

# Kentfield School District Weekly News

## Thursday, April 27, 2017

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### News You Need

- Community Input LCAP Meeting, 5/1, 7-8 pm, Kent Library
- [Studio 54 Online Auction is ready for bidding / event tickets](#)
- [Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week - Bring Goodies or Volunteer](#)
- Kent students are now collecting new stuffed animals, books, and blankets for homeless children for Project Night Night.



**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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**Editor's Correction:**

We apologize for identifying student Tessa DeLay by the wrong last name in last week's newsletter Board Highlights.

## Upcoming Events

### Friday - 4/28/2017

- District Track Meet, College of Marin

### Monday - 5/1/2017

- 3rd Grade CAASPP Testing
- KSPTA Meeting, 8:30-9:30 am, Kent Library, [agenda](#)
- Bacich Site Council Meeting, 3-4 pm, Bacich Library
- LCAP Community Input Meeting, 7-8 pm, Kent Library

### Tuesday - 5/2/2017

- 3rd Grade CAASPP Testing
- Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30, Kent Room 24

### Wednesday - 5/3/2017

- 3rd Grade CAASPP Testing
- [KSPTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon](#), 1:30- 3 pm, Kent Quad

### Thursday - 5/4/2017

- 3rd Grade CAASPP Testing
- 1st Grade Parent Concert, 6:30-7:30 pm, Bacich Community Center

### Friday - 5/5/2017

- 3rd Grade CAASPP Testing
- Marin County Track Meet, College of Marin

### Saturday - 5/6/2017

- **kik** Studio 54 Spring Event, 5:30 pm, [buy tickets](#)

## Save The Date

- **5/9:** School Board Meeting, 5 pm, District Office
- **5/10:** National Bike To School Day

**[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.\*

## Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week



### We Love Our Teachers & Staff!

#### Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week: May 1st - 5th

It's going to be a fun-filled week of activities to show our staff and teachers how much we appreciate all they do for our children every day!

The last eight years have been hugely successful - the teachers have been so thrilled by the outpouring of thoughtfulness and thanks from the students and parents in the community - let's keep it up!

#### **Bring Goodies or Volunteer @ Kent Middle School**

Kent students will also be taking part in the celebration with cards, special videos, and creative chalk drawings in the quads.

**Kent Daily Appreciation Schedule:** More details on what kids and families can do all week to celebrate!

**To volunteer at Bacich, please contact your Lead Room Parent.**

## Superintendent's Update



Last Saturday, I enjoyed attending the March for Science in San Francisco with family and friends. Here I am with Rachel Carson in a lab coat borrowed from Kent Science teacher, Alison Griffin. Celebrating with up to 50,000 other supporters of evidence-based policy-making was a wonderful way to spend Earth Day.

From driving an electric car to being an early supporter of STEAM initiatives in our district, I believe that Science is everywhere and in everything, and that it provides a natural hook for getting and keeping kids interested in learning.

The Board has recently been dazzled by presentations at its meetings by students who have worked on restoring Creekside Marsh, raising trout in the classroom, developing Arduino-controlled solar generators, and more. The Maker movement, which we embraced early on and continue to expand and improve on, is really engineering. Students are exploring Computer Science - or coding - in several grade levels.

In the Kentfield Schools, bringing to life the Next Generation Science Standards is a focus and a priority. I want every one of our students to find an outlet for his or her creativity and curiosity in Science. I believe our future depends on it.

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](#)

## District Events

### 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,

On Friday, April 21st, the Bacich community celebrated Earth Day!

We began the day with some of our Second Grade Green Team members performing the skit, "Cool the Earth." The skit informs the students about climate change and ways that humans can help protect planet Earth.

During lunch recess, the students had the opportunity to participate in Earth Day

activities throughout the main yard. Many thanks to Sully Schafer, a parent, and Beata Kotzian, a paraprofessional at Bacich, for coordinating the day's events. Also, we are grateful to the parents volunteers who worked at some of the following activities:

- Learning about "green toys"
- Creating the planet Earth with chalk on the playground
- Bracelets made with solar beads
- Observing the solar oven
- Water relays to learn about water capacity
- Sorting waste and making bubbles
- Using recycled paper for note taking
- Demonstrating how to save water along with the Marin Municipal Water District

Many thanks to all of the volunteers for your time and support in recognizing the importance of protecting planet Earth!

Thanks,

Sally Peck  
Principal

Katie Ward  
Director of Student Success  
and Parent Engagement

## 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  
Matters Blog**



**P.E.**



**Music  
Parents  
and Kids**

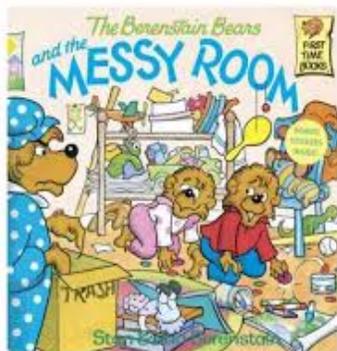


**Bacich  
Library  
News**



**Art Blog**

### 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 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 [alesarubel@yahoo.com](mailto:alesarubel@yahoo.com) for more information about the program. Enrollment will soon be open.

[More about Viva El Espana](#)

## Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

Stop the presses! This just in.

On Tuesday evening, the Kent Mathlete teams of 7th and 8th grade students came away with overall honors. Both teams came in first place for the fourth competition of the year. Over the entire competition, the 7th grade team took second place overall and the 8th grade team finished in first place overall. Kent is honored to have two of the best Mathlete teams in all of Marin County! Tim Lentini, our math teacher and math coach, did an amazing job. Each year we have at least one team placing in the top three and to have both teams finish in the top two is a testament to Tim and his incredible teams. Congratulations to all our math wizards. Keep the tradition going!

With the end of the year on the horizon, we are looking to serve as many people as we can before summer. Kent Librarian Rebecca Jelen's "Project Night Night" will continue for a few weeks with new blankets, stuffed animals, and books, along with money being collected to create nighttime care packages for homeless children. Additionally, Zach Baumgarten's book drive finishes tomorrow, so bring your new or gently used books to room 34! Also, don't forget to jot down Thursday, June 8th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm on your calendars for the third trimester Service Innovation's Kent Community Dinner. It's the perfect way to start the summer in service!

This week found us "sporting" our favorite professional teams' gear when the Spirit Committee held Sports Day on Tuesday. From Giants to 49ers, Yankees to Real Madrid, our campus was awash with many sports and fans. House points were counted in Advisory, so the race to the big house winner at the end of the year is officially on! Who will take the trophy this year?

Finally, tomorrow is the annual District track meet at the College of Marin. Our hard-working P.E. staff has been qualifying many of our kids for this fun-filled competition. The finalists in classes A-D are in and will compete tomorrow in Kent's honor. Good luck to all of the Kent kids participating and hopefully moving onto the County Track Meet!

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

Kent Counselors

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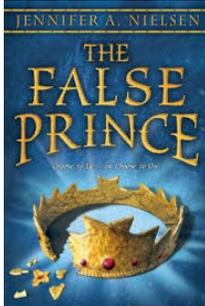
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## Kent Library



Aside from the usual book check out, studying, and projects, students are working daily in the library. This month classes are working on...

- **5th grade:** Using databases for research on topics for opinion writing,
- **6th grade:** Poetry for National Poetry Month and research for public speaking persuasive speeches,
- **7th grade:** "Selling" books through book trailers, Q&A session with local Muslim American speakers, and
- **8th grade:** Bill of Rights debate research using databases and books.



This month's Corte Madera Kent Library book club selection is "The False Prince," by Jennifer A Nielsen. We will meet to discuss the book on May 16th at lunch! Come and check one out today!

- **Library Fines:** Just a reminder that there are no longer fines for late books, however books that are out longer than two months will be presumed lost and need to be replaced. You can order a replacement book from Amazon and have it delivered right to the library. Thank you!
- **Library Council** meets every Tuesday during lunch! All are welcome!



Follow us on Instagram! [@kentmiddleschoollibrary](https://www.instagram.com/kentmiddleschoollibrary)

- This month we had two Library Patrons of the Month, eighth graders Sky Latchford and Taylor Caron. Come check out their profile in the library today!

## Kent Community Service



### Project Night Night

The Kent Library Council's Project Night Night is 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

- Blankets should be new or newly handmade (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. No-sew blankets not accepted.
- Books appropriate for ages 0 to pre-teen.
- New stuffed animals smaller than 20 inches. No Beanie Babies.

### Project PJ Party!

**May 19, 2017  
5-7 pm  
Kent Library**

We will culminate our drive with a celebration fundraiser with a PJ Party in the Kent Library. The party will feature games, snacks, and reading activities organized by the Kent Library Council. Donations will be accepted at the door. All family members are welcome.

## Kent Activities

### **Kent Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week**

Hosted by KSPTA

Help us make the Kent teachers and staff feel appreciated! Sign up to decorate the teachers' lounge, deliver flowers, supervise chalk art, or bring desserts to the staff luncheon.

### **Volunteer**

## Kent Sports



**4/28/2017:** District Track Meet, College of Marin

**5/5/2017:** Marin County Track Meeting, College of Marin

Go Falcons!

Mr. Palmer

## Safe Routes to School



**SAFE ROUTES  
TO SCHOOLS**  
MARIN COUNTY

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

### **May Go Green Challenge**

Is it possible for your student(s) to take ZERO single-occupancy vehicle rides to school for the entire month of May?

Now that the weather has warmed, we encourage all KSD students, families, and staff to commit to the May Go Green Challenge and travel green to and from school (bike, walk, park & walk, or carpool) for the entire month of May.



**National Bike to School Day  
Wednesday, May 10th**

All students and staff are encouraged to ride their bikes to school (or park and bike/walk) that morning.

At Bacich, there will be a Community Coffee and Snacks Social from 7:45 - 8:15 am with coffee and snacks generously donated by our friends at Peet's Bon Air and Rustic Bakery. The Village Peddler will have a Bike Safety Station available to do helmet and seat adjustments.



### **New Carline Guidelines**

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

### **Three 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**

### **Bacich Earth Day Celebration**



Many thanks to Beata Kotzian, a paraprofessional, and our Second Grade Green Team members for doing an awesome job performing "Cool the Earth" for the Bacich Community on Friday, April 21st. Everyone loved the skit and learned how they can help protect planet Earth.

Each week, Beata oversees the Bacich Green Team students in second through fourth grade, which played a key role in organizing the Bacich Earth Day celebration. Beata, the Green Team, and parent volunteers created activity stations for students to learn about climate control, recycling, water conservation, and other environmental considerations.

Throughout the year, the Green Team provides guidance to peers to place lunch waste in the proper bins, along with other eco-awareness programs.

Thank you Beata for your patience and commitment in turning Kentfield Schools green!

## Support Kentfield Schools



Our kids are counting on  
all of us this year!

**Studio 54 Online Auction Ready for Bidding**

**BUY STUDIO 54 TICKETS**



## **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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**Teacher & Staff  
Appreciation Week**



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### Corte Madera Library Events

Storytimes for babies - 6 year old children

Read To A Dog



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