

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, December 7, 2017

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**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.

News You Need

- Lost and Found items to be donated 12/8/2017
- Kent Book Drive and Toy Drive end 12/12/2017
- School Board meeting on 12/12 starts at 4 p.m.
- Winter Break: 12/22/2017 - 1/5/2018
- Thank you from the KSPTA for making the Craft and Book Fairs a huge success and being a part of something good.

Upcoming Events

Friday - 12/8/2017

- Lost and Found Donated

Tuesday - 12/12/2017

- School Board meeting, **4 p.m.**, District Office (***note different time***)
- Kent Laurel Dell Book Drive and Toy Drive deadline

Thursday - 12/14/2017

- Cocoa for Carpools at Kent, 8:15-8:30 a.m
- Finance Committee meeting, 3:45-4:45 p.m., District Office
- Fourth Grade Winter Voices Concert, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bacich Community

Save the Date

- 12/21:
 - Holiday Go Green Day at Bacich, 7:45 - 8:30 a.m., scroll to Safe Routes section for more information
 - Kent Candy Court
 - Noon dismissal for Winter break
- 1/8/18: School Resumes

[View Entire District Calendar](#)

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

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

Superintendent's Update



At the School Board meeting on Tuesday, December 12th, I will be presenting [this recommendation](#) to the Trustees regarding how to address the space issue at Bacich School during its upcoming construction and remodel. The Board will hear my recommendation at approximately 4:30 p.m., after which the Board will discuss and take input from the public. Later in the meeting, the Board will vote on whether or not to accept my recommendation. I appreciate our community's participation in finding the best solution for Bacich students to address this challenge.

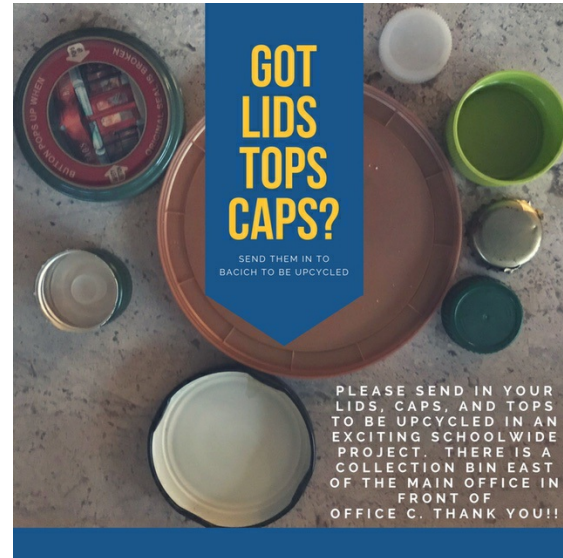
I continue to [collect input on the form](#) asking you to list your desired characteristics of the next Kent Principal. Also, if you would like to be considered to participate in screening applications and interviewing candidates, a commitment of approximately three days in February and/or March, please [email me](#) and describe your interest in being involved in this process. Please take advantage of these opportunities to be involved in selecting Kent's next Principal.

Liz Schott
Superintendent

District Resources

- [2017-2018 LCAP](#)
- [Board Meeting Information and Agendas](#)
- [Emergency Safety Procedures for Parents](#)
- [Parenting Series: Addressing Racism](#)
- [No Bully! Ten Ways To Bully-Proof Your Child](#)
- [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,

One of the most important school related factors that influence our students' achievement and love of school is an inspiring and an informed teacher. Putting it simply; great teachers help create great students.

Just as professionals in medicine, architecture, and law have opportunities to learn through examining case studies, learning best practices and participating in collaborative professional development, teachers need time to grow, stay current and improve their craft.

Our Wednesday Minimum Days provide an opportunity for inspiration and information sharing. Additionally, teachers attend professional conferences and workshops, and we invite outside experts into our meetings and our classrooms.

This week, our new teachers traveled to the East Bay to attend a [Reading Workshop](#) training to learn to how to explicitly teach the strategies and support the habits of proficient readers. Next Wednesday afternoon, the Bacich teachers will be digging deeper into Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) at their individual grade levels and continuing to explore the Science and Engineering Practices. Bacich Science and Math Coach, Fran Yang and Christina Lunde, the lead science project consultant from Marin County Office of Education, will lead this professional development training.

An emphasis on professional development is one of the hallmarks of our District. Even during lean times of the past, the Kentfield School District was committed to ongoing growth opportunities for our teachers and staff members.

At Bacich, we recognize the importance of being the best that we can be, and we know that continuing to learn from professionals within and outside our ranks is essential to this process.

Interested in learning more about Reading Workshop at Bacich?

[Click here](#) to view the presentation made for parents to better understand this component of our Language Arts curriculum.



Many thanks to all those who have helped with Car Line to begin the school year. We have had so many families step in and assist when needed with Car Line.

Please remember the following:

Please obtain a fob from the District Office to walk through the locked gates in the McAllister Parking Lot. Please do not walk through the McAllister Parking Lot as it is unsafe. Use the sidewalk.

Please make sure your children are buckled and not standing up in the car while driving in the parking lot. This is very dangerous!

Please note that children younger than 11 years old are recommended to sit in the backseat of the car for their own safety.

Please remember when coming on campus to sign in and out of the office, so that in case of an emergency we know who is here at school.

Thanks to all for your support and flexibility each day.

Happy Holidays to all!

Katie Ward
Director of Student Success and Parent Engagement

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](#)

Bacich Office: 415-925-2220

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



Bacich Parent Events

12/14 Fourth Grade Winter Voices Concert, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bacich Community Center

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
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.

Tour Registration Information

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

December 14, 2017	January 11, 2018	February 8, 2018
	January 25, 2018	February 22, 2018
March 8, 2018		May 3, 2018
March 22, 2018	April 19, 2018	May 17, 2018
		May 31, 2018

School Portraits

There is still time to order prints and digital files of your child's school portrait! Online print orders will be received within just a few days of order placement and digital orders may be downloaded immediately!

Prices increase January 1, 2018.

[More Information](#)

Bacich Library

[Research Database for Class Projects](#)
[Marin County Pathfinder Resource Guide for 3rd Grade Project](#)
[Online Public Access Catalog](#)



Dear Kent Families,

Hard to believe that it's already December and the start of our second trimester. There are so many activities planned for this month.

Ms. Jelen is once again organizing several wonderful holiday drives which focus on our partnership with several schools. We are holding a book drive for the students at our partner school, Laurel Dell. You can [sign up with this link](#) to spread some holiday cheer! We are hoping to buy a new book for all their kids. We will also be collecting new toys for the children in the Canal District in San Rafael. For more information, please see the [attached flyer](#).

Today, we held our first recognition assembly for the kids who have met or exceeded their community service goals. It was so wonderful to hear about all the ways our kids are serving their community and building a better world. Scroll on down to the Kentfield Kudos section for a special highlight of today's program.

Finally, we are just two weeks away from the beautiful insanity that is Candy Court! Kids are signing up to be a part of the assembly and this week's festive holiday gear spirit day proved once again our kids are the best when it comes to holiday cheer! Candy Court is Thursday, December 21st, which is our last day before Winter Break. So have your Falcon start putting together their spirited outfits so we can paint the school red... and white... for this wonderful annual tradition!

Skip Kniesche
Principal

Kent Parent Resources

[Kent Back to School Information Packet](#)
[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

Kent Counselors

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Tuesday-Friday
cshaw@kentfieldschools.org
415-482-9852

Heidi Longo
Monday-Thursday
hlongo@kentfieldschools.org
415-482-9851

YearbookOrderCenter.com

1.866.287.3096 

School code: 7587



Laurel Dell Holiday Book Drive

This holiday season give the gift of reading to a student from Laurel Dell School!

Follow this [link to our sign up genius](#) for the Laurel Dell [wish list](#).
Sign up to buy a new copy of any of the books from the list.

The bonus is that you can brighten a child's holiday and give back to Kentfield Schools. You can buy books on Amazon using this link: www.smile.amazon.com (make sure that "supporting" links to "Kentfield Schools") to give back to KSD, or make your purchase locally at the Book Passage and mention Kent Middle School to donate a portion of your purchase to our school!

Your books can be brought to your language arts classroom collection box or to the Kent Library. Financial contributions will also be accepted.

Thank you for giving the gift of reading this holiday season!



Toy Drive for SRCS Family Center Toy Shop

The Family Center at Bahia Vista and San Pedro Elementary Schools is organizing its fourth annual toy drive for San Rafael City Schools children who are in the most extreme need. We hope you'll join us by donating a new, unwrapped gift for a child from 0-18 years of age.

On the evening of December 20th, the Family Center opens a Toy Shop where parents can "shop" for free gifts for their children. The children especially like sports equipment (soccer balls, basketballs, bats, mitts, jump ropes), building materials (foam or light weight blocks, Legos, Kinex, Lincoln Logs, magnetic blocks or cylinders), dress up (boys & girls - pirates, ballerinas, hats, wigs), board games (Mancala, Apples to Apples, Monopoly), and gift cards (Target, Kohl's Best Buy) for our middle and high school students. Or if you prefer, you can provide a gift card and we can shop for you. The deadline to donate gifts is December 14th.

[Read flyer for more details.](#)

Thank you for sharing the holiday season with our neighboring community!

High School registration in the Tamalpais Union High School District for the 2018-2019 school year begins in January. Most families choose to attend their school of residence, but for students who would like to transfer within the Tam district, please read the information on open enrollment at [this link](#).

All 8th-11th grade students who reside in the Tam District have the opportunity to select their school of attendance. Applications will be available on the tamdistrict.org website in March 2018, with an initial deadline of March 26, 2018. Please note that all students must first enroll at their school of residence. To register, please follow the instructions on the Tam, Drake, or Redwood school websites under "New Student Registration."

Open enrollment applies only to students who are TUHSD residents who wish to attend a district high school other than their school of residence. For instance, students who reside in Ross and want to attend Redwood do not need open enrollment transfers, but a student who lives in Ross and wants to attend Drake does need to apply for open enrollment.

If you have additional questions after reading the information on the link above, please email moleary@tamdistrict.org.

Also, please find the [attached TUHSD school calendar for 2018-2019](#).

Kentfield Kudos

Kent Students Support Sonoma County Families

Today was the Kent Middle School Community Service Assembly. Students are recognized for their contributions to making our community a better place through their commitment of time and service. Rather than focusing the assembly on their own achievements, our students decided to use the assembly as yet another opportunity to support their community.



Our students invited a special guest, Charlie Shepperd. Charlie is one of the construction workers helping to build our new Kent office building. He and his brother both lost everything in the Santa Rosa fires. Ms. Stephens' Trimester 1 Service students gifted them each with a generous Target gift card from the money they raised at their Kent Community Kitchen in November. We hope this small gesture will make a difference for their families during this difficult time.

Teens In Transition Volunteers

We'd also like to give a Kentfield Kudos to the 8th grade parents who helped with driving, assembling binders, and lunch supervision at Branson for the Teens in Transition workshops. Many thanks to Chris Michaels for being our amazing Teens in Transition parent volunteer coordinator! The days went smoothly and were a great experience for our 8th graders.

Safe Routes to School



Safe Routes to School Updates

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.

COCOA FOR
CARPOOLS*

Thursday,
December 14, 2017
8:15-8:30 a.m.

The Kent Eco-Action students will be giving hot cocoa to all carpoolers (two families sharing one car), walkers, and cyclists that morning. They also plan to be in carline giving a candy cane and card thanking carpoolers, and giving a flyer with green school transportation ideas. Read flyer.

**Holiday
Go Green!**

Thursday,
December 21, 2017
7:45 - 8:30 a.m.
Bacich Quad

The KSD Safe Routes to School Program and the Bacich Student Green Team are organizing our annual "Holiday Go Green!" event at Bacich.

All students, families, and staff are encouraged to walk, bike, or carpool to school in festive winter attire.

Woodlands Market will donate a wide assortment of pastries, muffins, fruit, and hot cocoa, and Peets Bon Air will host a donated coffee station at Bacich.

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!

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Our Kids Get a Top-Quality
Education**



**2017-2018
Annual Giving
Thank You**



2017-2018 Business Directory Yellow Pages

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



**KSPTA Grant Program
Applications Now Available**

KSPTA is pleased to announce the 9th year of the KSPTA Grant Program! KSPTA Grants provide specific funding to enhance and enrich the educational experience of Bacich and Kent students.

This year, KSPTA has budgeted \$10,000 to fund innovative educational ideas such as:

- Instructional tools (manipulative, books, STEAM equipment, software licenses)
- Special projects that support curriculum
- Publications (magazines, subscriptions - online and hard copies)
- Leadership & professional development seminars/classes for teachers
- Special assembly presentations/workshops for

students

Applications Deadline: January 8, 2018 at 5 p.m.

[More Information](#)



Did you know you don't have to be a parent or a teacher to be a member of the PTA?

PTA membership makes a great gift for grandparents, aunts, uncles, or whoever has an interest in your children having the best school experience.

[Give the gift of membership today.](#)

Parent Education

Missed our Parent Education Seminars? Not to worry, both are [online](#) and available for viewing.

Please [click here](#) to see what you missed.

Find us on 

Community Announcements



Free Kids Coding Classes

Class on December 2nd is now December 9th

December 9, 2017

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ages 8 and older.

[New Coding Class Flyer](#)



San Francisco Boys Chorus Auditions

January 9, 2018

Boys age 5-12

Six-level program offers vocal training, music appreciation and performance experience that is age specific.

[More Information](#)

Quick Links

[District Contacts](#)

[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[Student Lunch Order](#)

[Safe Routes to School](#)

[Local Funding Information](#)

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