

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, May 25, 2017

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Bacich News

Kent News

News You Need

- Bacich Parents - an email will arrive Friday, 5/26, to vote for Bacich Site Council member
- 5/29: No School - Memorial Day
- Kentfield Music Festival - Helping Hands Still Needed - [Sign Up Here](#)



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 - 5/26/2017

- 4th Grade Step-Up Day to Kent

Monday - 5/29/2017

- No School - Memorial Day

Tuesday - 5/30/2017

- School Board meeting, 5 pm, District Office
- 5th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 pm, Kent MP Room

Wednesday - 5/31/2017

- Safety Committee meeting, 9-10 am, District Office
- Kent Community Service Outreach Fair, Kent North Quad
- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Band Concert and Reception, 7 pm, Kent MP Room

Thursday - 6/1/2017

- Kindergarten Music Concert, 8:30-9 am, Bacich Community Center
- 6th Grade Step-Up with 5th Graders in Nests
- Finance Committee meeting, 3:45-4:45 pm, District Office
- 6th & 0° Choir Concert, 7-8 pm, Kent MP Room

Friday - 6/2/2017

- Bacich Site Council voting ends at 5 pm - Bacich parents - please, check email for voting link

Save The Date

- **6/5:** Bacich Site Council, 3 pm, Bacich Library
- **6/6:** Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 pm, Kent Room 24
- **6/8:**
 - Bacich Parent Volunteer Tea, 8:30-9:30 am, Bacich Community Center
 - 4th Grade Pool Party
 - Kent Community Service Assembly, 1:26-2:09 pm, Kent MP Room
 - Kent Community Service T3 Dinner, 6-9 pm

Kentfield Music Festival

June 11th, 2017, 12 to 5:00 pm



A free community event sponsored by KSPTA.

[More Information](#)

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

** Please note that February 2018 vacation is different than February 2017 break.**

Superintendent's Update

This afternoon, our School Board and I had the pleasure to celebrate and honor our 2017 Golden Bell winners at the Marin County Golden Bell Celebration of Education reception at Dominican University. Each year, the County recognizes exemplary teachers and staff for their dedication to providing outstanding public education to our community.



Trustee Heather McPhail Sridharan, Trustee Quoc Tran, Leonor Gloistein, Trustee Cynthia Roenisch, Brad Widelock, Winnie Caulkins, Trustee Ashley Paff, and School Board President Juli Kauffman

Golden Bell Certificated Staff

- Winnie Caulkins, Second grade teacher
- Brad Widelock, Seventh and Eighth Math teacher

Golden Bell Classified Staff

- Leonor Gloistein, Bacich ELL paraprofessional
- Jessica Carrol, Kent Extended Math and Academic Workshop aide

In addition to the Golden Bell award for our district, Bacich ELL paraprofessional Leonor Gloistein received the **Marin County Classified Employee of the Year** award, recognizing her 26 years of outstanding instructional support to

Kentfield children.

We missed honoring our Kent classified employee Golden Bell award winner Jessica Carrol, who is attending her son's graduation from West Point this week.

Congratulations to our 2017 Golden Bell award winners!

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](#)

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Parents,

Each year, Marin County hosts a Golden Bell Celebration of Education. This event pays tribute to outstanding individuals who work in the field of education across our county. We are thrilled that two Bacich staff members will be honored this year.

Second Grade teacher, Winnie Caulkins, will be honored with the Golden Bell Award for her years in the Kentfield School District and her many talents as an educator. Winnie began her experience at Bacich, as a parent over thirty years ago. She started teaching in 2000 and has touched the lives of students in second, third, fourth, fifth, and seventh grades. Each day, Winnie shares her gentle and kind nature, her wealth of knowledge, and her excitement for teaching with her students and with colleagues.

When asked what she cherishes most about being a teacher, Winnie would tell you that she loves the energy, joy, and curiosity in working with young children. She enjoys getting to know her students, discovering what makes them "tick," and sharing with them the excitement of learning. She also loves the home-school connections and the opportunities to work with our school families as part of the child's "team".

ELL Paraprofessional, Leonor Gloistein, will also be honored as the Marin County

Classified Employee of the Year, at the Golden Bell Award Ceremony. Leonor is another staff member with deep roots in the Kentfield School District community having also raised her own children in Greenbrae and Kentfield (one of whom is an administrator in the KSD!) and having been a paraprofessional for nearly 26 years at Bacich, most recently in our English Language Learner program. Leonor's dedication to the students and families she works with is remarkable and she readily admits that she will miss the hugs that she gets every day.

Each year, it is difficult to identify just one staff member at Bacich who exemplifies excellence in teaching. Each of our teachers brings so much to our school and gives so much to their students. Staff members bring their unique interests and personalities to the classroom and I believe that these varied styles and individual passions help create the exceptional school and learning environment that we share at Bacich.

Teachers nominate one another for the Golden Bell Award by describing the reasons that a particular colleague should be recognized as the Bacich Golden Bell recipient. Each year, several letters are written and delivered to me highlighting the many, many gifts that various teachers bring to our school. At a staff meeting, we read these letters out loud and we choose one individual to represent the outstanding educational community at Bacich.

This year, we hope you will join us in congratulating and celebrating Winnie Caulkins, as our 2016-2017 Golden Bell Award winner and Leonor Gloistein, as the Marin County Classified Employee of the Year.

Sally Peck
Principal

Bacich Parent Resources

[Download Bacich Student-Parent Handbook](#)

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

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Car Line Procedures](#)

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

Contact Bacich School Counselor [Maia Yamasaki](#)



**Bacich Math
Matters Blog**



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**Music
Parents
and Kids**



**Bacich
Library
News**



Art Blog



Bacich Site Council

The Bacich Site Council is an elected team of parents and teachers who meet monthly with the school principal. The Site Council advises and shares in the decision-making of the school community with a primary focus on communication and student and school safety. Voting is now open for one 2-year term, position on the Bacich Site Council (2017-19).

- Voting will be conducted through BallotBin.
- Please check your email on Friday, 5/26, for the BallotBin email that will contain your personal, anonymous link to vote.
- If you cannot access email, please submit a paper ballot in the office.
- Each Bacich parent with children in grades TK-3rd grade may vote once.
- Voting ends on Friday, June 2nd at 5 pm.

Bacich Activities



Bacich Volunteer Tea

June 8, 2017

8:30 am - 10 am

Bacich Community Center and Quad

Please join us for a Parent Volunteer Tea to thank our dedicated parents for the many volunteer hours given to our school and the amazing programs we are able to deliver because of parents' efforts.

We will meet in the Community Center for a brief musical performance and then adjourn to the quad area to enjoy a yogurt breakfast bar and breakfast treats provided by our staff to honor each of you.

Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

Can it be that we are just three weeks away from summer?! This year has flown by like a mighty Falcon! Although we are short on time together, we are long on activities. There is so much fun going on as we get ready to send off our 8th grade graduates.

I want to thank fifth graders, Reilly Helmer, Ethan Werner, Casper Wilson, and Indi Rabinovitch for their help in presenting the fifth grade program to fourth grade parents last Monday. They did an excellent job of answering everyone's questions.

Chris Morrison from the Phillips Writing Contest/Rotary Club called to let us know that we had not one but two winners this year. Over 500 essays were received and Emily Sigel (Moretti) won Honorable Mention and Carolyn Goodrich (Bridges) won First Place in the 6th Grade category. This is quite an honor and we congratulate both of them on their accomplishment.



Today, Sophie Aanes was Principal of the Day. Sophie went to lunch with me, Jenny Walsh and four of her close friends. She oversaw all of the many activities at school including 5th grade Step-Up Day for parents new to 6th grade, the Karaoke finals, plus two assemblies where we heard students from the Margie Burke Speech competition and 8th graders selected to read their KQED Perspectives writing. Crazy day, and Sophie was awesome!

Yesterday we hosted our annual Volunteer Lunch. It was a wonderful event as many parents attended and we enjoyed lunch together outside under the trees. Thank you to Matt Gillespie, Lisa Sandberg, and Jeanne Sellers for organizing the special event. Thank you to Mike Martinez and the 6th grade and Advanced Choir for entertaining all of us.



Today was also the annual Golden Bell ceremony at Dominican University. Brad Widelock, our 7th and 8th grade Math teacher, along with Jessica Carrol, our outstanding aide, working in Extended Math, Academic Workshop and after school homework club, were selected to represent Kent Middle School. It is quite an honor as their peers select them from all of their fellow teachers and staff. Congratulations to both Brad and Jessica. Well deserved!

Eighth graders are gearing up for their big day. Speakers have been chosen by the 8th grade staff, their song is being rehearsed, and the final details for our "Festivities on the Field" are being put into place. If you have not turned in your graduate's paperwork yet for his or her diploma name, Water World trip, etc, please do so in the office. We are truly excited for this new experience of having the ceremony on our field!

Finally, tomorrow is our annual 4th grade Step-Up Day! We are so excited to welcome next year's 5th graders to our campus. They will start with a "meet and greet" with Mr. Martinez to learn about instrument options next year and then move on to the 5th grade classrooms for an overview of 5th grade. From there they will have a tour of the school with their 5th grade buddies before eating lunch together. After lunch, the 5th graders will return to class and the 4th graders will head to the field for fun and games with the 7th graders. This is a wonderful event that begins the bonds of our new Falcons. Please remind your 5th and/or 7th grader to wear their house shirts on Friday!

It was quite a week and it's only beginning. Enjoy the long weekend.

Skip Kniesche

Kent Parent Resources

[Download Kent Student-Parent Handbook](#)

[Electronic Device Policy Summary](#)

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

[Safe Routes to School](#)

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

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Heidi Longo
Monday-Thursday
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415-482-9851



2017-18 Zero Period Spanish for 5th-6th Graders

Enrollment Open - Registration Deadline: June 30th

Interested in Spanish before school through Viva El Español, a Mill Valley nonprofit that operates at Kent? Experienced fifth and sixth graders may be eligible to enroll.

Please contact Veronica at veronica-hernandez@vivaelespanol.org or Alisa Rubel at alisarubel@yahoo.com for more information.

Scholarships Available - Please [contact Viva el Español](#) for more information

10% Discount for 2nd sibling

[More about Viva El Español](#)

[Click Here To Register](#) (sign in under your child's name) If you do not see a "register" button on the form, call 415-326-5199 to be added to the waitlist.

Kent Community Service

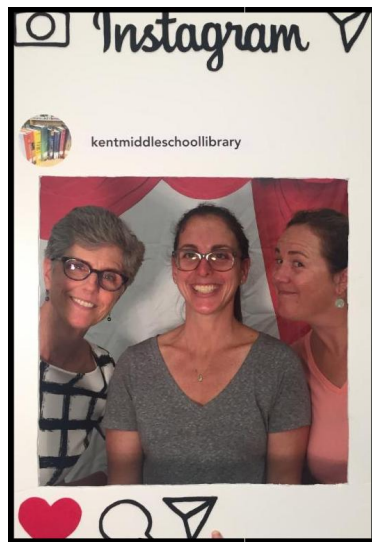


Annual Kent Community Outreach Fair

Wednesday, May 31, 2017
12:30-2 pm

Stop by to check out the various organizations with volunteer opportunities for students and their families. Many of these organizations have been chosen either by recommendation from staff or because our students and their families have had positive experiences with them in the past and feel that other students would benefit greatly by getting involved.

PJ Party for Project Night Night



The Kent Library Council and Kent Librarian Rebecca Jelen's Project Night Night collection drive and PJ Party was a huge success.

Not only did they raise \$1,025, we received an abundance of warm blankets and cuddly stuffies for children in homeless shelters, they also put on a wonderful community event in the Library.

Safe Routes to School



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.

May Go Green Challenge

Just a few more days to join the challenge of ZERO single-occupancy vehicle rides to school for May - travel green to and from school (bike, walk, park & walk, or carpool).



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).

Kentfield Kudos

Bacich Green Thumbs



Last Saturday was one of our hottest days of the season, but that did not stop a dozen or so moms, dads, and children from showing up for a morning of digging, pulling weeds, cutting back branches, and sanding and painting benches during the annual Bacich School Garden Clean Up Day sponsored by [KSPTA](#).



Organized by parent, Ina Gottlieb, the parent and student volunteers worked for nearly three hours to ready the garden for some new plantings and provide a clean and safe and quiet place for students to go at recess.

Thank you to our amazing school community for caring about our school!

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Our kids are counting on
all of us this year!



Studio 54 was a huge success! Thanks to all who attended and to all of the volunteers!

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education.**



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Community Announcements



Corte Madera Library Events

Storytimes for babies - 6 year old children

Read To A Dog



Marin County Foster Care

May is National Foster Care Month, a time to recognize that we each can play a part in enhancing the lives of children and youth in foster care. Marin County has 87 children in foster care and just 35 approved homes. Of those children, 20% were placed within the same city of removal, 52% were placed within Marin County and 28% were placed out of county. We want to be able to keep children in their school and community and to do that we need to have more homes available.

Learn More About Foster Care Meeting

June 13 or July 20
7-8:30 pm
3240 Kerner Blvd. Room 110, San Rafael

Flyer in English and Spanish
Marin Foster Care

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