

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, March 9, 2017

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Bacich News

Kent News

News You Need

- Provide your thoughts on our district's Strategic Plan - [take survey](#)
- This Friday - 5th & 6th Grade Games Night - [Last Call for Donations and Volunteers](#)
- [Next Parent Ed: Transforming Sibling Relationships](#) with Polly Ely, LMFT
- Bacich Pennies for Patients collection boxes due on 3/17
- Last day to buy Kent raffle tickets is 3/14 - read Kent section for details
- Kent parents - on 3/10 please do not pick up or drop off your child from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. due to the theater performance field trip.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday - 3/9/2017

- 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](#)

Monday - 3/13/2017

- Fifth Grade Family Life Ed

Tuesday - 3/14/2017

- Fifth Grade Family Life Ed
- Last day to purchase raffle tickets to support 8th grade graduation, see Kent section for more information
- [Board Meeting](#), 5-8 pm, District Office

Wednesday - 3/15/2017

- Fifth Grade Family Life Ed
- Seventh Grade ADEPT (from 2/15)
- **kik** Board Meeting, 7:30-8:30 pm, District Office

Thursday - 3/16/2017

- Fifth Grade Family Life Ed
- Kent T2 Community Service Assembly, 1:26-2:09 pm, Kent MP Room
- 8th Grade Basketball Quarter Finals

Friday - 3/17/2017

- Fifth Grade Family Life Ed
- Eighth Grade Mi Pueblo Field Trip
- 7th/8th Grade Dance, 7:30- 9:30 pm, Kent MP Room, [dance rules](#)

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 break.***

Superintendent's Update



District Annual Strategic Plan Survey

Please take 15 minutes to provide your thoughts on how the District is doing and offer ideas for the future of our schools. I read every comment and will bring your ideas to a large planning meeting of staff, parents, and Board members at the end of the month.

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

**Take the
Strategic Plan
Survey**

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

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Parents,

Have you noticed that being a parent means feeling helpless a lot of the time? Helpless to give your daughter the reading skills that don't come easily, helpless to make your son the soccer player that he would like to be but never will be, helpless to give him the "perfect" teacher every year. The list of things that parents cannot do is infinite.

Watching our children struggle with social issues is one of the more difficult things to bear as a parent. There is no place where a mother or father feels more powerless to make a significant difference than in your child's social life.

Friendships and peer relationships are important in the lives of our children. Our sons and daughters do not necessarily need a dozen close friends or one incredibly close friend. They don't need to be the most popular kid in the class. Each child is unique and requires a different kind of friendship where they feel accepted and supported.

Most adults do not understand the nature of child development. In elementary school, children regularly promise friendship, withhold it, and speculate on it. It is common for a mother or father's own personal experiences to creep in to this aspect of our children's lives.

The truth is that children need to move at their own developmental pace when it comes to friendships. They need to learn to negotiate the ups and downs and twists and turns of growing up. For some students this comes naturally, while for others, they need some additional support and/or coaching to experience success and develop their social skills. Providing space for our children to negotiate these ups and downs and twists and turns is important. Equally important, is conveying confidence in our children that they alone can work through many of these social issues.

A few years ago, teacher Elizabeth Teasdale and her second grade students came up with the idea of a Buddy Bench. The Buddy Bench is a place to go if a student is feeling lonely but wants to be on the playground. When other students see someone on the Buddy Bench, they can go and ask them to play or just strike up a conversation. So far, it is a place that gets a lot of attention. I sat out on the bench not long ago and was soon joined by two students, who wanted to chat. Several children came up to us and asked if we wanted to play. It wasn't long before my companions were off to learn a new game.

Next time you are on the Bacich campus, I invite you to find our Buddy Bench. You might just make some new friends!

Sally Peck
Principal



Dear Parents,

On Friday, we kicked off the Read Across America Challenge for the Bacich Community. Our goal is to read 5,000 books by Friday, March 17th! I hope you will join us in reading at home each night.

Please note that we only have parking for staff members in our parking lots. Please be mindful when driving on McAllister Street and watch for other cars and pedestrians. We want everyone to arrive to school safely.

Also, as the weather slowly warms this year, students are arriving before 8:00 a.m. to school. Please be aware that we do not have an adult on the yard until 8:00 a.m. to watch our students.

Thanks for all of your extra efforts each day,

Katie Ward
Assistant Principal

Bacich Parent Resources

[Download Bacich Student-Parent Handbook](#)

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

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Car Line Procedures](#)

[Bacich School Portraits Ordering](#)

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

Contact Bacich School Counselor [Maia Yamasaki](#)



**Bacich Math
Matters Blog**



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.

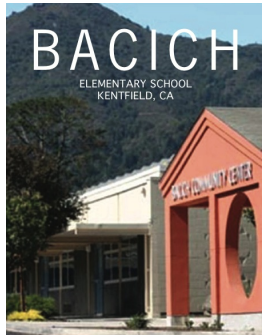
Tour Dates

March 22

April 5
April 19

May 3
May 17

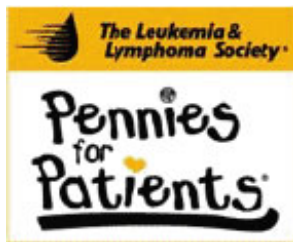
Tour Registration and Information



Order Bacich 2016-17 Yearbook Here

Ordering Deadline March 28, 2017

Bacich Community Service



Bacich's Pennies for Patients

Please put any spare change you have in the collection boxes that came home in your child's Friday folder and send it back to school by March 17th.

Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

Please note a calendar notification. We are having the Kent Open House on Thursday, March 30th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. As a result, Wednesday, March 30th will be a full day with students being released at 3:30 p.m and **Friday, March 31st, will be a minimum day with a release time of 1:13 p.m.** Please mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing everyone at our Open House.

Tonight the 7th grade Service Innovation class will be putting on the second Kent Community Kitchen pasta dinner. This is a wonderful event run completely by the 7th graders in this class. It is a gift ecology, "pay what you wish" event, with proceeds going to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Please stop by our own MP room tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to see these kids in action!

Speaking of action, it's "Lights, Camera, Action" tomorrow as the entire school walks across the street to see the College of Marin production of "You're a Good

Man, Charlie Brown!" This has become an annual event for us, coordinated by our incredible Michele Montgomery. Her students' artwork is proudly on display in the theater lobby and we cannot wait to celebrate it. Tomorrow, please do not plan to pick up or drop off your child from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. due to the play field trip.

Tomorrow night is also our wonderful annual games night for the 5th and 6th graders! The volunteers have put in countless hours and energy to make this a special night for our South Quad Falcons. Please join us from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m!

Finally, next week brings many exciting events. The 5th graders will be having their Family Life unit from Monday through Friday, we will hold our Trimester 2 Community Service assembly on Thursday, and our 8th grade basketball team will be competing in the quarter finals. So many varied, engaging opportunities for our students to grow and participate.

Have a great weekend!

Skip Kniesche
Principal



Dear Families,

I'd like to bring to your attention a student safety concern. Recently, the Kent staff has noticed an increasing number of children who come to school or are leaving school via bike, scooter, or skateboard without a required helmet. Under state law, all riders under the age of 18 must wear helmets. Article 4, section 21212 of the California Vehicle Code states:

"A person under 18 years of age shall not operate a bicycle, non-motorized scooter, or a skateboard, nor shall they wear in-line or roller skates, nor ride upon a bicycle, a non-motorized scooter, or a skateboard as a passenger, upon a street, bikeway, as defined in Section 890.4 of the Streets and Highways Code, or any public bicycle path or trail unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet..."

At Kent, we encourage and support our students who make "green" trips to school, either by walking, biking, scootering, or skateboarding. We are equally committed to the safety of the children and we ask that you ensure your child is wearing the required equipment. Staff may issue a warning or a detention referral to any student for failure to adhere to this requirement. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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
Tuesday-Friday
cshaw@kentfieldschools.org
415-482-9852

Heidi Longo
Monday-Thursday
hlongo@kentfieldschools.org
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. 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).

Support Graduation



Kent Pizza Day on Wednesday, May 10th after school.

Raffle ticket sales will continue through March 14th.



Hamilton tickets?! Giants game tickets?! And much more...

That is what we are raffling off to benefit the 8th grade graduating class. Tickets will still be on sale through Tuesday, March 14th at Kent during recess and lunch. If you cannot stop by in person, you

can purchase raffle tickets at www.PayPal.Me/KentGraduation. In the notes section, please write "raffle," first and last name, and a contact phone number. Tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20.

Prizes include: Hamilton tickets, Giants game tickets, \$200, \$100, Oakley Sunglasses, Loving Cup gift certificate, and last but not least, a DropCam Wifi Video Camera.

Redwood-bound 8th Grade Parents



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

Join Redwood PTA - please contact Cheryl Pole for more information at cspole@me.com.

Kent Events



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

[Read Flyer](#)



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 Entry with Each 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, or Gail Hartka, hartka@pacbell.net.



Basketball Schedules

6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade

Kentfield Kudos

Bacich Library Volunteers

We'd like to give a warm thank you to our fabulous Bacich Library Volunteer Coordinators Courtney Aragon, Chrissy Green, Kerry Hecht, and Vicky Song for helping in the Bacich Library so consistently each week.

"Thanks to our volunteers, we are able to give our library visitors personal attention," said Bacich Librarian Susan Warnick. "The generosity of our Kentfield parents continues to overwhelm me with gratitude."

Helping students discover and check out new books, creating fun craft projects and beautiful decorations for the library, and repairing damaged books are just a few ways our dedicated volunteers keep our libraries running smoothly.

A special kudos to our Bacich library volunteers who generously give their time to make the library a welcoming and thriving place for students to learn, interact, and quench their curiosity. See you in the library!



Courtney Aragon



Kerry Hecht



Vicky Song



Chrissy Green

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all of us this year!



**SAVE THE DATE for this
year's auction!**

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54**

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money for our schools!**

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education.**



**2016-2017
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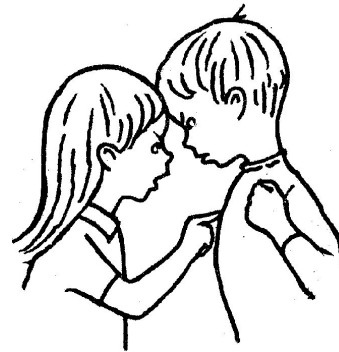
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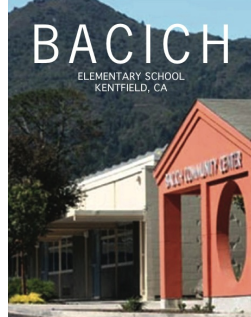
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Community Announcements

RAISING KIDS IN TODAY'S HIGH-PRESSURE SOCIETY
The Connection Between Stress, Pressure & Substance Abuse
And What You Can Do About It



Please join us for a necessary and courageous conversation about the pressures on our children today and the very real connection between that pressure and substance abuse among youth in Marin County.

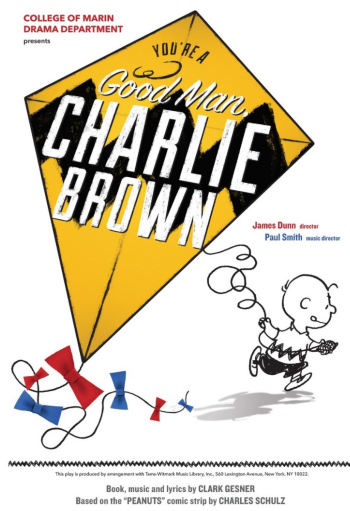
with
Jennifer Grellman, Being Adept
Jennifer Kenny-Baum, TUHSD Wellness Center
Scott McKenna, CMPA
and two local teens

The panelists will present on and answer questions about the pressures on our students, the possible consequences of these pressures, why we need to address this topic in middle school, how to talk to our children about it, and strategies for tackling it.

MARCH 15, 6:30-8:00 PM, HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sponsored by Hall Middle School PTA and Twin Cities Coalition for Healthy Youth

RSVP: <https://goo.gl/85gNH4>



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](#)

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

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Nature Bridge Coastal Camp

Summer camps for children K-9th grade

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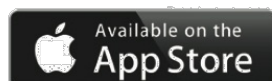
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