



Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, March 30, 2017

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[Bacich News](#)

[Kent News](#)

News You Need

- Kent: Minimum Day, 3/31, 1:13 pm dismissal
- Check your email, starting April 1, for the **kik** Spring auction invitation
- Bacich PowerSchool registration help with Spanish language support, 4/6, 4:30-6 pm, Bacich Library
- Bacich Open House, 4/6, 6-7:30 pm
- Spring Break Holiday - 4/10-14/2017
- Save the Date - BLOOM Spring Celebration is April 20th
- Have you taken our strategic direction survey?

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Upcoming Events

Friday - 3/31/2017

- Kent Minimum Day, 1:13 pm dismissal, Wednesday schedule
- Kent Innovation Convention
- Special School Board Meeting, 3:30 pm, District Office

Monday - 4/3/2017

- KSPTA Meeting, 8:30-9:30 am, Bacich Room 34, [agenda](#)
- Bacich Site Council, 3-4 pm, Bacich Library, [agenda](#)

Tuesday - 4/4/2017

- Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 pm, Kent Room 24, [agenda](#)

Wednesday - 4/5/2017

- Measure D Bond Citizens Oversight [Committee](#), 5-6 pm, District Office

Thursday - 4/6/2017

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

Friday - 4/7/2017

- 5th Grade Colonial Days

Save The Date

4/10-14/2017: Spring Break Holiday

4/20/17: [BLOOM](#)

4/25/17: [Parent Ed: Mindfulness - Learn How to Reduce Household Conflict & Stress](#)

[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



The tall stack of rolled-up poster paper on my desk is a reminder of the District's thought-provoking and productive Strategic Plan Tune-Up meeting on Tuesday. A group of 36 teachers, staff, parents and Board members was invited to assess progress on the plan's goals over the past 12 months, consider the meaning of that progress, and brainstorm initiatives to tackle in the upcoming year.

This work will be reflected in the District's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), a report required by the State to track progress and expenditures. While

the number of participants on Tuesday were limited, input on the LCAP from all of our stakeholders is valued and appreciated.

I will be collecting feedback similar to what was done at the Strategic Planning meeting on Monday, April 3, at the PTA meeting in Room 34 at Bacich from 8:30-9:30. I hope to see you there.

And, you are welcome to complete our annual survey below, if you haven't done so already.

Thank you for your participation, whatever form it takes!

Liz Schott
Superintendent

**Take the
Strategic Plan
Survey**

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](#)

District Events

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 Library
Thursday, March 30th
4:30 - 6 pm

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

Assistive Technology Workshop

April 25, 2017
4-6 pm
District Office

The Parent Partners welcome Dan Phillips of the Technology Resource Center of Marin who will speak about assistive technology for students with learning differences. All parents are welcome to attend.



Dear Parents,

This month our fourth grade students shared in the most amazing learning experience through a visit from a wonderful organization, A Touch of Understanding (ATOU).

ATOU is a non-profit award-winning character-building disability-awareness organization. They are a dedicated group of individuals, many of whom have disabilities themselves. They came to Bacich to share their stories and their physical challenges with our fourth graders. Our children got to meet Dwight, Jill, and Jeanne to hear how their worlds changed dramatically after they experienced misfortune in their lives. One guest was paralyzed from the waist down after an accident. Another guest developed blindness as an adult. And the other visitor was a double amputee. Yet, through it all, these individuals continue to set high goals for themselves and have achieved many of these lofty personal goals through hard work, personal fortitude and perseverance.



In addition to meeting these three brave survivors, each student participated in several hands-on activities to increase their understanding and ability to relate to people with disabilities. Students experienced what it would be like to be confined to a wheel chair, how challenging it would be to attach a prosthetic arm to one's body each morning, or how to eat without being able to see the food on your plate.

The goal in bringing ATOU to Bacich was to help our young people understand the challenges that may be experienced by people with disabilities and to learn the importance of accepting and respecting people different than themselves. I am confident that this unique experience has provided our fourth graders with a perspective that they will never forget. Last week's Kentfield Kudos was dedicated to our staff who brought this program to Kentfield schools.

We have already booked an ATOU visit for our fourth grade class of 2017-2018!

Sally Peck
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

April 5
April 19

May 3
May 17

[Tour Registration and Information](#)

Bacich Library



The Bacich Library is a very busy place this month. We celebrated Women's History Month, St. Patrick's Day, and reading the picture books nominated for the California Young Reader Medal. I am very excited about this year's nominees, please see my [Bacich Book Buzz](#) blog for the nominee list.



After we have read all the nominated books, we will vote and send in our ballot to see if we helped choose this year's winner. "Sam and Dave Dig a Hole," was on the list we sent in to nominate. We helped pick one of the five nominees.

The third and fourth graders will also read the three picture books nominated in the older picture book category. Some of our third and fourth graders or their teachers will read the Chapter books nominated in the Intermediate Category for Chapter Books.

Speaking of our upper grades, the third grade classes are beginning to research information for their Native American Reports. To aid them in their quest, the library has added a [pathfinder \(resource guide\)](#) to its homepage.

1. [Click here for Bacich Library Pathfinder](#)
2. Click on the Pathfinder link for grade three
3. Click on Native American information (the picture of the Native American playing a flute). This page will list resources including Web sites your child can use for his/her report.

In every class, we continue to cover the Information Literacy Benchmarks. We will begin our study of the Dictionary in grades two through four. All grades will go on to discover how to use a Thesaurus, Encyclopedia, and Almanac. The fourth grade finished their research of the California Missions and several classes are learning about Notable Californians prior to their trip to the Gold Country. First Grade is learning about Fairy Tales and doing fun activities in the library.



I would like to extend a special note of thanks to Vicki Song for all her hard work as one of my Parent Library Coordinators. Her dedication to the library is awesome! Thank you to all my parent volunteers! I couldn't run the library without you!

Again, the volunteer spirit of the parents in our district continues to overwhelm me with gratitude. On behalf of all the students who enjoy being in the library, thank you so much! See you there!

Your Teacher Librarian,

Susan Warnick

Bacich Events



Bacich is Celebrating Earth Day, and we need your help!

Friday, April 21, 2017

Bacich's annual Earth Day celebration will include many fun activities for students to learn how our actions impact the Earth and ways we can all protect our environment.

We need parent volunteers to assist with this event, specifically during our lunchtime activities between 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. During this time we will have several booths where children will participate in an activity or game to learn about climate control, recycling, water conservation, and other environmental considerations.

Volunteer Sign Up

Bacich Activities



Before or After School Spanish at Bacich

Interested in Spanish before or after school through Viva El Espanol, a Mill Valley nonprofit that operates at Bacich?

Please contact Alisa Rubel at alisarubel@yahoo.com for more information about the program. Enrollment will soon be open.

[More about Viva El Espana](#)

Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

Spring has arrived and with it we are beginning to observe spring fever with some of our students. Please remind them that their misbehavior leads to consequences, which can lead to loss of end of year activities. Also, it's too early to check out of doing school work. Students for the most part are still connected and engaged but it's never too early to remind your kids that there are still two and a half months left of school.

Last Friday, the 7th grade had a fantastic literary celebration by way of "The Outsiders"! The kids dressed as either a "greaser" or a "soc" to live the life of these unique characters. They also held a chocolate cake contest at lunch, being that chocolate cake for breakfast is what family is all about. With 28 entries, our judges had a lot to taste! A big thanks to the 7th grade language arts team for organizing this fun event.



On Monday, KSPTA sent out an easy-to-click reminder for ordering yearbooks. We are coming up on the deadline to order in April, so get yours ASAP! Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com to order. The yearbook staff worked incredibly hard to put together this year's edition and you won't want your child to miss out on having memories of this school year.

Finally, we look forward to seeing all of you at Open House tonight from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The staff and the kids have been working diligently all year to get ready for this wonderful annual event. Come down and praise your Falcon for all their engaging efforts and be sure to thank your teacher(s)!

Enjoy your weekend.

Skip Kniesche
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

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Heidi Longo
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Teens and Marijuana in 2017

April 19, 2017
7-8:30 pm
Bel Aire School, Tiburon

Hosted by [Being Adept](#), Danielle Ramo, PhD Clinical Psychologist and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at UCSF will discuss teen marijuana use and will review what the recent legalization

means for our community.

[Read Flyer](#)

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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



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

Kent Library



The Kent Library will be hosting a stop motion animation event with Steve and Kate's Camp during lunch on Tuesday, 4/4/2017.

Students should come with their lunches and ready to make some short movies. Bear Whitfield will be there with props, iPads, and other cool items.

Kent Community Service



Project Night Night

The Kent Library Council will be collecting new stuffed animals, books, and blankets for children ages 0-pre-teen who are homeless in San Francisco for Project Night Night.

We will culminate our drive with a celebration fundraiser in the library on May 5th. The theme will be a PJ party featuring games, snacks, and reading activities.

Kentfield Kudos

Mi Pueblo Spanish Immersion Field Trip

This month our 8th graders took their highly anticipated annual Spanish language immersion field trip to Mi Pueblo market.

The visit to Mi Pueblo, a Latin American specialty market in San Rafael, is an authentic opportunity for



students to use their Spanish skills outside of the classroom.

During the visit to this our students were able to practice their Spanish skills while purchasing Latin American culinary items.

The generous Mi Pueblo staff provides students with a bilingual tour of the store, introducing them to employees in each department and offering them food samples along the way. After the tour, students order their lunches in Spanish and practice making food purchases.

After lunch, students work in groups to complete a scavenger hunt in the store. During the last few minutes of the trip, some students make personal purchases. Often, students purchase ingredients to make a recipe they have learned about during the visit or in class.



A big "Gracias!" to our Spanish teachers Nicole Calmels, Rosa Roubinian, and all the parent drivers who coordinated this amazing event! The Mi Pueblo trip is an engaging way for Kent students to learn about Spanish-speaking cultures while practicing their Spanish, both with their classmates and the people they meet at Mi Pueblo.





Support Kentfield Schools



Our kids are counting on
all of us this year!

**Check your email, starting April 1, for the Spring auction
invitation**

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

New! Spring Auction Flyer



YOU SHOULD BE DANCING!

The Spring event to benefit Bacich and Kent is almost here!

APRIL 1ST – check your email for the invite to buy your tickets.

Go to **kikschoools.org**

RSVP BY APRIL 20TH

Studio 54 will feature live auction items, getaways, sports tickets, spa, golf, wine, restaurants and more.

Bid on great items, enjoy delicious food and boogie on down!

APRIL 25TH - Online auction goes live! Featuring kids, fitness, spa, restaurants, teacher sign up parties & much more!

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Summer Camp at Corte Madera Recreation Center**

Science, Yoga, Language/Japanese/Chinese, Robotics,
Coding, and Game Design



Corte Madera Library Events



Storytimes for babies - 6 year old children

[Read To A Dog](#)



Tuning In To Kids and Teens Parenting Classes

Local classes offered through the Tamalpais Union High School District

Tuning In To Kids/Teens is an evidence-based programs that provide parents with a range of strategies on how to help their child or teen develop emotional intelligence.

[Read Flyer](#)

Southern Marin Football



2017 Season Registration

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[Informacion En Espanol](#)



Cyber Garage

Makerspace, Robotics, Coding, and Game Design

Spring classes starting April 3rd.

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