

Weekly Newsletter

June 7, 2018

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News You Need

- Public comments on draft 2018-19 LCAP due to Superintendent by 6/8, email comments to lschott@kentfieldschools.org.
- Bacich Construction Kick Off presentation
- 7th Grade Families - please consider helping with the 8th grade graduation and party.
- Retirement Celebration for Principal Skip Kniesche, 6/8 at 4-6 p.m., Kent Plaza.
- This Sunday, 6/10 - Kent Music Festival, end-of-year party. Free admission. Lunch, treats, and activities for all ages. Bring a lawn chair and blanket and get ready to party! Your PTA needs you one last time this year - please lend a hand at the Kentfield Music Festival!

Upcoming Events

Friday - 6/8/2018

- Last day for lunch service
- Retirement Celebration for Skip Kniesche, 4-6 p.m., Kent Plaza
- Public comments on draft 2018-19



Sunday - 6/10/2018

- Kentfield Music Festival, 12-3 p.m.

Monday - 6/11/2018

- 8th Grade to Marine World

Tuesday - 6/12/2018

- School Board meeting, 5-7:30 p.m., District Office - Board will vote to approve 2018-19 budget and reserves, and LCAP.

Wednesday - 6/13/2018

- Limited quantities of Bacich yearbooks will be on sale during lunch. Bring cash or check.

Thursday - 6/14/2018

- Lost & Found donated
- Limited quantities of Bacich yearbooks will be on sale during lunch. Bring cash or check.
- 5th Grade Pool Party
- 7th Grade to McNears Beach
- Finance Committee meeting, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Friday - 6/15/2018 - Last Day of School, early release at noon for Bacich and Kent

- 4th Grade Promotion, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich Community Center
- Limited quantities of Bacich yearbooks will be on sale during lunch. Bring cash or check.
- Kent Graduation practice in the morning.
- Kent Graduation at 2:30 p.m., Kent Field, reception following

Save the Date

- **7/15/2018:** Deadline to order next year's school supplies through KSPTA (Kent school ID: KEN163, Bacich school ID: BAC007)
- **8/28/2018:** TK/Kindergarten Back to School Night, 6-7 p.m.
- **8/29/2018:** New Family Welcome Grades 1-4, 6-7 p.m.
- **8/30/2018:**
 - 5th Grade & Student WEB Orientation, 9-11:30 a.m.
 - Kent new Families and tour, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **9/4/2018:** First Day of School

- **9/5/2018:** Bacich Back to School Night, grades 1-4, 6-7:30 p.m.
- **9/6/2018:** Kent Back to School Night, 5:45-8:30 p.m.

[View Entire District Online Calendar](#)

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

[Download Board-approved 2018-2019 District Calendar](#)

Superintendent's Update



The process by which the district collects input from students and families and then incorporates it into improvements is not always obvious. However, it happens, and I would like to share an example.

In March 2017, a strategic planning team of parents and teachers identified the opportunities for playtime for Kent's fifth and sixth graders as needing help.

The Back 50 was called out as a particularly unattractive option for recess and lunch activities. I spoke with **kik** leadership about this observation last spring, and subsequently, **kik** designated \$75,000 of its uncommitted funds to this project. Another \$90,000 was raised this year during **kik's** Fund-a Need live auction. With funding secured, it was time to begin designing the space.



These photos are of the fifth graders meeting this week with our architects and their landscape professionals to collect student input on how to make the Back 50 a destination location for playtime. The architects will circle back with the students a few months into next school year to get feedback and discuss iterations of the plan. Since the area is used so heavily during the school year for recess and P.E., construction cannot occur until the summer of 2019. But the results will be well worth the wait.

Involving the fifth graders in the creation of this new space is an interesting tie-in to the [Youth Truth Survey](#). One set of questions students responded to centered on Student Voice & Leadership. Students were asked how strongly they agreed or disagreed with the following statements:

- I feel comfortable speaking up about school issues with students at my

school.

- I have seen adults in my school use the voices and ideas of youth to make decisions.
- I feel comfortable speaking up about school issues with adults at my school.
- I think I have what it takes to be a leader in my school.
- I would like to work with adults to improve my school.
- I feel like I can make a difference in my school.
- I participate in activities, groups, or clubs to help make my school a better place.
- I speak up about school issues to help make my school a better place.

The average response of fifth, sixth and seventh graders was between 3 and 4 on a 5-point scale. Eighth graders were more likely to rate these statements between 2.5 and 3. ([Youth Truth Summary Results Overview](#))

Since this is the first collection of student data like this, it is tricky to derive meaning from this information. We will track it over time to ensure that students feel their voice and leadership opportunities are maintaining or, better yet, increasing over their four years at Kent. Opportunities like co-designing the Back 50 are sure to help.

Liz Schott
Superintendent

2018-2019 LCAP and Budget

Our district's **draft Local Control and Accountability Plan** is on our website and available for public comment. The Board held its public hearing on the 2018-19 LCAP at this meeting. Our annual update and provisional action plans for 2018-19 are based on data we collect from CAASPP testing and other academic measures, meetings with stakeholders, and [YouthTruth survey responses](#). If you have any questions or comments on the LCAP, please let Liz Schott know by June 8th (lschott@kentfieldschools.org).

The **public hearing on our 2018-19 district budget** was held at this meeting as well. Our multi-year projection, which is required by the County to approve our budget, indicates we will be able to meet our financial obligations and maintain an approximate 10% reserve through 2021. Final Board approval of the LCAP and budget is scheduled for the June 12th Board Meeting.



Due to construction at Bacich next year, we continue to seek parking for our teachers and staff. I have received offers from nearly 20 families already. Please contact Superintendent [Liz Schott](#) if you live near Bacich and have driveway space available for teacher/staff parking. Thank you!

Liz Schott
Superintendent

District Resources

- [2017-2018 LCAP, Draft 2018-2019 LCAP](#)
- [Board Meeting Information and Agendas](#)

- **District Budget:** 2017-2018 Second Interim Reports and Information now available [online here](#).
- [Emergency Safety Procedures for Parents](#)
- Marin County [Immigrant Student and Family Resources](#)
- [Video Tutorial to Set-Up Online Accounts](#)
- [Health Policy](#)
- [Support and Resources Related to Guns and School Safety](#)
- [Important Information from Health Nurse on Vaping in English and Spanish](#).
- [2018-2019 Registration Information](#)
- [About YouthTruth Survey](#)
- [13 Reasons Why Parent Guide](#)

New information on DACA Renewal - [read letter in Spanish and English](#)

[View Flyer](#)

Información de Canal Alliance para recordarles a los destinatarios de DACA en el condado de Marin que renueven su estado lo más antes posible. Canal Alliance tiene citas de renovación de DACA disponibles para ayudar con el papeleo y responder preguntas. También ofrecen asistencia financiera por la tarifa de solicitud de \$495.

Canal Alliance reminds DACA recipients in Marin County to renew their status as soon as possible. Canal Alliance has DACA renewal appointments available to assist with paperwork and answer questions. They also offer financial assistance for the \$495 application fee.

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

You may have noticed the bright and colorful Community Fence Project located along the front of our school. Every student and many of the teachers at Bacich were involved in its creation. International mural artist, Rafael Lopez, visited our school this Spring, and his work was influential in guiding the project. Ms. Libby, Mr. Bessonette and Ms. Yang were instrumental in designing and helping the children build and paint over 300 pieces of art.



This beautiful artwork is rooted in an all-school Project Based Learning (PBL) experience. PBL is a form of learning that puts an emphasis on students applying what they learn in their classroom to the world beyond our school. Instruction is student-centered, invites curiosity, and builds student's confidence as problem

solvers and advocates for the future.

It all starts with an open-ended question, which invites exploration and investigation. We chose to consider:

How Can We Positively Impact our Environment As A Community?

Teachers and students at each grade level have spent several months this year learning about specific areas of the curriculum related to that question:

Our Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten focused on the environmental impact we have on our gardens, and they explored important practices such as recycling and composting. Our First Grade studied the plants and animals that live in the environmentally sensitive marshlands located behind our school campus. Second Grade studied and raised California Trout, which they released in a local lake. Our Third Grade focused on Marin County, how it has changed over time and how we can preserve and protect it. Lastly, our Fourth Grade considered how the environment of California was influenced by historical events of the past, and what influences we have on it today.



The Community Fence Project represents a variety of learning experiences shared by each of our classrooms this school year. It is a lasting legacy to this year's Project Based Learning experience.

Bacich appreciates our school community, and we hope the bright colors and numerous stories which line the fence will bring smiles and joy to our Kentfield and Greenbrae families for a long time to come.

Sally Peck
Bacich Principal



Bacich Modernization Information

[Bacich Construction Kick-Off Presentation](#)

[Bacich Modernization Question and Answer website.](#)

I invite you to email me (speck@kentfieldschools.org) with additional questions to add to our list. Measure D general information is also available [here](#).

Bacich Parent Resources

[2017-18 Bacich Student-Parent Handbook](#)

[2017-18 Bacich Bell Schedule](#)

[Safe Routes to School and recommended park & walk spaces](#)

[Car Line Procedures](#)

[Reading Workshop Parent Presentations](#)

[Bacich Yearbook Orders](#)

[2018-2019 School Registration Information](#)

[Bacich Modernization Website](#)

Bacich Office: 415-925-2220

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



**Bacich Math
Matters
Website**



P.E.



**Music
Parents
and Kids**



**Bacich
Library
News**



Art Blog

Bacich Parent Events

6/15/2018

4th Grade Promotion, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich Community Center

Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

What a wonderful week it has been here on the Kent campus. Perfect weather, amazing assemblies, and incredible energy! Each of these newsletters gets harder and harder to write as I near the end of my tenure at Kent. But, we still have a fantastic week ahead, and I will cherish every moment.

As some of you may know, last week our incredible eighth grade officers and two sixth grade cameramen filmed a lip dub that I have been forbidden to view until the last day of school. It was months in planning and the organization and execution of this massive undertaking was nothing short of epic. The entire school was decked out in red and white and crazy costumes as select "singers" wound their way around campus. I cannot wait to see the finished product, as Ms. Walsh and Ms. Stephens have assured me it is fantastic! We will be sure to put a link on the Kent website as well as get it out to everyone on both campuses as we start summer.

Yesterday, we had a visit from Kent's next Principal, Grant Althouse. He was treated to the annual POPS concert in the lunch plaza. Sixth grade band, sixth grade and zero period combined choir, advanced band, karaoke singers, jazz band, and rock band entertained the entire school. It was an absolutely incredible

experience and Mike Martinez needs to be singled out for all the work he does with over 400 Kent students.

Today, we had our final Community Service assembly for the year, inspiring all of us to continue serving in some small way each day even when school lets out next Friday. Our Falcons continue to "Walk the Squawk" in kindness, and we are so proud. We also got to witness the entertaining performance of the seventh grade drama class, which is always so much fun to watch. Kudos to Ms. Moretti for putting on this creative show with the kids. Finally, tonight was the final Service Innovation "pay what you wish" dinner. We hope everyone enjoyed the delicious pasta meal!

A look ahead to next week's graduation...

The eighth graders have their final practice next Friday, June 15th, morning for the big ceremony. It is the only time they practice on the field because the risers will be installed that morning. Therefore, it is vital that they come to school that day. There is a special assembly just for them as well that they won't want to miss. Graduates need to be in the gym by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 15th, with a firm start time of 2:30 p.m. for the ceremony. They will not be allowed to bring anything to the ceremony stage, so it's best to leave phones and such at home. If they do bring something, it will be kept in the gym. The ceremony ends promptly at 3:30 p.m. with a wonderful reception following. I cannot express my thanks to all the grad committee volunteers who have put so much time, energy and love into this. Grad chairs Deb Cook and Chris Michaels are owed a special thank you! We could not do it without all of you!

Sincerely,

Skip Kniesche
Principal

Kent Parent Resources

[2017-2018 Kent Student-Parent Handbook](#)

[Electronic Device Policy Summary](#)

[2017-2018 Kent Bell Schedule](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Parking Lot, Drop Off Procedures, and Visitor Parking](#)

[Kent Library Information and Instagram @kentmiddleschoollibrary](#)

[2018-2019 Kent Registration Information](#)

[13 Reasons Why Parent Guide](#)

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

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415-482-9851

Kent Parent Events

6/8/2018 [Retirement Celebration for Skip Kniesche, 4-6 p.m., Kent Plaza](#)



[@kentmiddleschoollibrary](https://www.instagram.com/kentmiddleschoollibrary)

Kent Athletics



Last Call for Basketball Uniforms!

Please, please turn in all clean basketball uniforms to Mr. Palmer in room 30.

Failure to do so will result in 2018 yearbook being withheld.

Thank you, Mr. Palmer

Kent Graduation

Calling all 7th Grade Families!

We are still looking for volunteers to help out on June 15th. Please see links below and consider helping out with this special event.

Grad Ceremony Volunteers: www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4daca62ea20-8thgrade

Grad Party Volunteers: www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054faeaa2fa0fa7-grad

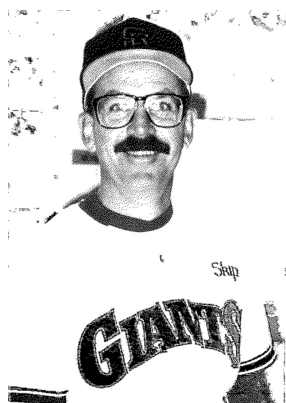


Get Reminders and News about Graduation - Follow us on Instagram [@kentgrad2018](https://www.instagram.com/kentgrad2018)

Redwood High Parent Groups: information on groups to help you with you and your student's transition at Redwood High School

Redwood High Student Clubs: The Mountain Bike Club will host a ride for incoming freshman on Sunday, June 3rd, 10 a.m. at China Camp State Park. Meet at ranger kiosk at campground entrance.

Kentfield Kudos



Thank You, Skip!

We asked some Kent students about their principal, Skip Kniesche. Overwhelmingly, their responses centered on two aspects -- Mr. Kniesche is present and he cares. Here's an example:

"Mr. Kniesche is a great principal because he doesn't just sit behind his desk. He's always out on campus picking trash, talking to kids, and being helpful. He always knows what's going on Kent!"

- Jake Gottlieb, sixth grade Kent student

A review of Skip early in his administrative career cited his ". . . love of children and his willingness to support them as they learn how to make appropriate decisions."

Another noted that ". . . the development of a shared social vision has emerged laying the foundation for a model that promotes positive behavior for staff, students and parents."

And, finally, Skip's ". . . focus on shared leadership has created an environment of trust, where staff feels empowered and valued for their input on important schoolwide decisions."

These are big shoes to fill, but Skip is leaving Kent in great shape and good hands. We will miss him!



We hope you can join us in celebrating Skip's 26 years with the Kentfield School District on Friday, June 8th from 4-6 p.m. at the Kent Plaza.

Safe Routes to School



The Kentfield School District encourages all families to actively participate in the nationally-recognized Safe Routes to School Program, a neighborhood-focused initiative to advocate green travel alternatives, and address traffic safety at our schools.

Visit Safe Routes to School for important safety tips and other information for safer and greener alternatives to get to and from school.

If you're interested in becoming involved in the KSD Safe Routes to School Program, please contact Heather McPhail Sridharan mcphail.sridharan@gmail.com for more information.

Locate "Park and Walk" spots, visitor parking, bike/scooter racks for Bacich and Kent.

Note in particular the designated parking lot for your neighborhood at Bacich.

Find your "Safe Route" to Bacich or Kent by bike/walking/car!

Support Kentfield Schools



**Together We're Ensuring Our Kids
Get a Top-Quality Education**

There are a few spots left in some of the fun auction sign-up parties - grab your spot today!

Just for Moms. Sephora - Girls Glam and Glow:

<https://kikonline.afrogs.org/#/view/159670>

Do your kids love basketball? Check these out:

- **Tom Poser's Basketball Clinic Incoming 2nd-4th Grade:**
<https://kikonline.afrogs.org/#/view/159673>
- **Tom Poser's Basketball Clinic Incoming 5th-8th Grade:**
<https://kikonline.afrogs.org/#/view/159674>
- **Kent Teachers Basketball Clinic:**
<https://kikonline.afrogs.org/#/view/159667>



**2017-2018
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2017-2018 Business Directory Yellow Pages

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Kentfield Music Festival

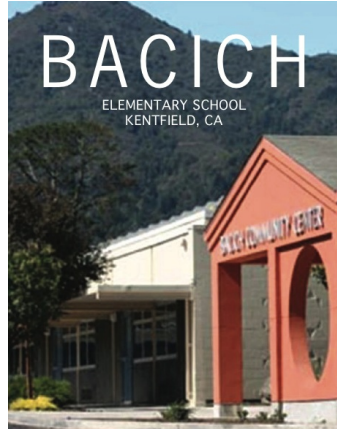
**Sunday, June 10th, 2018
12-3 p.m.**

Join us for an end-of-year party. Free admission. Lunch, treats, and activities for all ages. Bring a



lawnchair/blanket and get ready to party!

Your PTA needs you one last time this year - please lend a hand at the Kentfield Music Festival!"



Bacich Yearbooks

Limited quantities of Bacich yearbooks will be sold next week after school on the lunch quad starting on Wednesday. Bring cash or check.

School Supplies for 2018-2019 Order By July 15, 2018



This school year isn't over yet but it's not too early to plan ahead for next year. Don't leave it till the last minute - [click here](#) to order next year's school supplies!

- Kent School ID: KEN163
- Bacich School ID: BAC007

Be sure to order before the July 15th deadline!

Join Our Amazing Group of KSPTA Coordinators Next Year!

- Do you want to help encourage safe, environmentally friendly transportation for our school community? Do you want to ensure that our kids get to and from school quickly, safely, and easily during the challenging construction period next year? We are looking for next year's Safe Routes to School Coordinator so please contact [Kathryn M.](#) if you're interested in this fun and rewarding job.
- Are you a latent photographer or designer? Do you like to work on photobooks and laying out just the right combination of pictures to tell the perfect story? Then consider working on the Bacich Yearbook next year! Contact [Kathryn M.](#) if you'd like to be one of the Bacich Yearbook coordinators in 2018-2019!
- Are you a social media maven? Are you an avid Tweeter, Instagrammer, Facebooker, or blogger? The KSPTA is looking for a Social Media coordinator for next year to help us communicate better with our school community. Contact [Kathryn M.](#) if you're interested!

Community Announcements

These programs are not sponsored by the Kentfield School District. Distributing flyers is a community service and does not imply endorsement.



Summer Reading Program

June - August

Kids can sign up for the Summer Learning Challenge at any branch of Marin County Free Library. Each child receives a folder where they can keep track of the minutes they have read, and receive suggestions for fun learning activities.

Kids earn a Book Buck for every 100 minutes they read (or are read to). Book Bucks can be exchanged for a variety of prizes.

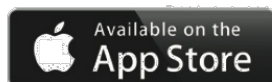
Quick Links

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[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

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