

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, June 1, 2017

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News You Need

- Bacich Parents - Site Council voting ends 6/2 at 5 pm. Check your email for ballot or submit a paper ballot in the office.
- Bacich Parent Volunteer Tea, 6/8, 8:30-9:30 am, Bacich Community Center
- Lunch Volunteers for Next Year - Pick Your Day! [Sign Up @ Bacich](#) [Sign Up @ Kent](#)



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 - 6/2/2017

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

Monday - 6/5/2017

- Bacich Site Council, 3 pm, Bacich Library

Tuesday - 6/6/2017

- Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 pm, Kent Room 24

Wednesday - 6/7/2017

- **kik** Board meeting, 7:30-8:30 pm, District Office

Thursday - 6/8/2017

- Bacich Parent Volunteer Tea, 8:30-9:30 am, Bacich Community Center
- 4th Grade Pool Party
- 7th Grade Drama Production, 10:30-11:30 am, Kent MP room
- Kent Community Service Assembly, 1:26-2:09 pm, Kent MP room
- Kent Community Service T3 Dinner, 6:30-9 pm

Sunday - 6/11/2017



Kentfield Music Festival

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

A free community event sponsored by KSPTA.

[More Information](#)

Save The Date

- **6/12:** 8th Grade Trip to Water World
- **6/13:**
 - 6th Grade Pool Party
 - School Board Meeting, 5-8 pm, District Office
- **6/14:** Annual Graduation Breakfast, 8:35-10 am, Bacich Community Center
- **6/15:**
 - 7th Grade Trip to McNears Beach
 - 5th Grade Pool Party
- **6/16:** Last Day of School - early release

- o Kent All School Assembly and Flag Ceremony
- o 4th Grade Promotion, 8:30 am, Bacich Community Center
- o 8th Grade Graduation and Reception, 2:30-4:30 pm, Kent Field and Plaza
- o 8th Grade Graduation Dance, 7:30-9:30 pm, Kent MP room

[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



At its meeting this week, the School Board held public hearings on the draft Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the draft 2017-18 District Budget.

The LCAP is the programmatic and fiscal roadmap we follow throughout the upcoming year. It outlines District priorities around teaching and learning, human resources, facilities and finance, promoting our Core Values, and communication and community partnerships. LCAP action steps are developed in partnership with all of our stakeholder groups. Multiple meetings and an online survey provide input that is reconciled with state and local mandates to define the vibrant education our community expects and our students deserve. The LCAP is a living document that is revisited and revised throughout the school year by administrators, teachers, and the Board. It also informs the annual performance goals of the Board and myself. Final adoption of the LCAP by the Board takes place at its June 13 meeting. In the interim, your comments on the LCAP are welcome. Please send them to me at lschott@kentfieldschools.org.

The 2017-18 Budget was also presented for discussion by the Board and for public comment. Total revenues for the upcoming year will be \$17.6 million with \$9.8 million (56%) from local property taxes and \$4.4 million (25%) from our parcel tax. Expenses are budgeted at \$17.6 million with \$15 million (84.5%) for salary and benefits for our teachers and staff. Because our current parcel tax expires on June 30, 2019, future budgets will be severely impacted if the District is not able to renew the tax through a successful local ballot measure. If you have any comments on the Budget, please send them to Barbara Johnson, CBO, at bjohnson@kentfieldschools.org.

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](#)



Marin Transit Bus Service Trial

Several Kent students have been testing Marin Transit's existing public bus routes as an alternative transportation to school. Route #29 travels down Sir Francis Drake Blvd with a convenient stop at the College of Marin. Students are meeting at 8:12 at the Sir Francis Drake and Eliseo stop and arrive at the COM stop at 8:17, where a parent volunteer greets them and walks them onto the Kent campus.



Our adventurous test group has loved taking the bus and it costs just \$1. The school has agreed not to ding students if they are late due to the bus being delayed.

Thank you to the Kathleen Helmer, Dory Leifer, Kent Site Council, Safe Routes to School, parents, and students for their innovation and dedication to eco-friendly transportation and alleviating traffic in our community. Please contact [Kathleen Helmer](#) or [Dory Leifer](#) if you would like more information about this effort.



Thursday, June 8th
5:45-7:30 pm

Marin County
Office of Education
1111 Las Gallinas Avenue
San Rafael

Event Information

Teen Survey

The Marin County Office of Education and Bring Change to Mind (BC2M) will offer a community discussion on the widely watched and controversial Netflix series, *13 Reasons Why*. This panel discussion is open to parents, educators and youth.

Panelists will discuss concerns that the show sensationalizes and simplifies suicide and the influence that may have on student wellness. The dialogue will be guided the [Marin County 13 Reasons Why teen survey](#). The panel will include perspectives from both youth and community mental health professionals.



Dear Parents,

One of the exciting aspects of working in a school is that each year represents a new story. June represents the end of one chapter and then September offers a fresh start and a new beginning.

In the past few months, we have registered many new school families for the fall and we have been busy hiring new teachers. We are also preparing to celebrate and say good-bye to those students and staff members who will be leaving us in a few weeks' time.

This June, we say farewell to four Bacich teachers, who will be retiring. They include Geoff Chin, Mary Lynn Kirk, Judianne Eynon, and Winnie Caulkins. Together these amazing educators represent nearly 100 years of teaching at our school. We also say good-bye to classroom teachers Katherine Hinkle, Julie Levinson, May Jean Martin, and our Speech and Language teacher Josie Lochrie, who are moving on from Bacich to begin new chapters in their lives. Our school counselor Maia Yamasaki and music teacher, Becky Poon, will take a few months of maternity leave, in the fall, to welcome new additions to their families.

We also celebrate teachers who are interested in challenging themselves by changing grade levels or assignments. They include Methinee Bozeman, Kerri Baetkey, Trisha Washburn, Theresa Rogoff, and Denise Marshall. Making changes to a new teaching position or grade level allows for educators to keep their teaching practices sharp and experience the various developmental levels of the students who are in our care.

As we plan for the staffing changes in 2017-2018, I have reviewed hundreds of teachers' resumes, we have interviewed nearly twenty-five talented candidates, observed several potential teachers as they teach a demonstration lesson, and I have offered seven teachers opportunities to join our special school. I am confident that each new member of our team brings a strong set of talents to our classrooms and a passion for working with young children.

It's another June and another school year coming to a close. As we prepare to say farewell to our 123 Fourth Graders and their families, as well as to our beloved staff members, we do so with the inevitable flavor of loss, and warm wishes for the next story in their lives.

Sally Peck
Principal

[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**



P.E.



**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 from 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



*Thank
You*



Bacich Volunteer Tea

June 8, 2017

8:30-9:30 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 treats provided by our staff to honor each of you.



Dear Parents,

The last few weeks seem to have a music theme attached. Last week's karaoke finals were incredible with Alexander Shayeb and Megan Bober winning overall. This week we continue to be entertained with our outstanding band concert last night and the amazing choir concert tonight! We are so grateful for Mike Martinez and all he does for our students and the arts!

Speaking of Mike, he has been working overtime with the 8th graders to get them ready for their graduation performance song. This year the students chose "I Lived" by OneRepublic and they have been working hard to bring you all a memorable performance at their graduation on June 16th.

Finally, next week is our last Service Innovation dinner for the year. It will be held in the MP room once again and will run from 6:30 pm with the last seating at 8:10 pm. Ms. Stephens' third trimester kids have been prepping for this community event for several weeks and hope to raise valuable donations to benefit "Fairways for Freedom," a nonprofit that helps veterans cope with physical and non-physical disabilities post-deployment through golf clinics and bonding held around the world, as well as our local Humane Society. Please come and support the kids and these wonderful causes!

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](#)

[Kent Library Blog](#)

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



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 Counselors' Corner



"FINISHING STRONG! & GETTING ENOUGH DOWN TIME"

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over! But we can definitely feel it in the air. Students are starting to share their plans for the summer and 8th graders are nervously and excitedly talking about their transition to high school. We often find ourselves having pep talks with some 8th graders who either seem to have mentally moved on and have stopped doing their work here at Kent - or who are so overwhelmed by the numerous commitments they have both in and out of school that they feel exasperated. While many of us are tired, ready for summer, feel inclined to slow down and simply go through the motions of "school," we often talk to students about how satisfying it feels to finish strong. If the obstacles students are facing seem almost insurmountable, then it is clearly time to get help from an adult. That's what we are here for! If your student is having difficulty juggling all of their commitments, we are happy to offer a friendly ear or suggestions for how to help manage the stress.

In many of our conversations with students, we do hear that they are overbooked with extracurricular activities. Some students are so busy with sports and other activities that they are actually getting up at the crack of dawn to do their homework. For some kids this may work well but for others they may be close to reaching their breaking point. As you make plans for the summer and the upcoming school year, try to make sure you also build in some time for your kids to rest and refuel. Here are a few links to articles that offer an in-depth look at the value of down time:

- [**"Does Your Child Get Enough Downtime?"**](#)
- [**"The Downside of No Downtime for Kids."**](#)

If you are looking for some summer parenting reading, here are a few books that might pique your interest:

How To Raise An Adult. Break free of the over-parenting trap and prepare

your kid for success. Julie Lythcott-Haims

The Big Disconnect. Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age. Catherine Steiner-Adair

What Are They Thinking?! The Straight Facts about the Risk Taking, Social Networking, Still Developing Teen Brain. Aaron M. White, PhD, Scott Swartzwelder, PhD

Girls On The Edge. The Four Factors Driving the New Crisis for Girls. Leonard Sax, MD, PhD.

Masterminds And Wingmen. Helping our boys cope with schoolyard power, locker-room tests, girlfriends and the new rules of the boy world. Rosalind Wiseman

Queen Bees And Wannabes. Helping your daughter survive cliques, gossip, boys, and the new realities of girl world. Rosalind Wiseman.

Freeing Your Child From Negative Thinking. Powerful, practical strategies to build a lifetime of resilience, flexibility, and happiness. Tamar Chanksy, PhD

We wish everyone a smooth end of the school year and a wonderful summer. And don't hesitate to reach out to us, if you feel the need!

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Kent Community Service



Event Invitation



#summersuccess2017

Follow our Marin County Sheriff's Office Student Resource Officer Josie Sanguinetti at [@srojocie](https://www.instagram.com/srojocie) on Instagram.

Hashtag your good deed with #summersuccess2017 on Instagram

and you will be entered to win prizes and gift cards! Ms. Sanguinetti will be posting regularly about where she is and the good deeds she sees in her job; here's your chance to be a part of #summersuccess2017 history!

Teen Poster Contest



Marin youth, ages 12-18, may enter this local poster contest to advocate for change and to educate and inform the community about their hopes, concerns, and social justice vision for our world. The contest is now open and runs through August 16th. Great prizes will be awarded to winning students and their schools!

Contest Flyer

Kent Sports



Kent Golf Update

The Kent golf team finishes with an 8-7 record with many stellar individual performances by 8th graders Alexander Shayeb, Jack Sinatra, and Michael Peng; 7th grader Damian Wabl; 6th graders Stokes McConnell and Arjun Aujla, and 5th grader, Sam Sumski.

Stokes McConnell recorded the one and only hole-in-one in the Marin County Middle School League last week on hole #5 at McInnis Golf Club. Congrats to Stokes!

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



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).

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 Community Service Outreach Fair



School isn't even out yet and our 7th graders are already preparing for their 8th grade projects!

On Wednesday, a Community Service Outreach fair was held at Kent to connect students with local organizations that have volunteer opportunities. Organizations were selected either by staff recommendation or because our students and their families have had positive experiences with them in the past.

Thank you to parent volunteers Beatrice McMillan and Jessica Berry for creating such an empowering event for our students.

Thank you to the following organizations for participating in the Outreach Fair:

Milo Foundation
REC Inc.
Adopt A Family
Gilead House
Corte Madera Library
JDRE
Jessica's Haven

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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!**

**Be a hero.
Support our children's
education.**



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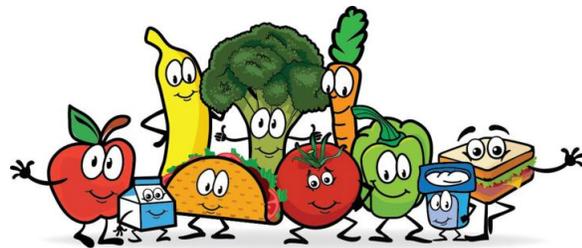
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Community Announcements



Westside Timbers Soccer Academy

Summer Soccer opportunities through [North Bay YSL](#)

Flyer in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)



Corte Madera Library Events

Storytimes for babies - 6 year old children

Read To A Dog



Marin County 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](#)
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