

# Kentfield School District Weekly News

## Thursday, March 2, 2017

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**Bacich News**

**Kent News**

### News You Need

- Provide your thoughts on our district's Strategic Plan - [take survey](#)
- 5th & 6th Grade Games Night - [volunteers and donations needed](#)
- Learn about school governance by attending your school's Site Council meeting - Bacich (3/6 at 3 pm), Kent (3/7 at 3:30 pm)
- [Good Eggs Spring Special](#) to benefit school garden programs
- PowerSchool registration help available before Bacich and Kent Open Houses. Please see the Superintendent's message for more details.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Thursday - 3/2/2017

- Third Grade Concert, 6:30-7:30, Bacich Community Center

#### Friday - 3/3/2017

- 8th Grade ADEPT
- 6th Grade Rosicrucian Museum Field Trip

### **Monday - 3/6/2017**

- Eighth Grade ADEPT
- KSPTA meeting, 8:30- 9:30 am, Bacich Room 34, [agenda](#)
- Bacich Site Council, 3-4 pm, Bacich Library
- 6th Grade Basketball at Miller Creek, Girls: 3:45 pm, Boys: 4:45 pm
- 8th Grade Basketball at Kent, Girls 3:45 pm, Boys: 4:45 pm

### **Tuesday - 3/7/2017**

- Eighth Grade ADEPT
- Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 pm, Kent Room 24

### **Wednesday - 3/8/2017**

- Eighth Grade ADEPT
- 7th Grade Basketball at San Domenico, Girls: 3:45 pm, Boys: 4:45 pm

### **Thursday - 3/9/2017**

- Eighth Grade Adept Science
- Board Meeting, 4:30-6:30 pm, District Office
- Kent Community Kitchen by Service Innovation T2 class, 6:30-8:30 pm, Kent MP room, [details](#)

### **Friday - 3/10/2017**

- Kent Theater Trip, 10:30-1 pm, College of Marin
- 5th & 6th Grade Games Night hosted by KSPTA, 6-8 pm, Kent MP room, [details](#)

## **Save The Date**

**3/22/2017** - Parent Ed Night - [Transforming Sibling Relationships](#)

**3/29-30/2017** - Kent Innovation Convention

### **3/30/2017**

- PowerSchool Registration Help (with Spanish language support), 4:30-6 pm, Kent Computer Lab
- Kent Open House, 6-7:30 pm

### **4/6/2017**

- PowerSchool Registration Help (with Spanish language support), 4:30-6 pm, Bacich Library
- Bacich Open House, 6-7:30 pm

[View](#) Entire District Calendar

[Download](#) Board-approved 2016-17 District Calendar

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

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

## Superintendent's Update



Dear Families and Staff,

It is time for the District's annual survey of staff and parents for input on our Strategic Plan. Please take 15 minutes to provide your thoughts on how the District is doing and offer ideas for the future of our schools. Every year, I read every comment and bring your ideas to a large planning meeting of staff, parents, and Board members at the end of the month.

**Take the  
Strategic Plan  
Survey**

Thank you for giving us the gift of your time. Your thoughts are valued.

Liz Schott  
Superintendent

### District Resources

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

### Enrollment Assistance

If you would like help registering your students(s) in PowerSchool for next year, we are hosting group sessions, with Spanish language support, before each school's Open House. We will provide computers during each session.

Kent Computer Lab (Room 16)  
Thursday, March 30th  
4:30 - 6 pm

Bacich Library  
Thursday, April 6th  
4:30 - 6 pm



Dear Parents,

The early school years of a child's life are key in raising interested and enthusiastic readers. With the modern distractions of TV, iPads, videogames, computers, and more, it is more important than ever to get your children off on the right foot towards a love of reading.

Research tells us that if a student is not reading at grade level by the end of third grade the chances are quite good that they will never catch up nor enjoy reading as an adult. Becoming a competent reader takes practice and hours and hours of reading independently.

So how does a diligent parent infuse this love of reading and motivate their sons and daughters to read? Below are some strategies for you to consider. I encourage you to keep this list of ideas as your child moves through elementary school.

- Visit your local library often. Get your children their own library cards. Attend story hour or other free events at the library. (We always post Marin County library announcements at the end of this newsletter).
- Check out the local bookstore. A book or gift certificate always makes a terrific gift or a special surprise.
- Let your child see you reading, whether it is the newspaper, a magazine, or simply a good book.
- Encourage older children to read to their younger siblings or have the whole family set aside some time to read together! (Thursday No Homework Nights are perfect for this!)
- Show your child how people use reading all the time. Read aloud street and store signs, maps, billboards, menus, and labels on packages.
- Create a library for your child of new or used books. Look for books at yard sales, secondhand bookstores, and library book sales.
- Set up an area in your home where a variety of reading materials are within easy reach. Encourage writing by including paper, crayons, pens and pencils. (A good reader often goes hand in hand with a good writer.)
- Subscribe to a children's magazine. Take time to read it with your child.
- Carry books to read to your child wherever you go - at the doctor's office, in line at the store, or on a long car ride. (You can also listen to stories on tape.)
- Encourage a love of words by playing rhyming and word games, singing silly songs, or writing poems and stories together.
- Talk about daily activities or tell stories about your family or culture to help children develop their language skills.
- Visit the Between the Lions web site ([pbskids.org/lions](http://pbskids.org/lions)) for more information on children and reading.

Happy Reading!

## Bacich Math Program



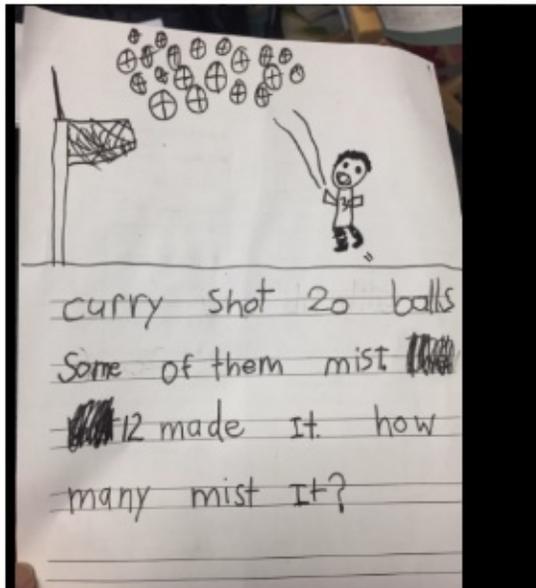
*Bacich Math Team*

It's an exciting time to be a Bacich mathematician! TK through 4th grade students are developing their number sense and problem solving skills through rich discussions, rigorous tasks, and a comprehensive standards-based program.

Bacich utilizes the Eureka Math program, as well as other support materials to engage students in meaningful activities to foster understanding of foundational math concepts through hands-on, collaborative, integrated instruction.

The Bacich Math Matters website contains specific information and support tools for curriculum content at each grade level. This is a rich resource with useful links and materials for both parents and students to support efforts at home. All students are encouraged to reinforce their math skills at home by utilizing websites Dreambox and Zearn, which can be accessed from home.

For frequent updates on what the Bacich Bears are up to in math, please follow MathBridges@franyang9 on Twitter for snapshots of math in action like these:



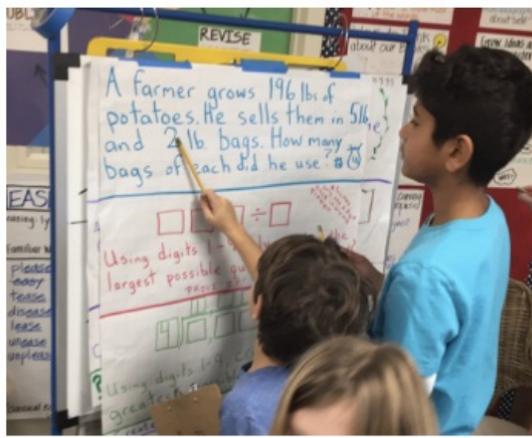
**MathBridges** @franyang9 · Jan 25  
Allow Ss to create their own problems & you quickly learn who is/isnt ready for more sophisticated WP types...& their passions 🍌  
#DubNation 🍌 [pic.twitter.com/prEC9QhnAQ](https://pic.twitter.com/prEC9QhnAQ)



**MathBridges** @franyang9 · 20 Dec 2016  
3rd gr Ss love @Seesaw as a way to explain: What's the area of my composite shape? using specific vocab @eureka\_math 3.4.12  
[#bacichbears pic.twitter.com/TIKwVaN9vD](https://pic.twitter.com/TIKwVaN9vD)



**MathBridges** @franyang9 · 21 Nov 2016  
 Ss are really getting into @Seesaw w/ the occasional fist pump & lots of excitement about their videos explaining new concepts  
[#bacich bears pic.twitter.com/1NSCAT4LrX](https://pic.twitter.com/1NSCAT4LrX)



**MathBridges** @franyang9 · Jan 17  
 Kudo @msabigaildavis Your Ss showed multiple solutions & multiple ways to represent thinking visually w/ such confidence  
[#BacichBears pic.twitter.com/iqNAXPRIMD](https://pic.twitter.com/iqNAXPRIMD)

## Bacich Parent Resources

- [Download Bacich Student-Parent Handbook](#)
- [Download Bacich 2016-17 Bell Schedule](#)
- [Safe Routes to School](#)
- [Car Line Procedures](#)
- [Bacich School Potraits Ordering](#)
- Attendance Hotline to report a student absence: 415-925-2222
- Contact Bacich School Counselor [Maia Yamasaki](#)



**P.E.**



**Music  
 Parents and Kids**



**Bacich Library  
 News**



**Art Blog**

## Bacich School Tours

Tours are available for children entering Transitional Kindergarten through Fourth grade. These tours are for new Kentfield School District residents only and are limited to 10 people per tour.

### Tour Dates

March 8  
 March 22

April 5  
 April 19

May 3  
 May 17

[Tour Registration and Information](#)



Dear Parents,

Welcome back from what was hopefully a restful break! We have jumped right into our routine and are settling back into homework and projects. The kids have transitioned beautifully, though we are certain they still wish they were sleeping in! Luckily our many lunchtime clubs and the sunny skies are keeping them happy and engaged.

A quick reminder: if you wish to order a yearbook, please do so on our Kent webpage. While the personalized nameplates are no longer an option, you may still order one of these fantastic mementos for your Falcon. Also, if your child would like to submit art for the new student art page, please scan the artwork and send it to Ms. Stephens or drop it off to room 34 with your child's name on the back. We have already received some incredible pieces and we are excited to showcase them!

Finally, some important upcoming events: Tomorrow, March 3rd, our 6th graders will be traveling to the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose. This is the culmination of their studies of Ancient Egypt. Our 8th Graders will have their art work on display in The COM Theater Lobby for the duration of the upcoming musical, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown. Kent students will view the installation during a school field trip on March 10th. Families can see the art by visiting the theater lobby or when attending the play. The exhibit ends on March 19th.



Next Thursday, March 9th, the 7th grade Service Innovation class will be putting on the second annual Kent Community Kitchen in our MP Room. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and close at 8:30 p.m. Bring your family and enjoy a delicious Italian meal fully prepared and served by our second trimester enrichment students.

Also, the final 7th and 8th grade dance of the year will be Friday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) from 7:30-9:30 p.m. If you would like to chaperone this event, please email Ms. Stephens at [mstephens@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:mstephens@kentfieldschools.org) and let her know. The more, the merrier... and safer... with this event.

Skip Kniesche  
Principal



Dear Parents,

I'd like to tell you about an easy way for you to help stock our school garden. We are partnering again with Good Eggs online grocery during the months of March and April. During our fall campaign, your Good Eggs purchases helped us buy soil and plants for the Kent School garden, and Bacich was able to purchase drip irrigation for the kindergarten wing. Please see below for more information.



Get \$15 of FREE groceries and give back to Kent this March and April

**\*\*Sign up early and get \$30 of free groceries\*\***

[More Information](#)

Cheers!

Jenny  
Kent Assistant Principal

## Kent Parent Resources

[Download Kent Student-Parent Handbook](#)

[Electronic Device Policy Summary](#)

[Download Kent 2016-17 Bell Schedule](#)

[Safe Routes to School - Stadium Way Information](#)

[Kent Library Blog](#)

[Private School Application Information and Deadlines](#)

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

Kent Counselors

Corey Shaw  
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415-482-9852

Heidi Longo  
Monday-Thursday  
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415-482-9851

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Click on "Enter School Name" and enter "Kent Middle School."

Make sure to click on Kent Middle School in Kentfield.

## 8th Grade Graduation Slide Show Deadline Approaching



Time is running out to submit pictures for the 8th grade graduation slideshow. Group pictures of the kids are highly encouraged, especially pictures of the students when they were in elementary school. We will do our best to make sure all the graduates are represented. Please email pictures to [kellianderson43@gmail.com](mailto:kellianderson43@gmail.com). Please do not send pictures via Dropbox or anything that involves downloading the pictures from online sources. Please email with the photos as direct attachments (JPG).

### Raffle to Support Graduation



Calling all students, parents and faculty! Starting next week, March 8-10th and March 13-14th, raffle tickets will be on sale for some exciting items.

Some of the prizes include, premier seats to Hamilton, four Giants tickets, cash, a spa package, Oakley sunglasses, and more. Pay Pal link coming soon. The raffle drawing will take place on March 16th during the Community Service Assembly. All proceeds benefit 8th grade graduation activities.

### Redwood-bound 8th Grade Parents



Open House at Redwood: March 23, 2017, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join Redwood PTA - please contact [Cheryl Pole](mailto:Cheryl Pole) for more information at [cspole@me.com](mailto:cspole@me.com).

## Kent Events

A flyer for a community dinner. It features a dark grey background with a red and white checkered tablecloth in the bottom left corner. The text is white and reads: 'Kent Community Dinner', 'March 9, 2017', '6:30-8:30 pm', 'Kent MP Room', 'Pay What You Wish', 'Italian Dinner', and 'All proceeds benefit charity. Event organized by 7th Grade Service Innovation Students.'/>

Kent Community Dinner

March 9, 2017  
6:30-8:30 pm  
Kent MP Room

Pay What You Wish  
Italian Dinner

All proceeds benefit charity.  
Event organized by 7th Grade  
Service Innovation Students.

The 7th Grade T2 Service Innovation Class at Kent will manage all the planning, cooking, serving, and cleaning.

[Read Flyer](#)

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## Surf's Up! 5th & 6th Grade Games Night



Hosted by KSPTA

Friday, March 10th, 6 - 8 pm  
Kent MP Room



- Snacks and Drinks Provided
- Exciting Games and Contests
- Raffle Prizes with Entry Ticket

Tickets: \$6 at lunch 3/9 & 3/10 or \$8 at the door

Please lend a hand to make this a rip-roaring event!  
Volunteer to lead an activity or work the event. We are looking for 30 volunteers to get their game on!  
[Volunteer here](#) or contact [Celia Golden](#), [celiagolden@comcast.net](mailto:celiagolden@comcast.net), or [Gail Hartka](#), [hartka@pacbell.net](mailto:hartka@pacbell.net).

## Kent Sports



### Basketball Schedules

[6th Grade](#)

[7th Grade](#)

[8th Grade](#)

#### Schedule Changes

6th Grade 2/7 game make-up date is 3/6/2017 at Miller Creek  
Girls - 3:45 pm, Boys - 4:45 pm

8th Grade 3/6 vs. Miller Creek at Kent  
Girls - 3:45 pm, Boys - 4:45 pm

## Kentfield Kudos

### STEAM Creativity Shines at Bacich Maker Night



*Maker Night Organizers Annalyn Peluso and Sarah Killingsworth*

Bacich held the second annual Maker Night hosted by [KSPTA](#) on Tuesday, February 28th. It was a smashing success with over 600 attendees who shared in one of two sessions for the popular event.

Whether it was creating designer glasses, building with magna tiles, or putting together a small car or glider;

there was something for everyone!

Thanks to our PTA for funding this amazing event and a special thanks to Sarah Killingsworth and Annalyn Peluso for making it happen!



## Support Kentfield Schools



Our kids are counting on  
all of us this year!



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year's auction!

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54**

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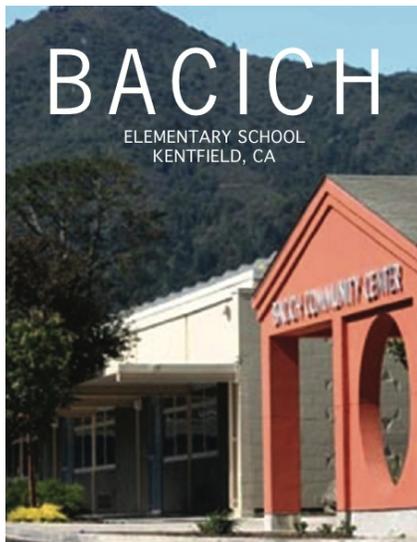
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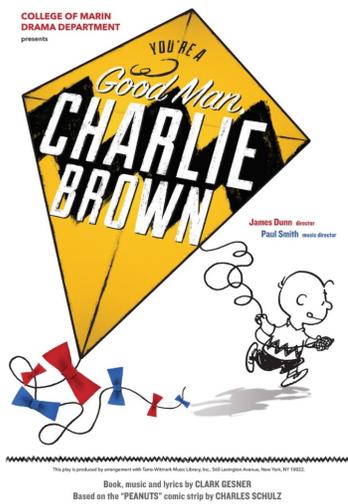
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## Community Announcements



Kent 8th Graders will have their art work on display in The COM Theater Lobby for the duration of the upcoming play: 'You're a Good Man Charlie Brown'.

The entire Kent student body will attend the play on March 10th where they will see the art on display in the lobby.

Families can see the art by visiting the theater lobby or when attending the play.

### Play Information



## Corte Madera Library Events

### April Fool's Day Workshop

Prepare yourself for the Big Day! Learn tricks, gags, pranks, and other shenanigans so you can hoodwink



your friends

March 29, 2017  
3:30 pm

**April Fools Flyer**

**Storytimes for babies - 6 year old children**

**Read To A Dog**



Basketball Summer Camps at Bacich and Kent

TK- 6th Grade

**Read Flyer**



**Nature Bridge Coastal Camp**

Summer camps for children K-9th grade

**Read Flyer**

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