

# Weekly Newsletter

**April 5, 2018**

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**Bacich  
News**

**Kent  
News**

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Bacich Office: 415-925-2220

Report Bacich Absence: 415-925-2222

Kent Office: 415-458-5970

Report Kent Absence: 415-458-5972

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\* El boletín se convierten utilizando Google Translate. Entendemos que esto no es una traducción perfecta, sin embargo, esperamos que sea útil para las familias de que hablan español. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la información, póngase en contacto con nosotros.

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### **News You Need**

- Bacich Open House, 4/5/2018, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Fifth Grade Colonial Day, 4/6/2018
- Spring Break: April 9-13, 2018
- Bacich is celebrating Earth Day on April 20, 2018 and we need your help. Please volunteer to help our kids learn how to take care of the planet.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Thursday - 4/5/2018**

- Bacich Open House, 6:00pm - 7:30 p.m.

#### **Friday - 4/6/2018**

- Fifth Grade Colonial Day

#### **April 9-13, 2018: Spring Break**

#### **Monday - 4/16/2018**

- Sixth Grade ADEPT

## Tuesday - 4/17/2018

- Sixth Grade ADEPT
- School Board meeting, 5 p.m., District Office, opportunity to meet new Kent Principal Grant Althouse

## Wednesday - 4/18/2018

- Maker Night, 6-8 p.m., Bacich Community Center, families must pre-register for time slot. Session 1 - 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. or Session 2 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., registration is required

## Thursday - 4/19/2018

- Kent - Preliminary Round Three of the Karaoke Competition

## Friday - 4/20/2018

- Bacich Earth Day Celebration, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., volunteer here
- Sixth Grade ADEPT

## Save The Date

- **4/23-25/2018:** Fourth Grade Gold Country Trip
- **4/23/2018:** KSPTA April Meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich
- **4/28/2018:** Kent Band and Chorus at Family Festival, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Corte Madera Town Park
- **5/3/2018:** KSPTA Bloom Event, 7-9 p.m.
- **5/12/2018:** I ♥ the 80s! kik Spring Event  
**BUY YOUR TICKETS** at kikschoools.org

[View Entire District Online Calendar](#)

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

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

## CAASPP Testing Dates

We would like to remind families to please check their student's state testing dates for the annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) when scheduling appointments or vacations. Testing will not take the entire day scheduled. Segments of the assessment will be given throughout the testing period.

- April 30-May 4, 2018: Third Grade Testing at Bacich
- May 14-May 18, 2018: Fourth Grade Testing at Bacich
- May 7-11, 2018 and May 14-18, 2018: Testing for all of Kent Middle School

## Superintendent's Update

During Spring Break last year, my husband and I visited Carrizo Plain National Monument east of San Luis Obispo to take in the rare superbloom of wildflowers. I don't know if that exquisite natural display of color and



texture will turn out to be a once-in-a-lifetime sighting, but if it was, I'm glad we made the trip.

The experience brought back memories of Spring Breaks with our own two children who are now adults. We usually went to Anza Borrego Desert State Park to see our grand/parents and take in some pretty spectacular wildflowers there as well. We played a lot of Yahtzee, Scrabble and dominos, did jigsaw puzzles, hiked, read, and went swimming. But mostly we just hung out with no schedule, deadlines, demands, or alarm clocks. It was so rejuvenating.

We got to reconnect with our kids away from the pressures of daily life, and we needed it! I hope you too get some down time next week with your family, making memories by just being together.

Happy Spring!

Liz Schott  
Superintendent

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

## District Resources

- [2017-2018 LCAP](#)
- [Board Meeting Information and Agendas](#)
- [Emergency Safety Procedures for Parents](#)
- Marin County [Immigrant Student and Family Resources](#)
- English Learners Parent Guide - [Spanish](#), [English](#)
- [ELPAC Practice Tests](#): English Learner parents, please visit [this website](#) for sample/practice questions from the new ELPAC test that English Learners will take in the spring.
- [Video Tutorial to Set-Up Online Accounts](#)
- [Health Policy](#)
- [Important Information from Health Nurse on Vaping](#) in English and Spanish.

**District Budget:** 2017-2018 Second Interim Reports and Information now available [online here](#).

### Support and Resources Related to Guns and School Safety

- [Superintendent parent letter](#) from 2/22/2018 district newsletter.
- [Tips for Parents Talking to Children about Violence](#).
- [Tips for Talking to Children After Traumatic Events \(Spanish version\)](#).
- [Marin County Office of Education Safe Schools](#).
- Gun safety at home - [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

# Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

We will be celebrating Earth Day on Friday, April 20, 2018. Our school day will begin with an all-school assembly where Kent students will perform a short skit based on the *Cool the Earth* program.

Our student Green Team and parent volunteers will lead us in an Earth Day celebration during lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. There will be stations and games set up on the blacktop for students to enjoy. Various Earth Day activities, including water relays, solar bead bracelet creations, pet rock painting, treats from the solar ovens, or games at the Zero Waste Marin station, will be available for all our students to explore.

Bacich School is a proud participant, with sixteen other Marin County schools, who have joined the *Zero Waste Marin Schools Program*. Since joining the program, our students, teachers, staff, and administration have made a strong commitment to diverting and reducing our waste stream both inside and outside our classrooms. Our school's Green Team has been instrumental in helping us all learn how to become better stewards of the Earth by composting and recycling.

We invite our parents to volunteer on this special day and see how we are making every effort to raise awareness to be better stewards of Planet Earth! Please sign-up to join us. We'd love your participation!

Sally Peck  
Bacich Principal

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## **Bacich Earth Day 2018** **Bacich is Celebrating Earth Day, and we need your help!**



Friday, April 20, 2018, Bacich is celebrating Earth Day, and parent help is needed to pull off the celebration. The day will include many fun activities for students to learn how our actions impact the Earth, and ways in which we can all protect our environment.

We need parent volunteers to assist with our lunchtime activities between 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. During this time we will have several booths where children will participate in an activity or game to learn about climate control, recycling, water conservation, and other environmental considerations. Please sign up to help with these booths and join your children in celebrating Earth Day 2018 at Bacich!

## Bacich Library

[Research Database for Class Projects](#)  
[Online Public Access Catalog](#)

## 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](#)

Bacich Office: 415-925-2220

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



**Bacich Math  
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Website**



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**Music  
Parents  
and Kids**



**Bacich  
Library  
News**



**Art Blog**

## School Tours

Tours of Bacich are available for Kentfield and Greenbrae families who are new to the district with children entering TK through fourth grade. If you have any questions please contact Jan Canon at 415-925-2220 or [jcanon@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:jcanon@kentfieldschools.org).

### Tour Registration Information

**Tour Dates** - all tours will begin at 9 a.m. and last about 1 hour.

April 19, 2018

May 3, 2018

May 17, 2018\* Last tour of the year.

### **Current Fourth Grade Families**

- To start the registration process at Kent Middle School, please bring completed [proof of residency form 5111.1](#) to the Kent office.

### **Bacich Parent Events**

4/26/2018 Second Grade Concer, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bacich Community Center

5/7/2018 Bacich Site Council, 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library



**BACICH FAMILY  
MAKER  
NIGHT 04.18.18**

**MAKE + CREATE : LIGHT + SOUND**  
a FREE tinkering + discovery event for the whole family

The poster features a vibrant pink and yellow color scheme. On the right side, there is a photograph of a group of people, including children and adults, gathered around a table, engaged in a hands-on activity. The text is bold and clear, providing essential information about the event.

[Registration](#)

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

## Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

Last week's Open House was incredible! It was truly wonderful to see everyone on campus beaming with pride at the amazing work that was on display. While we still have almost a full trimester left of school, including CAASPP testing, the track meets and other end of year projects, this annual celebration was bittersweet for me.

I am looking forward to retirement, but I will miss this yearly celebration of our Falcons. The WEB leaders also did an awesome job selling baked goods to raise money for *Pennies for Patients*. A big thank you to all who donated goods to sell and those who bought!

Today, Redwood's Peer Resource group came back to meet with our eighth graders as a follow up to their *Teens in Transition* time together. It is wonderful to have this connection with our local high school and to see so many former Kent grads as members of the Peer Resource team. We hope many of our current eighth graders will follow in their footsteps next year.

Finally, tomorrow our fifth graders will participate in their annual Colonial Day while our sixth-eighth graders will see a documentary on the Japanese internment camps called *They Came For Us*. Following the documentary, we will hear from [Chizu Omori](#). We are so grateful for the opportunity to provide these wonderful, enriching experiences to our students.

We hope you all have a restful, relaxing Spring Break with family and friends, so you can return to Kent ready to finish the year with gusto!

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

Kent Office: 415-458-5970

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



@kentmiddleschoollibrary



Find out more here about Being Adept, Kent's age-appropriate drug and alcohol abuse prevention program. Read the parent letter about the program and the information handed out at the parent meeting.

Kent Counselors

Corey Shaw  
Tuesday-Friday  
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415-482-9852

Heidi Longo  
Monday-Thursday  
[hlongo@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:hlongo@kentfieldschools.org)  
415-482-9851

## Kent Parent Events

5/1/2018     Kent Site Council, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## Kent Registration - Incoming 5th Graders

To start the registration process for fifth grade at Kent Middle School, please bring completed proof of residency form 5111.1 to the Kent office.

## Kent Community Service

For the past few weeks, the Falcons have been participating in "Walk the Squawk," activities organized by the Kent Eco-Action club to encourage eco-friendly methods of transportation to school. Congratulations to all our Falcons who walked the squawk" and made this activity a success! The following students won prizes in today's raffle.

1st Place/ Camelback: Mo Jacoby  
2nd Place/ Water bottle: Elliot Song  
3rd Place/ Water bottle: Daniel Denis  
and 4 students won a \$5 gift card to Mag's Local Yogurt Shop:  
Liam Noland, Ellie Kemos, Ethan Werner, Oliver Mangat

## Kent Athletics

**Attention:** Please return clean jerseys to Mr. Palmer in room 30 during recess or lunch. Failure to do so will result in loss of yearbook privileges. Thank you to those that already have done so!

### Mark your calendars!

Donut Day fundraisers for the Eighth Grade Graduation will be held on Tuesday, April 24 and May 22, 2018.

**Save the date:** 8th Grade Moms Party on May 9, 2018. Evite to follow.

We need volunteers for the donut days and raffle ticket sales. [Sign up here.](#)

#### Graduation Raffle Fundraiser



Interested in donating a prize for the eighth grade graduation raffle fundraiser?

We are looking for gifts appealing to parents and/or kids and would especially love a donated iPhone X.

Contact Holly Welch [holly@hollyinmarin.com](mailto:holly@hollyinmarin.com) or Megan Williams at [megpwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:megpwilliams@gmail.com). Thank you!



Get Reminders and News about Graduation - Follow us on Instagram [@kentgrad2018](#)

## Kentfield Kudos

***Marin Independent Journal***  
marinij.com



# Kentfield school launches public art project



From left, fourth-graders Adriana De Leon Medina, Jasmine Garcia and Max Jimenez meet with artist Rafael López, art teacher Barbara Libby-Steinmann and fourth-grader Ted Miller to discuss ideas for Bacich Elementary School's art project. The project will soon decorate the fence bordering Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. (Photo by Mary Enbom)

By [Mary Enbom](#), *Marin Independent Journal*

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UPDATED: 1 WEEK AGO

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## 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.

**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

**30th Annual Auction**  
Presented by **kik**



**May 12, 2018**  
auction • dinner • dancing

**JOIN US AT**  
MARIN COUNTY CIVIC CENTER 5:30-11PM

Musical Guests **The Cheeseballs**

**kikschools.org**

**HOST BAR**

BENEFITING KENTFIELD SCHOOLS

**THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT!**

**ONLINE RSVP REQUIRED BY APRIL 30TH**

[kikschools.org](http://kikschools.org)

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE**

Must bring cell phone to bid  
Credit Card required at check-in

Individual Ticket \$165  
No Reserve Seating

**10 Person Reserved Table \$2,200**  
Reserved Seating for 10 • Premium Wine

**12 Person Reserved Table \$2,500**  
Reserved Seating for 12 • Premium Wine

FOR MORE INFO (415) 458-5140 OR VISIT [KIKSCHOOLS.ORG](http://KIKSCHOOLS.ORG)

**Online Auction goes live one week prior to event**

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## I ♥ the 80s! Sponsorship Benefits



**2017-2018  
Annual Giving  
Thank You**



## 2017-2018 Business Directory Yellow Pages

**Discover 3 ways to support Kentfield Schools that will cost you nothing!**



A promotional graphic for 'BACICH FAMILY MAKER NIGHT 04.18.18'. The text is in white and yellow on a pink background. To the right is a photo of people at a table. Below the photo, on a blue background, is the text 'MAKE + CREATE : LIGHT + SOUND' and 'a FREE tinkering + discovery event for the whole family'.

[Registration](#)

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Make it a great night and buy dinner at our on-site vendors:  
Pig in a Pickle and El Paisa Tacos.

## **KSPTA Monthly Meeting**

Monday, April 23, 2018  
8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Bacich

[More Information](#)



**Don't forget:  
Join the Good Eggs School Fundraiser!**

Earn 10% back for Bacich  
every time you shop on Good Eggs during March and April.

Pssst! Never tried Good Eggs? You'll get \$15 off your order when you  
join, plus our school is eligible for bonuses when new families get  
a Good Eggs order!

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How do I join?

Step 1 Visit [schools.goodeggs.com](http://schools.goodeggs.com).

Step 2 Enter the code BACICH

Step 3 Place an order and 10% goes back!

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Good Eggs is the unbelievably simple way to feed your family well, all week long. Absurdly fresh groceries + easy weeknight dinners, delivered to your door the same day you order.



**Save the Date For Our Bloom Event!**

Thursday, May 3, 2018  
7-9 p.m.

Find us on 

## Community Announcements

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

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### **Marine Mammal Center Volunteer Opportunity for Older Children from Geoff Chin**

There is a need at The Marine Mammal Center for "fish kitchen" volunteers. High schoolers aged 15-17 are welcome if an adult comes too. Shifts are four hours and run daily for the next several months of high season.

There are more than 70 seals and sea lions at the center right now. Mostly they are elephant seal pups, but soon numerous harbor seal pups will be arriving too. The pups are fed "fish milk shakes" three times a day which requires a significant amount of prep. Volunteers will be doing kitchen duties away from the animal patients, getting good and stinky, and providing a priceless service. And maybe you'll bump into Mr. Chin who is training to be a docent there.

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### **23 Elephants Theatre**

A non-profit Theatre and Dance Conservatory

*School of Rock* opens 4/20/2018  
*Shrek Jr.* opens 5/18/2018

[www.23elephants.org](http://www.23elephants.org)

[Read Flyer](#)



## Warriors Basketball Camp

Spring Break and Summer Session

[Read Flyer](#)



## Southern Marin Football and Cheer

2018 Registration now open. Financial assistance available.

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



MARIN COUNTY  
OFFICE OF EDUCATION

## Parent Ed:

### Natural Highs: Supporting Teens Making Healthy Choices

April 23 or 26, 2018

Free event, registration required, and space is limited.

[Read Flyer](#)

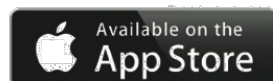
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[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

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