

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, September 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

- Friday, 9/22, TK/K Parent Chat, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich Room 34
- Urgent call for Volleyball Coaches for Girls 6th and 8th Grade teams. Contact Ryan Palmer if interested.
- **kik** Family Fun Day is this Sunday, 9/24, volunteers needed
- What's for dinner? Get an easy answer to this question and support our schools by signing up for Good Eggs.
- Take a look at the district's 2017-2018 LCAP to discover what is driving our work and where you can be of assistance.

Upcoming Events

Friday- 9/22/2017

- TK/Kindergarten Parent Chat, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich Room 34

Sunday- 9/24/2017



Join us for the 31st annual



Family Fun Day

Sunday, September 24th

10am to 2pm • Bacich Elementary School

Fun for Everyone!

Jumpees | Water Slides | Zorbie Balls | Air Bungee | Rock Wall

Karaoke/DJ | Carnival Games | Face Painting & Tattoos

Monday - 9/25/2017

- Bacich Picture Make Up Day - the Bacich office has a list of students who were absent on their picture day.

Thursday- 9/28/2017

- 5/6th grade Parent Chat, 8:45-9:45 am, Kent Library

Save the Date

- 10/3 - Kent Site Council Meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 10/4: 8-8:30 a.m. International Walk & Roll to School Day at the KentfieldSchool District and Green Sneaker Challenge launches at Bacich
- 10/4 - **kik** Board Meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., District Office
- 10/5 - Redwood High School Presentation for 8th Graders, 6:30-8 p.m., Kent Library
- 10/6 - **kik** 5th Grade Event, 5:30-7 p.m.

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



We were sorry to learn again this week that children do not always make good decisions when using their electronic devices. While we process the information we are gathering about this latest incident, this seems to be the right time to consider these truths:

- Children's judgment is undeveloped and immature
- Children often say "I was just kidding" about behavior that requires a serious response or consequence from adults
- Children will not tell their parents about something they see on social media that is potentially harmful or dangerous because they think they will get their own phone taken away

- Children will not tell an adult about something they see on social media that they determine innocuous because we will overreact (see first two bullets above)
- Your child may have multiple social media accounts - those you monitor and those s/he hides from you
- Social media has rules about minimum user age for a reason
- Most kids do the right thing even when no one is looking

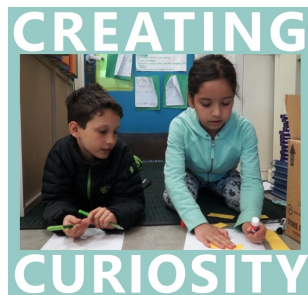
As parents, we hope that when our children inevitably do something stupid, it won't be life-altering or life-threatening. Social media mistakes are more often than not life-altering.

You are the only one who can effectively protect your child from the dire consequences of online misbehavior. How?

- Control access and use of devices that connect to the internet
- Know your child's social media account passwords and monitor them - all of them
- Provide your child with a non-internet capable phone if your concern is being able to contact one another in an emergency
- Ensure that screens of devices that connect to the internet are not allowed behind closed doors and are visible from where you are in the room

If this all sounds onerous and unreasonable in today's world, I empathize. Parenting is the hardest job any of us ever took on because the stakes are so high. However, our children's mental and physical health are being jeopardized daily by excessive screen time. If they can't count on us to do something about that, even though they don't want us to, we are failing them utterly.

Liz Schott
Superintendent



A documentary film highlighting innovative teaching in schools throughout Marin.

Creating Curiosity is a documentary film highlighting innovative teaching in public schools throughout Marin County.

Free Film Screening and Panel Discussion:

- September 26, 2017, 4:30-6 p.m.
- October 16, 2017, 5:30-7 p.m.

Kentfield Wellness Committee

Kentfield School District is looking for parents to join the Wellness Committee for the 2017-18 school year. The Wellness Committee is a multi-disciplinary team that focuses on maintaining a healthy student community.

Utilizing the District's Wellness Policy as a guide, the committee will evaluate and share information and resources to improve a variety of health and wellness concerns.

- The Wellness Committee will meet three times a year from 9-10 a.m. If interested, please contact Cammi Bell, RN, MS at cbell@kentfieldschools.org.

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](#)



Free Workshops To Help Renew DACA

September 23 and 24, 2017
9:30-1:30 p.m.

You must arrive by 11:30 a.m. to be served.

1650 Los Gamos Drive #110, San Rafael (near Lucas Valley Road)

You can only renew DACA if your work permit expires between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018. The person with DACA must be present. A relative cannot come in your place.

Register for the workshop here www.tinyurl.com/CanalDACA (English) or www.tinyurl.com/CanalDACA-Esp (Spanish), or call 415-306-0437, or come to [Canal Alliance](#).

- [Event Flyer in Spanish and English](#)
- [DACA Information Sheet in Spanish and English](#)

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

This past summer, many Bacich teachers joined in our annual summer book club and read *Unselfie - Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About Me World*. This book is a must-read for parents and supports the focus of our character program, and it fits beautifully with this year's school motto: BE KIND.

Over the years, I have asked parents what they want most in life for their children, and the most common response time and time again is, "I want them to be happy." The question of how to help our children find happiness in their lives is the topic of this book.

According to Dr. Michelle Borba, author of *Unselfie*, happiness is strengthened by seeing, hearing, and practicing kindness. Children must have plenty of opportunities to practice kindness, which helps to elevate their sense of empathy for others. Borba shares that kindness is one of the easiest habits to cultivate in our children but it takes modeling, guiding, explaining, and consistent reinforcement.



Mrs Libby, NBCT, Art @BacichArt4Bears · 20h

My students created kindness envelopes to store their acts of kindness in their art journals #bekind #ksdcares #BecauseOfArtsEd



Bacich launched our Kindness Challenge last week. Teachers and students are focused on committing simple acts of kindness. We know that practicing kindness increases a person's prosocial behaviors, as well as happiness, self-esteem, gratitude, popularity, health, and resilience. Committing acts of kindness can change a child's self-image and behavior because students enjoy being with kindhearted peers, and they seek out these friendships.

Next month, Bacich and Kent will join together to build on our Kindness Challenge. We are creating a Kindness Link-Up by challenging our Kindergarten through Eighth Grade students to perform 10,000 acts of kindness in 15 days. Each act of kindness will be recorded on one link of a paper chain, which we will stretch between our campuses to demonstrate our unity in being a kind community.

If we are serious about raising a kindhearted, caring children, then we need to be clear on our expectations for our young people. What is the most important message in your family? I encourage you to ask.

Sally Peck
Bacich Principal

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**



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**Music
Parents
and Kids**



**Bacich
Library
News**



Art Blog



We are introducing the Zero Waste Schools program at Bacich, which includes indoor and outdoor waste stations with signage, training on proper sorting, and education on natural resource conservation and environmental practices.

If your child packs a lunch each day consider packing a zero waste lunch. For tips on how to pack a zero waste lunch, visit www.zerowastemain.org/school-resources/. Our new lunch program, Good Earth, is already working with Marin Sanitary and Zero Waste Marin to ensure minimum waste.

Bacich School Portraits

Make-Up Day: Monday, September 25, 2017

The Bacich office has a list of students who were absent during their picture day.

No preordering or advance payment needed. Online ordering available.

[More Information](#)



In an effort to increase security at Bacich, gates on the McAllister side of campus will be locked during school hours between 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Parents who need to access campus during school hours through the McAllister gates may do so by obtaining a key fob from the District Office that will open two of the gates. You must complete the necessary paperwork at the Kentfield School District Office to obtain a fob. This device is initially free to all Bacich families.

If you have additional questions, please contact [Patty Martinez](#) at the District Office.

Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

As we work our way through September, our Falcons continue to step up and step out. This week we filmed the student council candidates for the officer positions. We were so proud of their enthusiasm and commitment to serving the Kent community.

A huge thanks to Mr. Goetz and his journalism students for filming all the speeches and beginning the editing process. We will watch the election broadcast next Friday, September 29th, when the students will vote on the candidates they feel will best represent each office. Lead on, Falcons!

We also announced the yearbook staff for this year. We had many applicants and have put together an incredible group who will design, create, and execute this year's memory book. Watch here for when the yearbook ordering link becomes live. You won't want to miss getting your student this annual memento!

Finally, we began our new lunch program this week. Kudos

to all the parent volunteers who made this happen. We are so grateful to the continued commitment to providing our students with healthy, delicious lunch opportunities. We know how much work it takes to make this happen and we appreciate all of you!



Skip Kniesche
Kent Principal



Hello Families!

As I write this I can say that I have ridden my bike everyday to school since the year began. I'm trying to ride more and drive less and it's doing wonders for my health and well being.

Next month, we will provide the Safe Routes to School "Drive Your Bike" curriculum to our sixth graders. It teaches the kids how to ride safely to and from school and I feel it's important to give them this foundation. I encourage Kent students to ride to school - for the fresh air as well as the independence, but it's important to routinely talk to children about how to do that safely.

I also want to tell you about a fun event on October 7th at Miwok Meadows, China Camp State Park. Trips for Kids is sponsoring a free day at the park called "Take a Kid Mountain Biking," from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. There will be rides, skills instruction, raffle prizes, snacks and refreshments.

For more information, check out their web site at www.tripsforkidsmarin.org



Happy riding!

Jenny Walsh
Kent Assistant 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](#)
[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

Kent Parent Events

- **5/6th Parent Chat**, 9/28/2017, 8:45-9:45 am, Kent Library
- **Redwood High School Presentation for 8th Graders**, 10/5/2017, 6:30-8 p.m., Kent Library

Kent Community Service



Marin Volunteers Collect Four Tons on Coastal Cleanup Day



Sophia Rubel, a Greenbrae resident, logs the garbage being collected Saturday at McNeers Beach Park in San Rafael. (Alan Dep/Marin Independent Journal)

Kent Athletics

Flag Football: [View schedule here.](#)

Cross Country: Team information is TBA, coach is Shannon Janney.

Volleyball: Urgent need for coaches for the girls' 6th and 8th grade teams. We have done outreach to the local volleyball community and Kentfield families. If we do not have a coach by this Friday, we will need to cancel the teams.

- \$1000 stipend, season is from September through early November. Potential coaches will need to get fingerprinting and paperwork done through the district office. Contact Ryan Palmer, rpalmer@kentfieldschools.org.

Stay tuned to the Falcon Broadcast. Go Falcons, Mr. Palmer

Kentfield Kudos

Bacich Brownie Troop Delivers Kindness

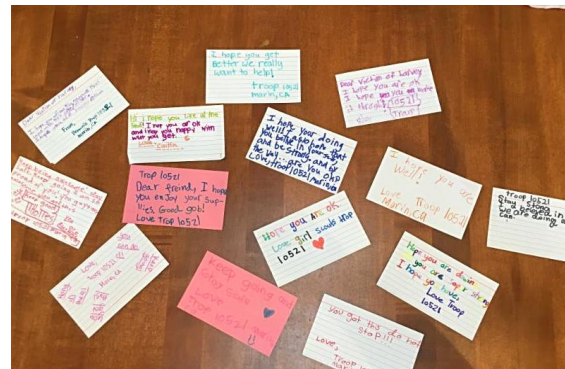


In our school district, we believe it is never too early to start community service. We are proud of the fourteen Bacich third graders in Brownie Troop #10521 for dedicating their first meeting of the new school year to helping victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Before the meeting, the troop members worked hard to gather household items from neighborhood friends and family. As the girls sorted the household items during the meeting, they took time to reflect about what items and support these families may need as they recover from a natural disaster.

The Brownie troop partnered with the UPS store in San Rafael, who generously mailed 4,000 pounds of donations, including the troop's donation, from Marin County to the Dream Center in Georgetown, Texas.

Kudos to our Bacich Brownie Troop members for such a thoughtful donation effort!



The girls also included notes of encouragement to accompany their donations to brighten the days of Hurricane Harvey victims.

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.



International Walk & Roll to School Day

October 4, 2017

We encourage you to join other students, families, and teachers to participate in this popular annual community event. Members of the CHP will be on hand to provide traffic safety assistance that morning.

Bacich:

At Bacich, there will be a Community Coffee Social from 7:45-8:15 a.m. with Bacich Green Team students distributing snacks and enrolling all interested students in the October Green Sneaker Challenge. Coffee will be generously donated by our friends at Peet's Bon Air.

Kent:

The student Eco-Action Club is providing shoelaces for all students who bike, walk, or scoot upon arrival to school that morning.



Launching at Bacich on

October 4, 2017

[Information Flyer](#)

The Bacich Student Green Team and KSD Safe Routes to School are launching the October Green Sneaker Challenge on International Walk & Roll to School Day to increase the numbers of students walking and biking to school. We hope to reduce traffic and make our streets safer while promoting eco-friendly transportation alternatives in our school district.

How to participate?

- From 7:45-8:10 a.m. in the Bacich Quad on International Walk & Roll to School Day, students can quickly enroll in the challenge and receive a colorful Green Sneaker Challenge (GSC) card to attach to their backpacks.
- The GSC cards can be stamped once a week at a morning welcome table in the Bacich Quad on Wednesdays in October (4, 11, 18, and 25). On the last day of the GSC, students turn in their cards and become eligible to win a scooter and Jamba Juice raffle prizes.
- To receive a stamp, you must travel to school by foot or bike once a week (any day of the week) for four consecutive weeks. Live far away? Drive and park near our school and then walk part of the way!

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!



Ride the Marin Transit bus to school!

The Marin Transit Bus 29 has a route designed perfectly for our kids. The bus picks up on SFD and Eliseo at 8:12 am and drops off at College of Marin at 8:17 am. It's a short walk to the cross walk and then to Kent. It costs \$1 per child.

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**

A flyer for the 31st annual Family Fun Day. It features the Kik logo (a small orange circle with "kik 2017|18") on the left. The text reads: "Join us for the 31st annual Family Fun Day presented by WOODLANDS MARKET". The event is on "Sunday, September 24th" from "10am to 2pm" at "Bacich Elementary School". The theme is "Fun for Everyone!". Activities listed include "Jumpees | Water Slides | Zorbie Balls | Air Bungee | Rock Wall | Karaoke/DJ | Carnival Games | Face Painting & Tattoos".

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[Event Flyer](#)

[Fun Run Registration
Form](#)

**Family Fun Day
Volunteers
Needed!**

complete and return to
kik office.

[Sign up here](#)



2017-2018
Annual Giving
Thank You



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



Volunteers make all the difference.

Check out our Bacich and Kent school wide Volunteer Opportunities and find out how you can help.

Support our Schools with Good Eggs.



At checkout, enter the code BACICH17 to get \$15 off and automatically enroll.

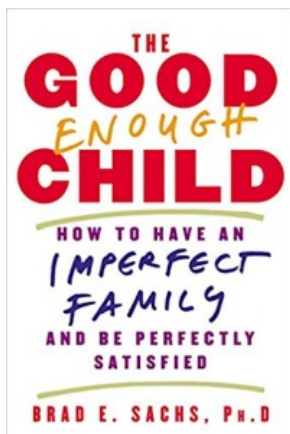
Parent Education

October 19, 2017
7-8:30 p.m.

College of Marin/James Dunn Auditorium

Dr. Brad Sachs will teach parents about sources and consequences of unrealistic expectations for children as they navigate school and social relationships.

[More Information](#)



Find us on

Community Announcements

[Picture Book Club](#)



Author Dashka Slater reads *The Antlered Ship*.
September 26, 2017
4 p.m.

Back to School Link Social

Author Deborah Underwood reads *Super Saurus Saves Kindergarten* and *Here Comes Teacher Cat*.
September 29, 2017
4 p.m.

Whenever you shop at Book Passage, simply mention your school and Book Passage gives back a portion of those sales in the form of gift certificates to our school libraries.



Free Mountain Bike Day

October 7, 2017
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Beginner mountain bike skills instruction, course, and games, morning and afternoon guided beginner mountain bike rides, gear raffle, snacks and refreshments, and ABC Quick Check and adjustment of your personal bike by our mechanics.

Bring your own bike or borrow one from Trips for Kids.

[More Information](#)



Free Kids Coding Classes

October 7, 2017
November 4, 2017
December 2, 2017

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ages 8 and older.

[More Information](#)

4th and 5th Grade Book Club

Sign up and reserve a copy of the book to prepare the November club meeting.

[Book Club Flyer](#)

Critical Need for Marin County Foster Care Families

Learn more about fostering.



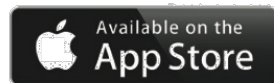
October 19, 2017
7-8:30 p.m.
3240 Kerner Blvd. Room 110, San Rafael

Read flyer in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Quick Links

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