

# Kentfield School District Weekly News

## Thursday, January 12, 2017

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**Bacich News**

**Kent News**

### News You Need

- No School 1/16/2017 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- TK/Kindergarten registration, 1/19/2017, 3:30-5:00, Bacich Community Center - call Bacich office (415-925-2220) for details
- Next KSPTA Meeting: [Social Media & Internet Safety](#)
- [Chinese New Year Celebration & Dinner](#)
- [Download the Board-approved 2017-18 District Calendar](#)

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### Upcoming Events

#### Monday - 1/16/2017

- No school in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### Tuesday - 1/17/2017

- 5th Grade MMWD Walk (Gallaher/Sterling)

#### Wednesday - 1/18/2017

- 5th Grade MMWD Walk (Hagan/Stephens/Dunn)

### Thursday - 1/19/2017

- Kindergarten Registration for 2017-18, 3:30-5 pm Bacich Community Center - call Bacich Office for details, 415-925-2220
- 5th Grade MMWD Walk (Beales/Janney)
- 8th Grade Basketball vs. Hall 3:45-5:45 pm, at Kent

### Save The Date

- Kent Club Photo Day Tuesday, 1/24/2017

[View](#) Entire District Calendar

[Download](#) Board-approved 2016-17 District Calendar

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

## Superintendent's Update



At its February meeting this week, the Board approved the 2017-18 District calendar. There were two main factors going into the development of this calendar. One was starting school after Labor Day to allow for the maximum number of days for Measure D summer construction and the other was aligning Winter and Spring breaks with the Tamalpais Union High School District's calendar to accommodate families' schedules.

The School Board was updated on the District's Social Studies curriculum. Sally Peck, representing Bacich, illustrated how students from TK-4th grade learn about ever widening social spheres, starting with themselves and their classrooms, and culminating in the study of the state of California and the famed Gold Country unit. Research and note-taking were the focus of the presentation by Peter Goetz, representing Kent, accompanied by four sixth graders - Athena Nguyen, Hana Moore, Bayanni Rivera, and Ellie Titcombe. The students demonstrated how to transform unfamiliar text into brief, comprehensible notes in preparation for the Egypt report.

The stalwart volunteer leaders of the campaign to pass Measure B, the District's Parcel Tax renewal measure on the November ballot, were recognized and thanked by the Board. While the measure was ultimately unsuccessful, there was nothing but praise for the job done by Connie and Jeff Zlot, Debra Fletcher, Ross McKenna, David Riedel and Mark Friedman.

Liz Schott reported on progress made to date on the District's annual goals. Our greatest areas of growth have been: 1) teachers learning about and implementing

innovative practices such as Project Based Learning, Arts Integration and Service Innovation; 2) increasing attention on student well-being including bullying prevention, cultural responsiveness, and social-emotional learning; 3) moving ahead with Measure D projects by hiring contractors, submitting plans to the State, and choosing a prefab building manufacturer for the classroom complex at Kent; and 4) working to pass the renewal measure for our Parcel Tax. There is much to be accomplished in the rest of the year, and good work has been done to date by our dedicated administrative, certificated, and classified staff.

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](#)
- [Updated Field Trip Driver Form](#)

### **Measure D Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC):**

If you would like help us with the accountability requirements of Measure D by serving on our [Citizens' Oversight Committee \(COC\)](#), we are seeking a member who belongs to a bona fide taxpayers group. The composition of the COC has specific categories that we are required to fill and this is the area that is not yet represented.

## Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

Well, Mother Nature welcomed us back from break in a big way! It was a wet week to be certain and the kids did an amazing job managing. From staying under the overhangs, to getting to class efficiently and effectively, we are proud of our Falcons for "weathering" this stormy week so beautifully.

This week our live broadcast continued airing under the incredible guidance of Peter Goetz. Not only do the anchors do a great job delivering the important bulletin items, the videos they film, edit, and share are always entertaining and informative. One new feature they have added, which we are so proud of, is delivering some of the bulletin in Spanish. The anchors read the item(s) in

Spanish while the English translation scrolls on screen. This feature is an important step in making sure all our students feel valued and included.

Finally, tomorrow our students from Ms. Stephens' trimester one (T1) Service Innovation class will be guest speakers at the Bacich assembly on Trustworthiness and how that relates to kindness and service. We are so excited to be strengthening the connection between Bacich and Kent. This connection is just one of the many things that makes our district so incredible!

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 Library Blog](#)

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### 8th Grade Graduation Slide Show



Please send photographs to [kellianderson43@gmail.com](mailto:kellianderson43@gmail.com). Group pictures of the kids are highly encouraged, especially pictures of the students when they were in elementary school. Individual pictures will be used on occasion as well. Every child will be represented.

## Kent Activities

**Club Photo Day** - Tuesday, January 24, 2017

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### Model UN for 5th - 8th Graders

- **Student Meetings:** 1/18/2017 - 5/17/2017, Wednesdays, 1:35-2:30 pm (after school) at Kent
- **Parent Information Session:** 1/23/2017 at 7:30 pm at the YMCA in San Rafael (1500 Los Gamos Drive).

**Club Meetings:** Students will discuss international issues, build leadership skills, and gain a broader perspective of the world. Plus, there are field trips to meet with other Model UN delegations.

Students may audit the sessions until February 1st (the third meeting) at which

point a formal registration must be completed. Financial assistance is available.

[Model UN Information  
Registration Packet](#)

[Scholarship Application  
Financial Aid Application](#)

Questions?

Please contact Brandon Drake at [bdrake@ymcasf.org](mailto:bdrake@ymcasf.org) or 415-446-2178.

## Bacich Elementary School



Dear Parents,

I try to get to campus each morning between 7:30-7:45 a.m. I enjoy greeting the staff as they arrive at school and having a few moments of quiet time to organize myself before starting the day. Teachers use their early morning time to gather their mail from the staff room, collect last minute supplies, answer emails, and tidy their classroom, as they too get ready for a new day.

This week, like many others, I noticed a short line of cars lined up along the curb where parents drop their children, when I arrived on campus. These families are waiting for the clock to hit 8:00 a.m. before they allow their sons and daughters out of the car. I want to personally thank each of our parents who recognize that Bacich does not have any student supervision before 8:00 a.m. each school day and do not drop off or allow their children to be on campus before this time.

While teachers, the librarian, and the office staff are on campus before the start of school, they are not available to monitor and watch children who get to school early. Bacich does not have yard duty supervision until 8:00 a.m. Students should not be on campus before that time without a parent looking out for them.

Nor does Bacich provide after school student supervision. Parents must pick up or make arrangements for their children to be picked up immediately after school is dismissed. Students are welcome to stay on campus after school only when they are in the care of a parent or caregiver. These are not a new rules; they are clearly outlined in our [Bacich Parent Handbook](#).

From Ms. Canon's attendance calls first thing in the morning (if your child is absent and we haven't heard from you), to our insistence that the after-school programs keep close tabs on our students, to the rules that we have in place for our students before and after school - our concerns are for the safety of the very special people whom you entrust in our care each day. This is a very big job and we take it seriously.

We appreciate your help in keeping all of our students safe and in following the school rules.

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



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**Music  
Parents and Kids**



**Bacich Library  
News**



**Art Blog**

## Fall 2017 TK/Kindergarten Registration January 19, 2017

3:30 - 5 pm  
Bacich Community Center

If you have a child who is eligible for TK/K for the 2017-2018 school year. Please call the Bacich office (415-925-2220) to receive registration details.

### 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

January 18  
2017

February 1  
February 15  
2017

March 8  
March 22  
2017

April 5  
April 19  
2017

May 3  
May 17  
2017

[Tour Registration and Information](#)

**Safe Routes to School**



## California Helmet Law

In California, anyone under the age of 18 must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle on a street, bikeway, public bicycle path or trail. The law also requires anyone under 18 to wear a helmet when riding a scooter, skateboard, or when using inline skates.

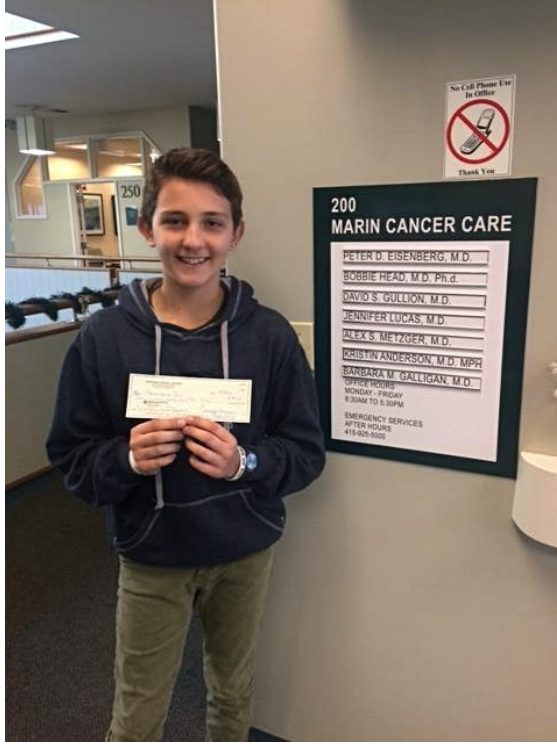
All students in possession of a bike, scooter, or skateboard must have a helmet with them and use it to ride to and from school. Students violating this law will have their bike, scooter, skateboard, or skates held until their parents can come to school with their helmet. Local police officers may issue a \$25 fine for non-compliance.

## Kentfield Kudos

### Kent Gives Back

One of our greatest sources of pride at the Kentfield School District is how generously our students and families give back to our greater community. Whether it is a book drive, 5k run, or park clean-up, we can always count on our students to roll up their sleeves and work for a better community.

In November, Kent Middle School's T1 Service Innovation class, directed by Ms. Stephens, hosted an outstanding Community Kitchen dinner (check the kudos from our [December 1, 2016 newsletter](#)) raising approximately \$1900. KMS and T1 Service Innovation student Sven Neuschul shared with the class stories of his grandfather passing away because of pancreatic cancer and his desire to support cancer research. After reimbursing funders for start-up costs for the dinner, the class voted unanimously to donate half of the remaining dinner money (\$787) to cancer research. The other half of the proceeds created a fund to cover costs for future Community Dinners. Before Winter Break, Sven proudly delivered the big check to Dr. Eisenberg at Marin Cancer Care on behalf of his class.



*Sven Neuschul delivers donation to Dr. Eisenberg*

Kent Middle School's dine and donate 20% night at California Pizza Kitchen in November raised \$550.67, all of which goes straight to Kent programs. Thank you for all our families who enjoyed an evening out in support of KMS.

A big Kentfield kudos for our Kent Middle School students and families for making our district and community great places.

## Support Kentfield Schools



Our kids are counting on  
all of us this year!

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



**2016-2017**  
**Annual Giving**  
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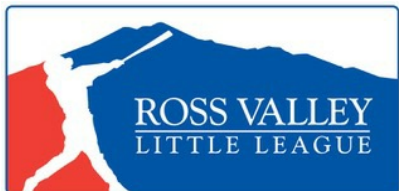
**Next KSPTA Meeting:**

**Social Media & Internet Safety**





## Community Announcements



**Have You Registered? Tell A Friend!**

**Spring 2017 Registration ends January 17th**

**Register Online**

[www.rossvalleylittleleague.org](http://www.rossvalleylittleleague.org)

[Read flyer for important dates and details](#)



MARIN COUNTY

FREE LIBRARY

### Corte Madera Library Events

#### Read To A Dog



First Saturday of Every Month, 2-3 pm  
Call the children's librarian at 415-924-6382 to schedule a time for your child to read to a dog.

[Read Flyer](#)

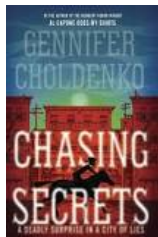
#### Guess The Newbery Award Book Contest



Visit the Corte Madera library to submit your ballot by 5:00 January 22nd. The Newbery winner will be announced January 23. Five winners of the correct guess will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Book Passage.

[Read Flyer](#)

#### Kids Book Club For 4th and 5th Graders



Wednesday, January 25, 2017  
7:00 pm

Visit the library to sign up and reserve a copy of the book "Chasing Secrets" by Gennifer Choldenko.

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**Student Lunch Order**  
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