subcommittee on Policy on a set of administrative regulations to accompany the policy which will codify the aforementioned protocols and procedures. The policy will receive a second reading and be considered for approval at the February Board Meeting.

## District Budget

### Community Meeting about District Budget

Monday, 1/22/2018  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Kent Library

If you are unable to attend this presentation about the 2018-19 budget, Superintendent Liz Schott and Chief Business Official Barbara Johnson will present budget information at the following meetings:

2/15: KTA Leadership/Executive Committee  
2/21: Classified Employees Committee  
3/5: KSPTA - *public meeting*  
3/5: Bacich Site Council - *public meeting*  
3/6: Kent Site Council - *public meeting*  
3/14: ELAC - *public meeting*  
3/15: Finance Committee - *public meeting*  
3/21: Kent Staff  
3/28: Bacich Staff  
5/2: **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

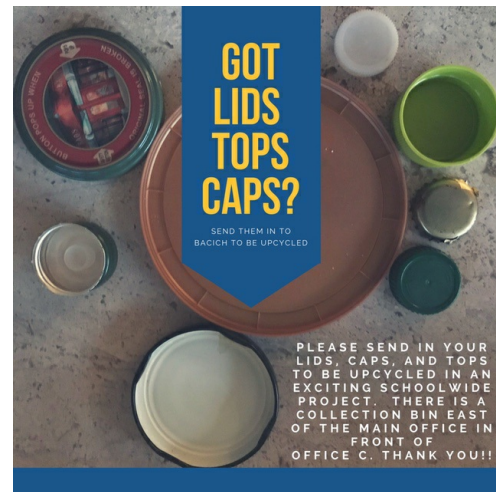
- Most recent District informational mailer.
- Election Date: March 6, 2018

- 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](http://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 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](#)



## Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

Like many schools, we have a vision of preparing today's students to become tomorrow's leaders. Encouraging our young students to take the lead on solving real world problems that matter to them is an important step towards reaching this goal.

Over the past few years, Bacich teachers have been trained in an instructional approach called Project Based Learning, which deliberately emphasizes engagement, invites curiosity, and values student voice and choice; In short, it's learning by doing.

The emphasis on students applying what they have learned aligns with the expectations of the Common Core Standards and the Next Generation Science



## Standards.

While there are multiple cycles of PBL learning taking place throughout our classrooms and grade levels each year, this fall we decided to launch our first all-school PBL Project. We've titled it, "How Can We Influence and Impact our Environment?"

Each grade level is examining a meaningful element of the project and putting their questions and investigations into action. The following focus areas are included in our studies:

- Kindergarten: Weather/Butterflies
- First Grade: Marsh/Birds
- Second Grade: Watershed/Trout
- Third Grade: Marin County - regions, community, resources, economy
- Fourth Grade: California - diversity, history, geography, growth

Integrating and connecting the subject areas of math, science, reading, writing, technology and art with this project will ensure meaningful learning experiences for our students. The culmination of our all-school PBL will be a Bacich Community Art Fence along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.



We encourage you to follow us on [Instagram @bacichsteam](#), as our Project unfolds!

Sally Peck  
Bacich Principal

## Bacich Library

During the month of January we are celebrating the winter season and Martin Luther King, Jr.

In TK, we are celebrating winter with some wonderful books and discussed what we can do in this season.

In Kindergarten, we read books about animals in winter to go along with their study of hibernation, migration and adaptation.

In 1st grade, students learned how to find a "just right book" by using the

"Five Finger" and "Goldilocks" rules. Ask your child about them. First grader students may now be allowed to check out two books every week. One book may be a free choice and the other book must be a beginning chapter book that is "just right." We will continue to cover the Information Literacy benchmarks.

Second graders finished learning about the Atlas, as part of their geography curriculum.

In 3rd and 4th grade classes, students completed a unit on genres. We will continue research skills by learning why we use a Dictionary and a Thesaurus.



[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 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.

## School Tours

Tours of Bacich are available for Kentfield and Greenbrae families who are new to the district with children entering TK through fourth grade. If you have any questions please contact Jan Canon at 415-925-2220 or [jcanon@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:jcanon@kentfieldschools.org).

### Tour Registration Information

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

March 8, 2018

March 22, 2018

April 19, 2018

May 3, 2018

May 17, 2018

May 31, 2018

## Bacich Parent Events

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 Community Service



### Bacich Annual Coat Drive

January 22nd until February 5th

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 Santa Rosa and Santa Barbara victims of the recent fires.

## Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

Welcome back after our first three day weekend of 2018! We hope your day was spent peacefully with family and friends.

As we head fully into the rest of the year, let us remember the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,

*"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."*

We certainly are excited to move forward with all of you!

Yesterday, our staff had an inservice from our school counselors on "suicide awareness." Sadly, "suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 11-18 (CDC, 2014). More teenagers and young adults die from suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and chronic lung disease, combined." Kentfield School District is participating in the SOS (Signs of Suicide) program. As we hear about students in neighboring high schools taking their own lives, we feel that it is important to discuss this topic with our 8th graders. This will take place during the week of January 29.

On a lighter note, we also heard from author Eliot Schrefer. He spoke to all of our 5th and 6th graders about his latest book, "The Lost Rain Forest: Mez's Magic." It was an entertaining half hour and students were able to ask questions regarding how he developed his topics and his trip to the tropics to research the book (check out the Kent Library section below for a sneak peek).

Next Tuesday, January 23rd, is club photo day. This is a day where we celebrate all the amazing activities that go on at Kent by capturing a group photo of our Falcons. The teachers all have a list of scheduled times and these lists will also be posted around campus. Be sure to have your student check their times if they are in a club so they don't miss out on this snapshot for the yearbook.

Finally, a big congrats to Tim Lentini and his Mathletes! This week both the 7th and 8th graders took 3rd place in the second countywide meet of the year. We are so proud of these "mathemagicians" for all their incredible work so far! Congrats also to our 6th grade basketball teams who both played to victory on Tuesday! Way to make us shine, Falcons!

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

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Heidi Longo  
Monday-Thursday  
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## Kent Parent Events

- 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

## 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 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](http://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](mailto:moleary@tamdistrict.org).

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

## Kent Library



### Author Visit

This week's author visit was another hit with Kent students. Author Eliot Schrefer gave an awesome presentation on his writing process and his new book, "The Lost Rainforest. Mez's Magic." He talked about how he conducts in-depth research on location and subject matter for his books. He showed photos from his research trips to the Amazon and Congo. Don't be surprised if your child asks you to go on a trip as part of story research development!

Parents have one more week to order a signed copy of his latest book. Please use this [book order form](#).

## 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](mailto:BDrake@ymcasf.org) or (415) 446-2178 for more information about the program and financial assistance forms.

## Kentfield Kudos

### Kent Students Build Bridges with Bacich Students



January Project at Bacich



November Performance at Kent

Last week, 7th grade Service Innovation students visited Bacich to perform several skits about respect. This aligned with Bacich's literary focus of the book "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse" by Kevin Henkes. In November, Bacich students visited the Kent Middle School campus for a performance of "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse" by 7th grade students. Students handed out tokens of appreciation to each student to pass to someone who was being respectful.

This continues to be an amazing way for our schools to connect and ripple out kindness! Students at Bacich and Kent of our campuses equally look forward to these cross-campus relationship building projects. Younger students absorb these types of social-emotional lessons in a different way when delivered by "near" peers rather than adults. Our older students benefit from the growth opportunity of teaching a lesson to younger students and becoming the "authority figure" in the room.

## 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!



**January  
KSPTA Meeting**

January 22, 2018  
8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Kent Library

Let's talk about pot. Come hear from Officer Josie Sanguinetti at the next KSPTA general meeting.

Agenda



**Love & Logic Parenting Course**

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

Register by February 1st.  
Space is limited.

More Information

[Register Here](#)



## Celebrate Chinese New Year

**Save the Date:**

February 25, 2018

The KSPTA is pleased that we will once again be holding a Chinese New Year Celebration at the Bacich Community Center on Sunday, February 25th.

More details coming soon.

Find us on 

## Community Announcements



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 11th 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 [specialded.org](http://specialded.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.](#)



## 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

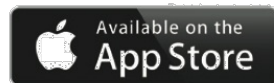
Scholarships Available - [contact TinkerTech](#) for more information.

[Register Here](#)

### Quick Links

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[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)  
[Student Lunch Order](#)  
[Safe Routes to School](#)  
[Local Funding Information](#)

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