

Kentfield School District Weekly News

Thursday, January 19, 2017

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[Bacich News](#)

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News You Need

- **kik** presents [Studio 54](#) May 6, 2017
- [Social Media & Internet Safety](#) - PTA Meeting January 23, 8:30am
- [Chinese New Year Celebration & Dinner](#) - tickets still available
- [Download the Board-approved 2017-18 District Calendar](#)

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Upcoming Events

Monday - 1/23/2017

- KSPTA Meeting, 8:30-9:30 am, Kent Room 34, [agenda](#)
- 8th Grade Basketball at Davidson, 3:45-5:45 pm, at Davidson

Tuesday - 1/24/2017

- Kent Club Photo Day
- 5th Grade Band Concert, Kent Gym

Wednesday - 1/25/2017

- Safety Committee Meeting, 9-10 am, District Office
- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Band Concert, 7-8 pm, Kent Gym

Thursday - 1/26/2017

- 8th Grade Boys Basketball at Mark Day, 3:45-4:45 pm
- 6th and 0 period Choir Concert, 7-8 pm, Kent MP Room

Saturday - 1/28/2017

- KSPTA Chinese New Year Celebration, 4:30-6:30 pm, Bacich Community Center, [details](#)

Save The Date

- Family Literacy and Pizza Night: February 15, 2017, 6-7:30 pm, Bacich Library

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Superintendent's Update



Dear Families and Staff,

As we approach February, with its traditional week's vacation around the Presidents holidays, I want to alert you to a change in next year's calendar. In the Board-approved [2017-18 District calendar](#), the February break is a four-day weekend rather than an entire week. The reason for this is our upcoming Measure D construction schedule that necessitates starting school after Labor Day. I hope that this notice gives you ample opportunity to plan vacation time so as not to miss any school days.

Stay dry!

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](#)



ELAC Family Literacy Night

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

6:00-7:30

Bacich Library



Enjoy an evening to explore the joy of reading and delicious pizza by EXTREME Pizza!

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

Kent Middle School



Dear Parents,

Many of you have been asking when yearbook sales will begin and the time is now! We are doing online ordering again this year to make it easy for you to get your child a memento of the 2016-2017 school year. Just go to our [KMS website](#) and click on the link in the "News" section or visit the [direct page here](#). We will be selling yearbooks until the middle of March. If you wish to have a personal nameplate added, we would like those orders by February 1st. Be sure to order one today!

Speaking of the yearbook, one of the favorite sections is the 8th grade baby photos. Each year we ask your 8th graders to provide a baby picture so we can see how far these Falcons have come. Please send in a photo of your child with his or her full name on the back. They should bring it to Ms. Stephens in Room 34 no later than February 1st. We need to get these photos sent to the publishing company for scanning and uploading. You will get these photos back before year's end. Let's see those adorable baby faces!

Finally, on Wednesday we welcomed the Redwood High School band back for their annual concert for our students. Wow! Once again, they blew us away. Not only is their music incredible; it is always fun to see our former Falcons who have continued with their musical endeavors. Just like connecting with Bacich, we love continuing to build this bridge with Redwood. Here's to community relationships

from Kindergarten to 12th grade!

Enjoy your weekend.

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](#)



Visit www.yearbookordercenter.com

Enter School Code: 7587-2017

or

Click on Enter School Name and enter Kent Middle. Make sure to click on Kent Middle in Kentfield.

8th Grade Baby Photos



Please bring your baby photo with your full name on the back to Ms. Stephen's Room 34 by February 1st.

8th Grade Graduation Slide Show

Please send photographs to 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.

Donut Day Supporting 8th Grade Graduation



Monday, January 23rd during recess

\$2 per donut (chocolate and glazed)

Kent Counselors' Corner



Happy New Year from the Counseling Team!

We hope everyone had a restorative and enjoyable vacation and that your children are having a great start to the second half of the school year! It's amazing how quickly the school year is flying by! For some students, returning to school is exciting, as they get to see all of their friends and teachers and get back into the groove of their social, academic and after school activities. But for others, adjusting to school can feel almost like starting over. While this adjustment period will probably be much shorter than the beginning of the year, it still can be challenging for some students. If your child seems extremely stressed or anxious, please let us know so that we can help you navigate this or any other challenge you are facing.

As we meet with students, we often hear about students' fears, anxieties, and negative thoughts they have about themselves and others. If you are looking for a helpful book that offers parents and clinicians tools and strategies that help build resilience and flexibility, check out *Freeing Your Child From Negative Thinking*, written by Tamar Chansky. This book offers many suggestions for how to help our children overcome emotional hurdles, and build a more positive and empowered mindset. Let us know what you think!

Kent Counselors

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Kent Activities

Club Photo Day - Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Model UN for 5th - 8th Graders

- **Parent Information Session:** 1/23/2017 at 7:30 pm at the YMCA in San Rafael (1500 Los Gamos Drive).

ModelUN is open to all 5th-8th graders! Every Wednesday at 1:35pm (Jan 18 - May 17) students will discuss international issues, build leadership skills and gain a broader perspective of the world - plus, for 6-8th graders, there are field trips to meet with other ModelUN delegations. Students can grab their lunch and meet in Room 9 from 1:35 - 2:30pm where Brandon Drake, from the YMCA, will be moderating the discussion. Come to the first few sessions to see if you like it!

Then, you can sign up by Feb 1 for the entire session - the fee for 5th graders is \$75; for 6-8th graders, the fee is \$1,025 which includes the cost of field trips (LA

and Camp Roberts). Financial assistance is available.

[Model UN Information
Registration Packet](#)

[Scholarship Application
Financial Aid Application](#)

Questions?

Please contact Brandon Drake at bdrake@ymcasf.org or 415-446-2178.

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Parents,

The start of a New Year is a time when many of us consider a New Year's Resolution. I have a few suggestions to make 2017 the best year yet for your family!

1. Find time to play together as a family

Our Thursday evening "No Homework Nights" are perfect for this! Explore beautiful Marin by taking a hike or a bike ride. Play a board or card game as a family. Build something together from even the simplest of materials (cardboard, plastic bottles, string, glue, and paper), enjoy cooking together, or cozy up with a good book.

2. Encourage Independence

Allow time for your son or daughter to have time alone or with friends; time that is not micro-managed by an adult. Teach them to trust in themselves and their ability to be independent.

3. Foster Resilience

Allow your child the opportunity to make mistakes, experience the consequences, and learn from them. Typically, the mistakes that children make when they are young are minimal. Experiencing early mistakes and learning from them is priceless and essential to growing up to be a confident, responsible and independent adult.

4. Worry Less

Almost all problems self-resolve in time and the small percentage that do not probably could not have been prevented in any case. Reach out to a "veteran parent" who can provide a trusted perspective on your parenting concerns and worries.

5. Take Care of Yourself

Remember what life was like before children? Commit to having a life of your own

with your own activities, friends, and interests. It's good for mom and dad and it is a great model for our children.

6. Reclaim Your Home for Just One Day a Week!

Resolve that at least one day each week in your home will be a place without the sound of television, videos, computers, or electronics.

I encourage you to consider making life simpler, easier, and better for your family. If we take good care of ourselves as adults, our entire families benefit!

Wishing you a Happy 2017!

Sally Peck
Principal

Bacich Parent Resources

[Download Bacich Student-Parent Handbook](#)

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[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Car Line Procedures](#)

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



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Parents and Kids**



**Bacich Library
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Art Blog

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

February 1
February 15
2017

March 8
March 22
2017

April 5
April 19
2017

May 3
May 17
2017

[Tour Registration and Information](#)

Kentfield Kudos

Bacich Students Help Restore Creekside Park Marsh

The first grade kicked off their Project-Based Learning Life Science unit, which



examines specific characteristics and adaptations of plants and animals, by helping Marin County Parks' restoration project of Creekside Marsh, located directly behind Bacich. During the field day, students learned about the marsh and the importance of the restoration project. After a planting demonstration, the students rolled up their sleeves and spent 45 minutes planting native grasses.

Did you know that 90% of the Bay Area's historical tidal wetlands have been lost since the time of the Gold Rush? Although the Creekside Marsh is just one wetland, it is home to two endangered species - the Ridgway's Rail and Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse.

Restoration work done by our students helps to restore our backyard wetlands. The native grasses our students planted will provide a good refuge for these animals during high tides that flood the marsh.



We are fortunate to have such a beautiful and vital habitat so close to our schools. Kudos to our Bacich students for taking time to restore and enrich our local wetlands.

Support Kentfield Schools



Our kids are counting on
all of us this year!



SAVE THE DATE for this
year's auction!

**KIK PRESENTS STUDIO
54**

Bid, dine, dance and raise money for our schools!

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

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



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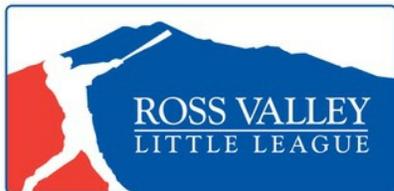
Next KSPTA Meeting:

Social Media Risks & Internet Safety



Find us on 

Community Announcements



Have You Registered? Tell A Friend!

Spring 2017 Registration ends January 17th

Register Online

www.rossvalleylittleleague.org

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



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.

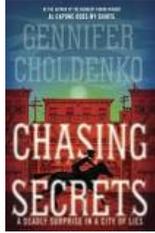
[Read Flyer](#)



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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