



# Weekly Newsletter

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

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

**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.

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## **News You Need**

- Thanksgiving Holiday - 11/22-24/2017
- Bacich Canned Food Drive ends 11/21/2017.
- Kent Book Drive ends 12/12/2017.

\*\* Because of the abbreviated week for Thanksgiving, this newsletter repeats much of the same information as last week, which covered information through 12/1/2017. Our next newsletter will be 11/30/2017.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Friday - 11/17/2017**

- 8th Grade Teens in Transition at Kent, parent letter
- Book Fair: 8-10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Bacich Community Center
- Bacich Parent Teacher Conferences - Minimum Day Schedule

### **Monday - 11/20/2017**

- 8th Grade Teens in Transition at Branson, parent letter

### **Tuesday - 11/21/2017**

- 8th Grade Teens in Transition at Branson, parent letter

**11/22-24/2017:** Thanksgiving Holiday

## Friday - 12/1/2017

- Heritage Day - 2nd Grade

## Save the Date

- 12/4: KSPTA December meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Kent Library
- 12/4: Bacich Site Council meeting, Bacich Library, 3-4 p.m.
- 12/5: Kent Site Council meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 12/6: Kent Craft Fair, 1-6 p.m., Bacich Community Center
- 12/7: Kent Community T-1 Assembly, 1:26-2:09 p.m.
- 12/8: Lost & Found items to be donated

[View Entire District Calendar](#)

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

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

## Superintendent's Update



Best wishes to all for a family-filled Thanksgiving with opportunities to enjoy this beautiful place we call home.

### Board Meeting Highlights Tuesday, 11/14/2017

At its meeting on Tuesday, the School Board learned about the Social Studies program in Kent's 6th grade from teacher, Peter Goetz, and students, Phoebe Pierce, Leyla Ramos, West Violich Mecklenburg, Indi Rabinovitch, Miranda Wabl, Gabriel Hartka, and Casper Wilson. The students described a recent activity where they debated the benefit and detriment of the agricultural revolution. All were impressed by the students' ability to speak with great poise in front of a large group.

The Board approved a resolution to place a renewal measure for our district's Parcel Tax on the March 6, 2018 ballot. This measure, which guarantees continuation of funding that the community has supported for over 30 years, represents over \$4 million annually for programs vital to our schools' excellence.

In another part of the meeting, a report on the annual expenditures charged to the Parcel Tax revenues was presented. These are programs that would be **eliminated** from our schools if our Parcel Tax is not renewed:

- Specialist-taught Art, Music, and P.E. at Bacich
- Class sizes less than 33 at Bacich and Kent
- Counseling at Bacich and Kent
- Paraprofessionals at Bacich and Kent
- Seven-period day at Kent (some Art, Drama, Maker, Coding, Enterprise,

- Woodshop, Music)
- Spanish at Kent
- Computer Education/Technology at Bacich and Kent
- Credentialed Library Teachers at Bacich and Kent
- Additional English instruction at Kent
- Support for Special Education
- Upper level Mathematics (7+, Algebra)

More information on this issue can be found on our [website](#).

The Superintendent presented information on the upcoming need to find temporary classroom space for the six classrooms and ancillary spaces in the round building at Bacich which is slated for demolition in June, 2018. [Nine options](#) were offered, followed by Board discussion and comments from the audience. Next the Superintendent will formulate a recommendation for the Board to consider at its December meeting and planning will begin for whatever decision is made.

The Board appreciated the participation and interest from our community on all issues on the agenda.

Liz Schott  
Superintendent

## District Resources

- [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](#)
- [Video Tutorial to Set-Up Online Accounts](#)

## **ELPAC Practice Tests**

English Learner parents, please visit [this website](#) for sample/practice questions from the new ELPAC test that English Learner students will take in the spring.

**\*\* November Finance Committee Meeting \*\*  
rescheduled to 12/14/2017 at 3:45-4:45 p.m.**



## Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

Thanksgiving provides the perfect opportunity to slow down and take stock of what is really important in our lives. I believe that many of us easily lose perspective on all that we do have to be grateful for in our lives.

The wonder and beauty of young children is that they seem to know what is truly important and readily share all that we should be grateful for in life.

Over the last week, I've asked several kindergarten and first grade students to share with me what they are thankful for and what is most important in their lives. I share them with you...

I am thankful for my Barbie.

I am thankful for my Fourth Grade Buddy.

I am thankful for my mommy, daddy and Grandma Candy.

I am thankful for my sister because she gave me a stuffy.

I am thankful for my whole family because they make me happy.

I am thankful for my mom who gave me a blue box to save my money.

I am thankful for bike rides with my daddy.

I am thankful for blueberry pie.

I am thankful for kindergarten, so I can learn to read.

I am thankful for my parents who hug me, kiss me and help me fall asleep.

I am thankful for people who help give food to other people.

I am thankful for free choice in my classroom.

I am thankful for turkey and eating meat off the bones.

I am thankful for dragons.

I am thankful for my family because they make me happy.

I am thankful for my brother because he laughs with me!

Wishing you and your family a happy Thanksgiving.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Sally Peck  
Bacich Principal



Parents, please remember that parents are not to use the Bacich parking lots between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for parent-teacher conferences.

Safe Routes has provided a [great map](#) that shows the [parking spaces](#) for 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](#)

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**

## Bacich Parent Events

12/4 [Bacich Site Council meeting](#), 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library

## School Tours

Tours of Bacich are available for Kentfield 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.

|                   |                  |                   |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| December 7, 2017  | January 11, 2018 | February 8, 2018  |
| December 14, 2017 | January 25, 2018 | February 22, 2018 |
| March 8, 2018     |                  | May 3, 2018       |
| March 22, 2018    | April 19, 2018   | May 17, 2018      |
|                   |                  | May 31, 2018      |



## **Canned Food Drive Ends November 21st!**

Bacich students will be collecting non-perishable food items to benefit the Marin Food Bank. Please help us fill the barrels you see around campus and help give everyone a happy

holiday season.

## Bacich Library

[Research Database for Class Projects](#)  
[Marin County Pathfinder Resource Guide for 3rd Grade Project](#)  
[Online Public Access Catalog](#)

## Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

Every year, I look forward to reading Sally Peck's annual Thanksgiving letter to read her review of students' thoughts of gratitude. Inspired by Sally's initiative, Melissa Stephens and I decided to ask Kent students why they are thankful this Thanksgiving.

It is heartwarming to read the evolution of their gratitude widening to the broader community and deeper reflections on what matters in life.

I am thankful for...

- My family.
- The school and Kentfield.
- All the people in the world who are kind.
- The kind teachers I have.
- That I am at a better school now.
- Having shelter.
- Being able to have a solid education.
- Soccer because it is a place to express myself.
- All the people who care for me and how I do in school.
- Family and friends.
- Pretty much everything.

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it  
is like wrapping a present and not giving it."  
~ William Arthur Ward

We are grateful for all our parents and caregivers who dedicate so much time and energy to our school and their children's education.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Skip Kniesche  
Principal

## Kent Parent Resources

[Kent Back to School Information Packet](#)  
[2017-2018 Kent Student-Parent Handbook](#)  
[Electronic Device Policy Summary](#)  
[2017-2018 Kent Bell Schedule](#)  
[Safe Routes to School](#)



Kent Office: 415-458-5970

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

Kent Counselors

Corey Shaw  
Tuesday-Friday  
[cshaw@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:cshaw@kentfieldschools.org)  
415-482-9852

Heidi Longo  
Monday-Thursday  
[hlongo@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:hlongo@kentfieldschools.org)  
415-482-9851

## Kent Parent Events

12/5 Kent Site Council meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

School code: 7587

1.866.287.3096 

## Kent Library



Does your child enjoy listening to audiobooks? Do you want to motivate your child to read more? Then sign them up for Tales2Go!

Tales2Go is an audiobook program offering over 7,000 titles for kids of all ages and reading levels. There are many popular titles available. [Click here](#) to find out more and browse the full catalog.

If you are interested in an account for your child, have them see Ms. Jelen, our librarian, or email her at [rjelen@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:rjelen@kentfieldschools.org).



## Laurel Dell Book Drive

Once again, Kent Middle School has partnered with Laurel Dell Elementary, located in San Rafael, for a very special holiday giving campaign. Many families in this school struggle to provide even the most basic necessities for their children and the holidays can be a challenging time.

Please join us by donating a new book for each student at Laurel Dell Elementary. Each Kent grade level is assigned a corresponding grade from Laurel Dell. Please see the [attached list for book suggestions](#) for each grade level. Donations may be brought to the Kent Library by Tuesday, December 12th.

Students will be raising money through fundraisers such as bake sales to purchase books and we also encourage you to buy one and donate one at the [KSPTA Book Fair](#) the week of November 13th.

Thank you for helping to make someone's holiday season brighter by giving the gift of reading!

## **Download Book List**

## Kent Athletics



### **Basketball Practice Schedule**

6th girls- Mondays at 3:45 p.m.  
6th boys- Thursdays at 3:45 p.m.

7th girls- Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m.  
7th boys- Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. (no coach yet\*)

8th girls- Mondays at 4:45 p.m.  
8th boys- Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

#### **\* 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Needed**

- Practices at 4:45 on Tuesdays
- Games on Wednesdays, starting in January

Please contact Ryan Palmer ([rpalmer@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:rpalmer@kentfieldschools.org)) if you or anyone you know is interested.

Go Falcons!

## Kentfield Kudos

### **Marin Independent Journal**

Home

Lifestyle

**Neighborhood News**

*By **Mary Enbom**, Marin Independent Journal*

POSTED: 11/15/17, 10:32 AM PST

UPDATED: 2 HRS AGO



## MUSICAL HELP

Let's face it, musical instruments are not cheap. And for many who lost homes in recent fires, they can be especially unattainable.

When a Red Cross volunteer Robert Berger put out word he was collecting instruments for fire victims, Kent Middle School's music teacher, Mike Martinez, was the first to respond. In a few days, Martinez collected from local families three clarinets, a violin, guitar, tenor sax, baritone sax, several method books and folding stands. To donate instruments, send email to rzberger@yahoo.com. Instruments must be in working order.

Meanwhile, Kent students will hold a pay-what-you want dinner on campus tonight, Nov. 15, with all proceeds going to the North Bay Relief Fund for those fire victims.

## SPELLING CHAMPS

Speaking of Kent Middle School, Hannah Morgan and Agneya Poduval kept their cool last week and respectively spelled "facetious" and "facsimile" to win the school's spelling bee.

Morgan, 14, a straight-A student who will dance in Stapleton's "Nutcracker" this season, said the key to good spelling is reading a lot.

"Reading is what really engrains the words in you," she said.

Kent's student activities teacher Melissa Stephens loves the school spelling bee "because with text lingo and spell-check, we are losing the capability to spell well. This demonstrates to kids that it is still important."

The students will go on to compete in the county bee in December.

# Safe Routes to School



## Safe Routes to School Updates

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

**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!**



### **Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project**

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) has been completed for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (SFD) Rehabilitation project, which involves various modifications to the SFD corridor between Highway 101 and the Ross Town Limits.

We encourage you to learn about this important project and give feedback. The public review and comment period for the Draft EIR continues through Wednesday, December 6, 2017. [Click here to read the Draft EIR, learn](#)

[more about the project, and how to submit your comments.](#)

Please visit [Safe Routes to School](#) for important [safety tips](#) and other information for safer and greener alternatives to get to and from school.

## Support Kentfield Schools



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



The Fourth Annual **kik** Crab Feed last Saturday night was a huge success. It is our biggest sign-up party of the year, raising substantial funds for **kik** and celebrating our great community. 150 lucky parents who purchased tickets at our spring event last May were the supporting guests.

**kik** Crab Feed hosts this year were the Riedel, Tran, Hatch, Marsh, Kidd, McMillan and Poser families. These hard working folks did everything needed organize and execute the event, while having a lot of fun.

Marin Country Mart graciously opens up their space and their staff to help pull off this magical event under their tent. Food was provided by Bel Campo, Rustic Bakery, El Hurache Loco, Farm Shop, Wise Sons, and Fishers Wine and Cheese. Beer from Marin Brewing Co. and wine from MacCrostie Vineyards (Thanks, Steve Meyers and Luke Solomons!) and champagne from by Vin Delivery were provided, as well. Our own Kentfield dad, DJ Hanna spun tunes well into the night to add to the festive atmosphere.

Some of our more adventurous attendees had the opportunity to take their kids crabbing on Bodega Bay on the Friday holiday. Kids and parents had a great adventure on boats from Miss Anita Sportfishing and all caught their 10 crab per person limit providing ample delicious crab for themselves, as well as the next night's feed. It was a truly amazing day on the ocean in support of **kik** while having fun and enjoying the incredible Bay Area coast.

Please look for the 5th edition of this special event at our spring event next year. You won't want to miss out!

The hosts are looking forward to seeing you there.



**2017-2018  
Annual Giving  
Thank You**



## **2017-2018 Business Directory Yellow Pages**

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



Kentfield Schools  
Book Fair  
November 13-17, 2017  
Bacich Community Center



**KSPTA  
December  
Meeting**

**Please join us at the Kentfield School Book Fair during the following dates and times:**

Friday, November 17:  
8:00 - 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, December 4th at 8:30 a.m.  
Kent Library

**KENTFIELD  
CRAFT FAIR**

**Calling all Crafters!**

The Kentfield Craft Fair is looking for vendors.  
Please visit  
[kspta.org/forms-documents/](http://kspta.org/forms-documents/)  
to download the application.

**Parent  
Education**

Missed our Parent Education Seminars? Not to worry, both are online and available for viewing.

Please [click here](#) to see what you missed.



## Can't Get To The Grocery Store? Running Out of Ideas for Family Dinners?

Our school will earn an additional \$300 for every 30 new customers who try Good Eggs through this fundraiser. If you haven't tried Good Eggs before you can have a huge impact on the fundraiser by trying it out and entering the school code (BACICH17 or Kent17) at [www.goodeggs.com](http://www.goodeggs.com) and at checkout. First orders receive a \$25 discount with the school code.

Buy a [Kid's Lunch Kit](#) in November and you'll get everything you need for a food science experiment designed by our pals at the Exploratorium, plus an exclusive 20% discount on an Exploratorium membership! This week you'll get the Exploratorium's "Magnetic Fruit" Science Snack, and your kit will include a rare earth magnet, a straw, and some grapes!

Find us on 

## Community Announcements



### Legalization of Marijuana and Youth

How legalization affects local youth: the adolescent brain, the perception of harm, protective factors.

November 28, 2017  
6:30-8 p.m.

Drake's Little Theater  
1327 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo

[Event Flyer](#)



### Free Kids Coding Classes

\*Class on December 2nd is now December 9th\*

December 9, 2017

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ages 8 and older.

[New Coding Class Flyer](#)

### Raising A Child With Anxiety: What Parents Need To Know

December 5, 2017  
7 p.m.

An important talk about anxiety for parents of children of all ages. Jeremy Peterman, PhD and Allison Danzig, PhD, of Marin Center for Anxiety and Behavioral Therapy, will discuss both the research and practical aspects of parenting a child with anxiety. Learn the difference between normal anxiety and clinical anxiety, tools for supporting children and for managing caregiver anxiety, and when to seek professional help  
[Parent Ed Flyer](#)

## Quick Links

[District Contacts](#)

[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[Student Lunch Order](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Local Funding Information](#)

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