

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, April 20, 2017

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[Bacich News](#)

[Kent News](#)

News You Need

- Bacich Earth Day Celebration, 4/21
- Community Input LCAP Meeting, 5/1, 7-8 pm, Kent Library
- We Love Our Kentfield Teachers & Staff! [Donate to Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon](#)
- [New Car Line Procedures](#)



Please remember to complete the entire registration process on [PowerSchool](#).

1. Log into the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).
2. Once logged in, click the name of the (first) student you are (re-)registering at the top left of the page.
3. Click the Registration icon in the navigation menu on the left side of the page.
4. Follow the registration instructions and complete all pages.
5. After filling out or correcting information on each page, make sure to click the "submit" button at the bottom to save your data.

6. Repeat steps 2 and 3 if you are updating the information for more than one student.

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Upcoming Events

Friday - 4/21/2017

- 6th Grade ADEPT
- Bacich Earth Day Celebration, [volunteer](#)
- Kent Graduation Fundraiser - donut sale

Monday - 4/24/2017

- 4th Grade Gold Country Trip

Tuesday - 4/25/2017

- 4th Grade Gold Country Trip
- Parent Partner Meeting on Assistive Technology, 4-6 pm, District Office
- [Parent Education: Mindfulness](#), 6:30-8 pm, Bacich Community Center

Wednesday - 4/26/2017

- 4th Grade Gold Country Trip

Thursday - 4/27/2017

- 2nd Grade Concert, 6:30-7:30 pm, Bacich Community Center

Friday - 4/28/2017

- District Track Meet

Save The Date

- **5/1:**
 - KSPTA Meeting, 8:30-9:30 am, Kent Library, [agenda](#)
 - Bacich Site Council, 3-4 pm, Bacich Library
 - Community Input LCAP Meeting, 7-8 pm, Kent Library
- **5/2:** Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 pm, Kent
- **5/3:** [KSPTA Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon](#), 1:30-3 pm, Kent Middle School
- **5/4:** 1st Grade Concert, 6:30-7:30 pm, Bacich Community Center
- **5/6:** **kik** [Spring Event](#), 5:30 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



Board Meeting Highlights April 18, 2017

The Educational Showcase this month highlighted the innovative practices underway at Bacich and Kent. District Innovation and Technology Integration Specialist Michael Bessonette shared a video collage of the wide variety of engaging activities students are experiencing that utilize coding, design, digital arts, and more. Third grader Leo Centeno and 4th grader Tessa Marshall shared projects in which they used Scratch Jr. and Google Maps. Middle schoolers Sam Lieberman and Miranda Wabl (5th grade), Juliet Frankus (6th grade), Jack White (7th grade), and Dante Luis (8th grade) demonstrated creations that utilized Google Classroom, WeVideo, Scratch, 3-D printing, and an Arduino-powered rotating solar panel. Kent teachers Peter Goetz and Jeff Deboi specifically showcased the Enterprise program and Maker space.

The Board concluded its discussion regarding Measure D building plans at Kent. A series of meetings in March focused on the fact that our current enrollment trends are inconsistent with the enrollment predicted in the KSD 2013 Demographic Study. While our enrollment varies moderately from year to year, the gap between actual enrollment and what was predicted in 2013 is almost 200 students. It is, therefore, no longer necessary to move 4th grade to Kent, the need for an 8-classroom building to accommodate this move is eliminated, and community taxpayers save \$8 million dollars in bond issuance. All other building projects will continue at Kent including building a new music classroom, modernizing all classrooms, and relocating the administrative offices to the front of the campus in order to improve campus security. This adjustment to our plan will leave resources available to future Boards to respond to unanticipated enrollment surges.

There are no changes to the building projects and modernization scheduled at Bacich.

A more complete summary of the recent decisions taken by the Board and a full description of the Measure D projects currently planned for both Bacich and Kent will be available in the near future.

Liz Schott shared a summary of notes from the Strategic Plan Tune-Up meeting in late March. This input, coupled with the data from our recent parent survey, community meetings, and the California School Dashboard, will provide fodder for the administrative team to craft strategic goals and initiatives that will inform our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The last opportunity for input on the 2017-18 LCAP is May 1, from 7-8 p.m. in the Kent Library.

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

Assistive Technology Workshop

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.

April 25, 2017
4-6 pm
District Office

Community Input LCAP Meeting

Every year input from our community of parents, teachers, administrators, trustees, union members, Kentfield taxpayers, and local business community help the district determine our strategic direction for the next academic year. This important process sets the priorities for district resource allocation to ensure we meet the needs of all Kentfield students. We hope you can attend and offer us your thoughts on our strategic plan. Your feedback helps us improve Kentfield's public schools and is greatly appreciated.

May 1, 2017
7-8:00 pm
Kent Library

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Parents,

I am resending this important information, which was shared with you in our April

During the next month, Bacich grade level teams will begin the process of reflecting on students and building class lists for the 2017 - 2018 school year. This is a time consuming and very important task.

The past several months have provided us with opportunities to know your child in many different ways. As we build classes, we take into account numerous factors beyond simply an individual child's academic progress. Other important factors include boy/girl ratios, social and emotional growth and needs, and learning styles of the students. Our teachers are the experts and they have the perspective of the whole child, their class, and grade level, which is essential in creating a strong and balanced group.

Teachers do not place students according to the next year's teacher but rather through the lens of developing healthy and sound class profiles. Teacher names are added to class lists late in the summer after continued conversation by a team, which includes the school counselor, the resource staff, the specialist team, and the administrators.

We acknowledge that occasionally there will be special or unusual circumstances that we should be aware of that might help us place your child successfully at the next grade level. With that in mind, I invite you to share with me, in a brief note or email, any information that would be valuable for us to consider in this important work. Please do not identify a specific teacher, simply provide knowledge that we may not be aware of that may help us to better understand your child.

Please forward this information to me by Friday, April 21, 2017, so it can be considered when our class lists are being developed. Unfortunately, due to the size of our school, I am not able to meet with all parents who wish to personally discuss next year's class placement.

I ask that you trust in the wisdom and knowledge of the Bacich teaching staff to make the wise and professional judgment necessary to create strong and cohesive classes for 2017-2018. Our goal is for each child at Bacich to have a successful and positive year.

Thank you,

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 Potraits Ordering](#)

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

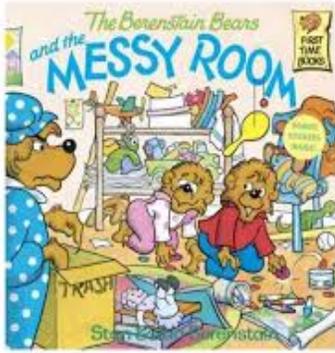
Contact Bacich School Counselor [Maia Yamasaki](#)



Bacich Math



Character Value Book of the Month



The book that all classrooms will be reading this month is "The Berenstain Bears and the Messy Room". It is a story about helping children see the value of taking care of our belongings and being responsible for our environment. In researching age-appropriate chores for my own children, I have come across some interesting data on said topic.

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

May 3
May 17

[Tour Registration and Information](#)

Bacich Events



Bacich Earth Day Celebration

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,

Welcome back from what I hope was a wonderful, restful break! We are in the homestretch to June, so be sure to keep your Falcons rested, nourished, and ready for school.



Kent students were "Going Green for Earth Day" today, Thursday, April 20th. Students were encouraged to walk, bike, or carpool to school. As a reward they rode the Bike Blender and made their own smoothies! This event was sponsored by the Kent Eco-Action Club. For more information, here's a [link to a video](#) that was streamed on the morning broadcast announcing the event.



We have CAASP testing coming up in May and all of the students have already taken a practice test to remind them of the procedures. This is simply one snapshot of your child's schooling. The testing period will be grade specific so keep a look out for your child's specific testing time.

Before break the 5th graders participated in their annual Colonial Day activities! Despite the rains, our little colonists had a wonderful time! Check out the Kentfield Kudos below for some "historic" photos. It was truly an incredible way to kick off Spring Break!

Finally, our Pennies for Patients fundraiser is complete and here are the final tallies of monies raised by grade level:

- 8th grade: \$89.34
- 7th grade: \$126.32
- 6th grade: 637.54
- 5th grade: 786.95

A fabulous grand total of: \$1640.15. The lower grades did such a nice job of raising money for this worthy cause.

Thank you,

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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415-482-9852

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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 Fundraisers

Donut Day



Friday, April 21 during recess

\$2 per donut (chocolate and glazed)

Kent Activities

Kent Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

Hosted by [KSPTA](#)

Help us make the Kent teachers & staff feel appreciated! [Sign up](#) to decorate the teachers' lounge, deliver flowers, supervise chalk art, or bring desserts to the staff luncheon.

Volunteer

Kent Community Service



Project Night Night

The Kent Library Council's [Project Night Night](#) drive began this week. Students are collecting new stuffed animals, books, and blankets for children ages 0-pre-teen who are homeless in San Francisco for Project Night Night. Blankets are the most needed items.

Donations may be given to your Advisory teacher or Ms. Jelen. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Donation Requirements

General:

- **Blankets should be new or newly handmade.** We appreciate quilted, fleece, knit, crocheted, and store-bought blankets. The blanket size should be 50" x 60" or smaller, found in the baby department of stores. As of 2016, we do not take no-sew blankets.
- Books appropriate for ages 0 to pre-teen.
- Stuffed animals smaller than 20 inches. **Stuffed animals must be new at this time**
- No Beanie Babies.

We will culminate our drive with a celebration fundraiser in the Kent Library on May 19th from 5-7 pm. All family members are welcome. The theme will be a PJ party featuring games, snacks, and reading activities. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Project Night Night [Video](#) and [Brochure](#)

Kent Sports



The Kent Golf team currently boasts a 3-2 record with standout performances from Stokes McConnell, Damian Wabl, and Arjun Aujla.



The District Track Meet for Kent is coming up on Friday, April 28!

Go Falcons!

Safe Routes to School



Given the recent uptick of unsafe student and hazardous driver behavior during Car Line, the [KSD Safe Routes to School Task Force](#) created the following [New Car Line Guidelines](#) to contribute to the safety of the entire school community, as well as your own child(ren).

The KSD Safe Routes to School Task Force includes school administrators, County Supervisor Katie Rice's aide, local law enforcement (the CHP and Country Sheriff), County Department of Public Works, and Neighborhood Captain parents.

New Car Line Guidelines

1. Students must be dropped off and picked up in front of the school in the designated loading zone areas.
2. Drivers who drop off or pick up children while waiting in Car Line instead of the school designated loading zone areas are subject to fines by law enforcement since student safety is compromised and street traffic blocked.
3. No more than five cars will be permitted to stack up on McAllister. When there are five cars stacked up, drivers are requested to park and walk their student(s) for school drop off and pick up.

McAllister Carline Guidelines

- * Right turn only from McAllister into carline.
- * Avoid driving or parking on Acacia during morning drop-off.
- * Provide McAllister residents clear driveways always.
- * No U-turns allowed near campus.
- * Do not turn around in driveways.

Park & Walk Spots

Park your car and safely walk with your children from these designated areas.

- * Parking spots on Sir Francis Drake
- * Lancaster at McAllister
- * Berens at McAllister

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

Kentfield Kudos

Kent Colonial Days

Each spring, our fifth graders step back in time to America's colonial beginnings for Colonial Days.



*Teachers Rebecca Hagan and
Melissa Stephens*

Fifth grade history focuses on the early United States history that created a new nation. Students examine why different groups of people decided to settle in the territory that would become the United States. Students explore the evolution of the thirteen colonies and study the impact of regional differences between colonies. They learn about the economic, political, and social realities that led to the American revolution and what it meant to become an independent nation.

All of this learning culminates in the highly anticipated Kent fifth grade tradition of Colonial Days. Students, teachers, and parent volunteers turn the Kent campus into a living history museum to better understand the life of American colonialists. Everyone dresses in traditional colonial outfits (thanks to all the parents who were surely rummaging costume boxes and wielding hot glue guns to help their children create their costumes). Students spend the day traveling back in time through visiting historic activity stations. They cook traditional flap jacks, enjoy a tavern stew, learn Colonial dances, calligraphy, and weaving.

Thank you to all our dedicated fifth grade teachers who worked tirelessly to plan such a memorable event to complement classroom instruction. Thank you, as well, to all our wonderful parent volunteers - without your support we would not have the resources to make this event a success.



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all of us this year!**



Check your email 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 **kikschools.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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Community Announcements



Corte Madera Library Events

Storytimes for babies - 6 year old children

Read To A Dog



Summer Camp Mentorship Opportunity

Ages 13-17

The Steve & Kate's mentorship program offers the chance to lead and be led. Mentees will get the chance to show younger campers the ropes, while also getting behind-the-scenes access to camp staff, who will guide them as role models.

[More Information](#)



UC Berkeley Young Writer's Camp at Bacich

June 26 - July 14, 2017

Turn this summer into more than a story! UC Berkeley's Bay Area Writing Project Young Writers Camp will gather creative writers entering grades 3rd-9th.

[More Information](#)



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