

# Weekly Newsletter

**February 8, 2018**

*\* This is a long newsletter - you may need to click "view entire message" to read all of it. \**

**Bacich  
News**

**Kent  
News**

District Office: 415-458-5130

Bacich Office: 415-925-2220

Report Bacich Absence: 415-925-2222

Kent Office: 415-458-5970

Report Kent Absence: 415-458-5972

## **Para español haga clic aquí.**

\* 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 Math Workshop for Parents, 2/9/2018 at 8:30 a.m. If you cannot attend, please [view presentation here](#).
- Kent parents - please read [Skip's message](#) about the student survey and Being Adept program.
- Lunch volunteers are needed to cover shifts during flu season - contact [Pere Wait](#) (Kent) or Kent or [Joselyn Christesen](#) (Bacich).
- Bacich Rancho Day on 2/16/2018 would like volunteers and donations - please, [sign up here](#).
- 2/19-2/20: No School - Presidents' Day Holiday

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Friday - 2/9/2018**

- Bacich Parent Workshop "How to Raise a Successful Mathematician," 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich room 34, [view presentation](#)

### **Monday - 2/12/2018**

- Seventh Grade ADEPT

### **Tuesday - 2/13/2018**

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- School Board Meeting, 5 p.m., District Office
- Kent Mathletes - Round 3, 4-6 pm, San Jose Middle School, Novato

### Wednesday - 2/14/2018

- Seventh Grade ADEPT
- 8th Grade Graduation Valentine's Fundraiser

### Thursday - 2/15/2018

- Love & Logic Parent Workshop, 6-8 p.m., Bacich Library - registered participants only

### Friday - 2/16/2018

- Rancho Day at Bacich, volunteer here
- Seventh Grade ADEPT
- 6th Grade Rosicrucian Museum

### Save The Date

- 2/19-2/20: No School - Presidents' Day Holiday
- 2/22/2018: Bacich Math Fair - interested volunteers should contact Fran Yang
- 2/25/2018:



- 2/28/2018:
  - Kindergarten Registration, 3:30-5 p.m., Bacich Community Center
  - District Safety Committee meeting, 9-10 a.m., District Office
- 5/12/2018: I ♥ the 80s! kik Spring Event

View Entire District Online Calendar

Download Board-approved 2017-18 District Calendar

\* Please note that February 2018 vacation is different than February 2017 break.\*

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



Our monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees features Educational Showcases, which are everyone's favorite part. Educational Showcases feature different aspects of our program presented by students and their teachers.

Already this year, we have learned about our Library program, the Build a Better Mousetrap project in Science, debating in Social Studies, and Language Arts projects including Perspectives essays being considered for KQED.

While I'm not saying that the rest of a Board meeting isn't thrilling, Educational Showcases are actually worth coming for, even if your own child isn't presenting. It is through the eyes and voices of our students that we experience the true value and power of what goes on in our classrooms every day.

Next Tuesday, we will learn about our Technology, Maker, and STEAM initiatives from District Innovation specialist Michael Bessonette and Kent teacher Peter Goetz and a bevy of students.

I hope to see you there.

Liz Schott  
Superintendent

## 2017-2018 District Budget

### District Budget Meetings

If you were unable to attend our recent Community Budget presentation, Superintendent Liz Schott and Chief Business Official Barbara Johnson will provide an overview of revenues and expenditures, early predictions of the governor's budget, details of parcel tax funding, and information on mandated pension increases at the following meetings:

- February 15, 2018: KTA Leadership/Executive Committee
- February 21, 2018: Classified Employees Committee
- March 5, 2018: KSPTA - *public meeting*
- March 5, 2018: Bacich Site Council - *public meeting*
- March 6, 2018: Kent Site Council - *public meeting*
- March 14, 2018: ELAC - *public meeting*
- March 15, 2018: Finance Committee - *public meeting*
- March 21, 2018: Kent Staff
- March 28, 2018: Bacich Staff
- May 2, 2018: **kik** Board meeting

\* KSD community members and families are welcome to attend any public meeting listed. Meeting times and locations will be published in the

## District Parcel Tax 2018

### **District Parcel Tax Information**

- Look for Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot: Week of February 5, 2018
- Last Day to Register to Vote in this Election: February 19, 2018
- Most recent District informational mailer
- Election Date: March 6, 2018
- Not Registered to Vote? Register here: [www.registertovote.ca.gov](http://www.registertovote.ca.gov) or call (415) 473-6456

\*Important note: This election will be conducted entirely by mail-in ballot. All registered voters in the Kentfield School District will receive a ballot in the mail, even if you normally vote at the polls. Completed ballots must be mailed back by March 6, 2018.

## District Health Information

The 2017-18 flu season is in full swing. This year's strain of flu, called Influenza A, is a particularly dangerous and severe form of the flu, and the flu vaccine is only partially effective in reducing its severity. Additionally, the medication prescribed to treat the flu is currently out of stock at many pharmacies in the area. This is due to the rapid rise of cases, which increased the demand for the medication and depleted the inventory. The medication doesn't cure the flu but it helps reduce the symptoms and prevent complications and must be started within 48 hrs of getting the flu.

So, what can you do? Health officials recommend that you get the vaccine if you haven't already done so, wash your hands frequently, especially before eating, and avoid close contact with anyone who is coughing or sneezing. Also, avoid contact with the elderly or very young if you are at all feeling sick.

We remind you that our school district policy is to keep sick children home from school until they are fever free for a full 24 hours or if they are coughing or sneezing excessively. Preventing the spread of the flu to our students and staff will be a high priority this winter, and we appreciate your assistance in keeping our community healthy.

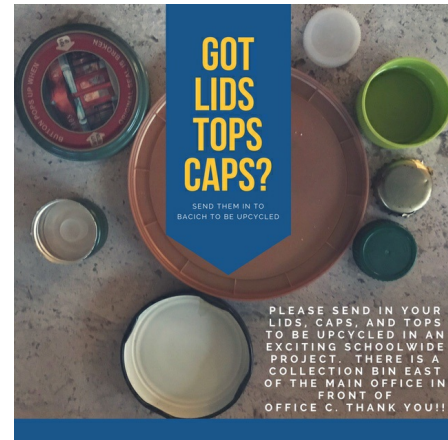
\* Marin County Health and Human Services letter to parents on the flu \*  
[English](#) and [Spanish](#)

Cammi Bell, RN, MS  
District School Nurse

## 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



## Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

Over the past several months, we have been working with our architects, the building contractor, the landscape architect and the furniture supplier to prepare for the Bacich remodel project, which will begin this summer. The result will be a magnificent new building, which will replace the outdated "round building" that you see as you drive into the big parking lot.

As we prepare for fewer classrooms for the 2018-2019 school year, we are also watching student enrollment numbers carefully. At this time, the Board does not plan to reduce staff, even though we are planning for five classes per grade level. Our outstanding staff will continue to work with our students to deliver a top-notch program, and that means that the ratio of students to adults will remain the same or better depending on our Kindergarten enrollment. At this point, we anticipate enrollment for 2018-2019 to be similar to the number of students we currently have in grades 2, 3 and 4.

As we move into the next five months of the school year and a count down to our remodel, I realize that our families may have questions about the process and the logistics of running a school during construction. Additionally, parents may have questions about classroom configurations, parking, school safety and more.

There are many questions that cannot be answered quite yet, but with time we will know the answers and put the pieces in place. I will keep our families apprised of our decisions as plans take hold. In the meantime, I invite you to email me questions as they come to you. I promise to respond via email or with a phone call.

This is a very exciting time at Bacich. I look forward to keeping you informed of new and accurate information as it becomes available.

Sally Peck  
Bacich Principal

# Bacich Library

[Research Database for Class Projects](#)  
[Marin County Pathfinder Resource Guide for 3rd Grade Project](#)  
[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  
Matters Blog**



**P.E.**



**Music  
Parents  
and Kids**



**Bacich  
Library  
News**



**Art Blog**

## Kindergarten Registration

February 28, 2018  
Bacich Community Center  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Krista Geissberger in the Bacich  
Office for more information.  
[kgeissberger@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:kgeissberger@kentfieldschools.org)  
415-925-2220

## 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.

March 22, 2018

April 19, 2018

May 3, 2018

May 17, 2018

May 31, 2018

## Bacich Parent Events

February 9, 2018: Bacich Parent Workshop "How to Raise a Successful Mathematician", 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bacich Room 34, [view](#)



# How to Raise a Successful Mathematician

Bacich Elementary Parent Ed  
February 9, 2018

February 22, 2018 Bacich Mathematics Fair, 6-7:30 p.m., Bacich Community Center

February 28, 2018 Kindergarten Registration, 3:30-5 p.m., Bacich Community Center



## Fourth Grade Families: Rancho Day

February 16, 2018

We need your help to make our annual Rancho Day a super fun and exciting event for our kids!

There are lots of opportunities to help - please sign up for more than one volunteer slot/activity if you are able to do so. [Click here to sign up.](#)

Thank you in advance for your support,

The 4th Grade Rancho Day Team

**JOIN US for the  
2018 WINTER BACICH FAMILY  
MATH NIGHT|  
February 22nd, 6-7:30pm**

Join us at the Bacich Math Fair, brought to us by the California Math Council. This year we will focus on math practices involving geometry concepts. We are looking for **volunteers** to have fun with the students at the Math Fair

**during the school day on February 22nd** (no experience necessary). Please email Fran Yang at [fyang@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:fyang@kentfieldschools.org) with one or more of the following time slots you're available:

8:10am-9:45am

10:10am-12:30pm

1:25pm-2:15pm

Thanks so much!



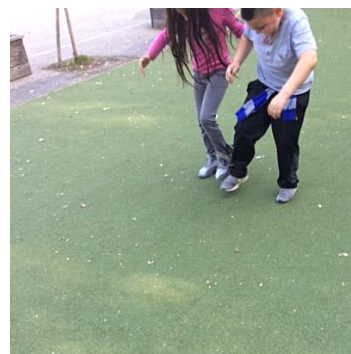
## Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

What a week of beautiful weather! The sun was shining, the kids were smiling, and it seemed like everyone's spirits were high. While we know more rain may be on the way, this was a perfect week to soak up the beautiful Kentfield weather.

At Kent we work with the whole child. To that end, we do a number of community service events and yesterday several of our kids went back to Laurel Dell to continue the community connection we have established with this school. Our Falcons guided their younger students through various Valentine's Day crafts as well as outdoor three-legged races. It is such a wonderful feeling to be a part of the ripple effect of kindness!



Last week, our counselors and P.E. teachers provided our 8th graders with the program, "Signs of Suicide." Based on information we gathered from our SOS lesson and growing concerns by students regarding stress, we are going to be giving students the attached "Student Stress Management Survey" during Advisory next Tuesday to determine students' concern over homework, school, and outside influences. In a future newsletter, I will share some of the outcomes. Please take a look at the survey and if you do not want your child participating, please email me ([skniesche@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:skniesche@kentfieldschools.org)) by Monday, February 12, 2018, so that we can make other arrangements for your child.

On Tuesday evening, Jennifer Grellman spoke to a somewhat small group of parents about the upcoming ADEPT program for our students. ADEPT stands for "Alcohol and Drug Education and Prevention Tools." I have attached a



page showing the dates of the student sessions along with a synopsis of the Being Adept lessons. It might be helpful if you have a conversation with your child when they come home from one of the days' lessons. Keeping the lines of communication open with your child goes a long way to keeping them drug and alcohol free.

In the spirit of student safety and our concern for their welfare, we had Sheriff Officer Josie Sanguinetti speak to our 7th graders yesterday about the hazards of "vaping." It has become very prevalent with younger people in the last few years and her comments to the 7th graders were well received. We also spoke about the consequences of vaping on campus or bringing paraphernalia to school. We reminded students that doing either would result in an automatic suspension. Next Wednesday, Officer Sanguinetti will return to speak to our 8th graders.

In all of these topics, I encourage you to sit down with your child and have open conversations. As always, Kent administration, our school nurse, and our counseling staff are willing to speak with you or your child regarding their health and safety.

Skip Kniesche  
Principal

## Kent Library



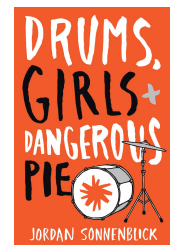
Do you like to write? Do you want to know about interviewing people and writing for a magazine? If so, come sign up for an information session put on by FastForward Magazine's Winifred Macleod. The session will be held in the library on Tuesday, February 13 during lunch. Winifred will talk about how you can apply for their summer intern program in New York, how you can get a scholarship, and lunch will be provided.

Please sign up by the end of the day on Monday, February 12 in the library. See Ms. Jelen for more details!



### Book Club

This month the fifth and sixth grade book is *The Greenglass House*, by Kate Milford and for 7th and 8th graders, we have *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick.



- Our meeting and discussion will be on March 1st during lunch in the library.



### Seeking Donations

Do you have any Magnatiles around your house that your children no longer play with? If so, you can donate them to the library for a second life!



How about Legos? We will take those too!!  
Thank you!



## 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



**Being Adept**, an age appropriate drug and alcohol abuse prevention [curriculum program](#), [parent letter](#), and [information delivered during the parent meeting](#).

[Kent Student Stress Management Survey](#)

Kent Counselors

Corey Shaw  
Tuesday-Friday  
[cshaw@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:cshaw@kentfieldschools.org)  
415-482-9852

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

[\*\*YearbookOrderCenter.com\*\*](http://YearbookOrderCenter.com)

**1.866.287.3096** 

**School code: 7587**

## Kent Graduation

Kent is offering a Valentine's Day sale on February 14, 2018 during recess to help raise money for the 8th grade graduation activities. Everything will cost \$2.00.



Please remind your child to bring money to buy the baked goods. If you are interested in donating baked goods for this event, [sign up here](#).

### **Graduation Raffle Fundraiser**

Interested in donating a prize for the 8th 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!



## Kent Athletics



### 2018 Game Schedules

6th Grade Boys & Girls

7th Grade Boys & Girls

8th Grade Boys & Girls



### Attention 5th-8th graders who signed up for golf!

Tryout Rounds Scheduled at McInnis Golf Course

February 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

February 21, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

February 25, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Please look for an email soon with details of what to bring and other important information. All who signed up are expected to respond to the email and attend two of the three rounds to determine if they make the team.

Go Falcons, Mr. Palmer

## Kentfield Kudos

### Kent Grad Gives Back

Last Friday, Kent graduate Brendan Wright took time from his busy schedule as a Redwood High senior to speak to his younger brother Owen's Service Innovation class at Kent Middle School.

Each Service Innovation class produces, manages, and operates a much-loved Community Kitchen dinner that fundraises money for causes voted on by the class. Owen requested that his class donate proceeds from the Community Kitchen dinner to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Owen is passionate about supporting diabetes education and research because his older brother Brendan was diagnosed with diabetes while an 8th grader at Kent.

Brendan visited his brother's class to complete the circle of service by talking with the students about diabetes, his challenges, and the importance of funding diabetes research. Brendan impressed the crowd with his eloquence, openness, and knowledge. The class was blown away by his talk and the experience made them even more passionate about raising money to this vital cause.



Kudos to Brendan Wright for doing amazing work in his young life. It truly makes us proud to see Kent graduates soar and keep a strong connection with their middle school.



Mark your calendars! The next Community Kitchen Dinner, where you "pay what you wish," will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Kent MP room. Bring the whole family to support a worthy cause!



## 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.



## Support Kentfield Schools



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



**SAVE THE DATE for this year's auction!  
Saturday May 12, 2018**

**KIK PRESENTS I ♥ THE 80s**

**Bid, dine, dance and raise money for our school!**

**How can I support the auction and help you?**

- If you or someone you know would like to promote their business, become a sponsor for the auction (sponsorship form on back)
- Donate an item from the following wish list

If you can help please contact: Mandy Willian or Megan Hirschbein - Auction Co-Chairs  
mandy.willian@gmail.com and mchirschbein@gmail.com

**Live and Silent Auction Wish List**

**Hotel & Vacation Homes:**

- Beach and ski resorts, Europe, Mexico, etc.

**Fun Experiences:**

- Sporting events tickets
- Tickets to a talk show
- Backstage passes to a concert
- Winery tastings

**Wine:**

- Rare wines, flights, magnums

**Golf Outings:**

- Members-only clubs, destinations

**National retail gift cards:**

- Nordstrom, Restoration Hardware, Apple, etc.

**Thank you!**

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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!**



**Be A School Lunch Hero And Save The Day!**



The colds, flus, and viruses circulating in our school community are hitting our amazing lunch crew hard. We need healthy lunch servers to serve our healthy lunches.

Please contact Pere Wait, [pere.wait@gmail.com](mailto:pere.wait@gmail.com), at Kent or Josclynn Christesen, [jschristesn15@gmail.com](mailto:jschristesn15@gmail.com), at Bacich if you can help fill in for a lunch shift or two over the next few months.



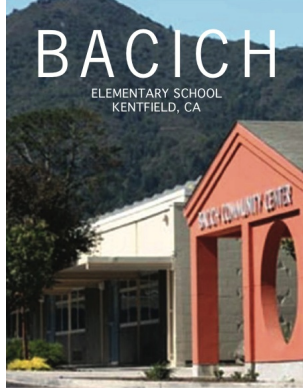
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**CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**  
 Sunday, February 25, 1:00-3:00 pm  
 Bacich Community Center

Help us ring in the Year of the Dog with a traditional Chinese Lion Dancing performance and a dim sum/chow mein lunch. One meal is included with your ticket, additional meal tickets can be purchased at the event.

**> Buy Tickets**

- We are looking for volunteers to help us with the Chinese New Year celebration. Please [sign up here](#) if you would like to be a part of this wonderful event.



are now available to order.

[Click here](#) to make sure this school year is not forgotten.

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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The parent volunteers of Dedication to Special Education announce the kick-off of our 13th Annual Toyota Prius Raffle.

Dedication to Special Education provides needed supports to special education students in classrooms throughout Marin's public schools.

Look for our volunteers every weekend through February 11, 2018 at shopping centers and farmers markets around town selling chances to win. Call Kathleen O'Brien at (415) 577-1062 for more information or to purchase tickets. Go to [specialied.org](http://specialied.org) for more details

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### Winter Book Club Meetings

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

[Read Flyer](#)

### Free Self Defense Classes

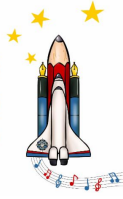
Grades 8-12

Registration Required.

[Find workshop dates and information on this flyer.](#)

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MISTER LEMUR'S  
**ADVENTURES  
IN WRITING  
CAMP**



# Adventures in Writing Summer Camp

Grades 1-8

Authors, teachers, and musicians are teaming up to help students fall in love with writing this summer!

[Read Flyer](#)

## Quick Links

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