

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday, November 9, 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

- No School - Veteran's Day 11/10.
- Bacich Minimum Day Schedule 11/14-11/17.
 - Please do not use the Bacich parking lots between 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. during conference week. [Bacich Parking Map](#).
- November 16th Finance Committee meeting rescheduled to 12/14, 3:45-4:45 p.m.
- Are your kids telling you how great our school lunches, provided by Good Earth and Stefano's Pizza have become? Don't miss out on the second trimester. Deadline to order is Sunday, 11/12 and lunch service begins on Monday, 11/13. [Click here to order today](#).

Upcoming Events

Friday - 11/10/2017

- No School - Veteran's Day

Monday - 11/13/2017

- [Book Fair](#), 12-5 p.m., Bacich Community Center

Tuesday - 11/14/2017

- [Book Fair](#), 8-10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Bacich Community Center
- Bacich Parent Teacher Conferences - [Minimum Day Schedule](#)
- Mathletes - Round 1 - San Jose Middle School in Novato, 4-6 p.m.
- [School Board](#) meeting, 5-7:30 p.m., **Kent Library**
 - Board will consider placing a Parcel Tax on the all-mail March 2018 ballot. [To read the Informational Mailer click here.](#)

Wednesday - 11/15/2017

- [Book Fair](#), 8-10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Bacich Community Center
 - Kent students may have a doughnut with purchase
- Bacich Parent Teacher Conferences - [Minimum Day Schedule](#)
- Service Innovation Dinner, 5:30-8 p.m., [view invitation](#)

Thursday - 11/16/2017

- [Book Fair](#), 8-10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Bacich Community Center
 - Taco Truck will be available for dinner during the evening.
- Bacich Parent Teacher Conferences - [Minimum Day Schedule](#)

Friday - 11/17/2017

- 8th Grade Teens in Transition at Kent, [parent letter](#)
- [Book Fair](#): 8-10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Bacich Community Center
- Bacich Parent Teacher Conferences - [Minimum Day Schedule](#)

Monday - 11/20/2017

- 8th Grade Teens in Transition at Branson, [parent letter](#)

Tuesday - 11/21/2017

- 8th Grade Teens in Transition at Branson, [parent letter](#)

11/22-24/2017: Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday - 12/1/2017

- Heritage Day - 2nd Grade

Save the Date

- 11/13-11/17
 - Book Fair at Bacich, [volunteer sign-up here](#)

Save the Date

- 12/4: KSPTA December meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Kent Library
- 12/4: [Bacich Site Council](#) meeting, Bacich Library, 3-4 p.m.
- 12/5: [Kent Site Council](#) meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 12/6: [Kent Craft Fair](#), 1-6 p.m., Bacich Community Center
- 12/7: Kent Community T-1 Assembly, 1:26-2:09 p.m.
- 12/8: Lost & Found donated

[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



Dear Kentfield Community,

On Tuesday, November 14, the School Board will be presented with a report on the upcoming construction at Bacich, which will result in the demolition of the round building, temporarily displacing 6 classrooms, 3 small offices, a small kitchen, the staff workroom, and much storage.

Some options for addressing this temporary space challenge will be offered. The Board will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer feedback. Then, staff will be given the same opportunity. Finally, the Board will ask members of the public to ask questions and offer feedback or other alternatives to the presented options.

I will then weigh all options and feedback and present a plan of action to the Board for its consideration at the December 12th Board Meeting. Pursuant to Board approval, the plan will begin to be implemented at the appropriate time.

The Board will also be voting on a resolution to place a parcel tax on the March ballot, and an accounting of last year's parcel tax expenditures will be presented.

We hope you will join us in the Kent Library starting at 5:00 p.m. for this important meeting.

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](#)
- [Video Tutorial to Set-Up Online Accounts](#)

**** November Finance Committee Meeting **
rescheduled to 12/14/2017 at 3:45-4:45 p.m.**

Marin County Supervisor Katie Rice will hold a series of community meetings over the next several months to answer questions and listen to citizens' concerns. Come join in the

conversation and share your ideas.



- November 11, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Ross Elementary School library, Lagunitas Rd, Ross 9

For more information or if you are unable to attend but would still like to talk or would like to meet one-on-one about a specific issue, please contact krice@marincounty.org or call (415) 473-7825.

Bacich Elementary School



Dear Bacich Families,

Not long ago, I received a note from a parent who inquired about our district and school nutrition policy and food guidelines. It occurred to me that many of our school families might not realize that the KSD has a Nutrition Policy in place, as established by the School Board.

Supporting healthy eating habits, promoting daily physical activity and building awareness to the importance of lifelong habits and healthy living is an important goal of the Kentfield School District.

According to KSD Board Policy (3554) food or beverage given to our students must meet the Senate Bill 12 guidelines as established by the State of California. This law establishes strict nutritional standards for lunch programs and food sold or given to students while on a school campus during school hours.

Exceptions in the Board Policy are given to a limited number of classroom parties at the discretion of the classroom teacher, as well as a limited number of school-sponsored events at the discretion of the principal. Healthy alternatives are strongly encouraged during any event. Listed on the District website is a list of healthy snacks for teachers and parents to follow when making lunches, providing snacks, and/or sending food to school.

Candy is not to be used as an instructional aid in classrooms and food used as a reward, incentive or a prize during the school day is discouraged. Food may be used as part of a celebration or culmination event such as the second grade Heritage Day or fourth grade Rancho Day or as an instructional aid such as during the Kindergarten Gingerbread Man unit.

The Kentfield School District has a Wellness Committee, which meets during the school year. Members of this committee include parents, the school nurse and school representatives. This group discusses issues related to the health and well-being of our students and stays current on nutritional standards.

We know that the food we eat has a direct impact on how well our brains function and how we feel each day. Smart foods and physical activities help our children function at their best for optimum performance during the school day.

We hope you will support us in this effort to raise healthy and happy children.

Sally Peck
Bacich Principal



Parents, please remember that parents are not to use the Bacich parking lots between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for parent-teacher conferences.

Safe Routes has provided a [great map](#) that shows the [parking spaces](#) for Bacich.

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 Math
Matters Blog**



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**Music
Parents
and Kids**



**Bacich
Library
News**



Art Blog

Bacich Parent Events

11/14-11/17 [Parent-Teacher Conferences & Minimum Days](#)

Please remember that parents are not to use the Bacich parking lots between 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

12/4 [Bacich Site Council](#) meeting, 3-4 p.m., Bacich Library

School Tours

Tours of Bacich are available for Kentfield 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 7, 2017	January 11, 2018	February 8, 2018
December 14, 2017	January 25, 2018	February 22, 2018
March 8, 2018		May 3, 2018
March 22, 2018	April 19, 2018	May 17, 2018
		May 31, 2018

Canned Food Drive



November 6-21, 2017

Bacich students will be collecting non-perishable food items to benefit the Marin Food Bank. Please help us fill the barrels you see around campus and help give everyone a happy holiday season.

Bacich Library

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

Kent Middle School



Dear Kent Families,

Somehow setting our clocks back an hour always seems to knock us off a little each year. With colder weather and darker days, we had some sleepy Falcons this week. But we are full steam ahead as we "fall" into November!

This week we held our 7th and 8th grade spelling bee. While we had fewer participants than the 5th and 6th grade contest, it was still filled with excitement! Our two 8th grade winners, Hannah Morgan and Agneya Poduval, will head to the Marin County Spelling Bee in December. Way to go, super spellers!

Yesterday brought another amazing Enterprise sales day in the mural plaza! We love watching our young entrepreneurs take an idea to fruition. The added bonus of watching their original ads run on our broadcast is just the icing on the day glow cake. A huge thanks to Mr. Goetz and Mr. Deboi for continuing to push our kids to new levels of excellence. Enterprise is a wonderful way for 7th grade students to develop a product, build it, create a website to showcase it, and then to ultimately sell it. All the proceeds go to a charity selected by the class. In years past, they have contributed upwards of \$1,000 per trimester.

Finally, we hope you all have a restful day off tomorrow as we honor our country's veterans. We are grateful to all who have served to afford us the freedoms we enjoy today.

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

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

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

Kent Parent Events

12/5 Kent Site Council meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.



Kent Community Kitchen

November 15, 2017
6:30 p.m. and doors close at 8:30 p.m.

A "pay what you want dinner" cooked and served by the Kent Middle School Service Innovation, 7th grade class. All proceeds will go to those affected by the Sonoma/Napa Fires.

[View Invitation](#)

YearbookOrderCenter.com

1.866.287.3096 

School code: 7587

Kent Library



Does your child enjoy listening to audiobooks? Do you want to motivate your child to read more? Then sign them up for Tales2Go!

Tales2Go is an audiobook program offering over 7,000 titles for kids of all ages and reading levels. There are many popular titles available. [Click here](#) to find out more and browse the full catalog.

If you are interested in an account for your child, have them see Ms. Jelen, our librarian, or email her at rjelen@kentfieldschools.org.



Laurel Dell Book Drive

Once again, Kent Middle School has partnered with Laurel Dell Elementary, located in San Rafael, for a very special holiday giving campaign. Many families in this school struggle to provide even the most basic necessities for their children and the holidays can be a challenging time.

Please join us by donating a new book for each student at Laurel Dell Elementary. Each Kent grade level is assigned a corresponding grade from Laurel Dell. Please see the [attached list for book suggestions](#) for each grade level. Donations may be brought to the Kent Library by Tuesday, December 12th.

Students will be raising money through fundraisers such as bake sales to purchase books and we also encourage you to buy one and donate one at the [KSPTA Book Fair](#) the week of November 13th.

Thank you for helping to make someone's holiday season brighter by giving the gift of reading!

[Download Book List](#)

Kent Athletics



7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Needed

- Practices at 4:45 on Tuesdays
- Games on Wednesdays, starting in January

Please contact Ryan Palmer (rpalmer@kentfieldschools.org) if you or anyone you know is interested.

Go Falcons!

Kentfield Kudos

Not Your Average Librarians



Rebecca Jelen, Kent Librarian



Susan Warnick, Bacich Librarian

Forget any school librarian stereotypes you may have from your childhood. Our Kentfield librarians, Susan Warnick at Bacich and Rebecca Jelen at Kent, have broken the mold and redefined the school librarian's role within a school. Both Kentfield librarians are active educators working in a complementary and collaborative role with classroom teachers.



Language Arts: Push-Pin Poetry



Atlas Projects at Bacich

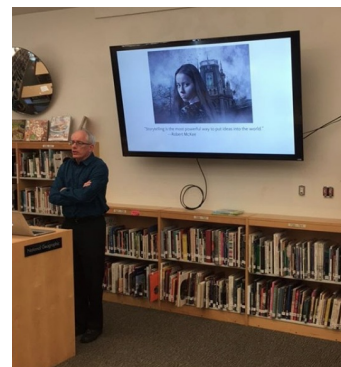
Classes visit the libraries to work on projects that integrate research and study skills into the project scope. Tools, such as searching online academic databases, and methods, such as academic note taking, are honed with the guidance of Ms. Jelen and Ms. Warnick. Working together with teachers' instructional plans, our librarians prepare subject study guides for class projects and teach students how to use the District's many research resources to delve deeper into their subject matter. Students are encouraged to be researchers!



Story "Character" Visits

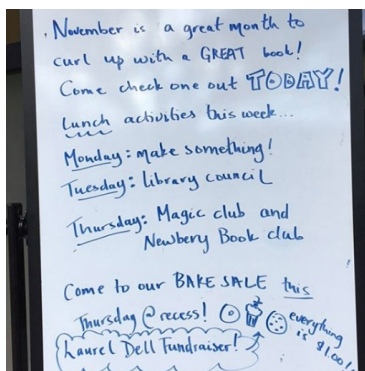


7th Grade Speed-Dating with Books



Author Visits

Our fabulous librarians have turned the libraries into campus hubs of activities. Students looking for a quiet place during lunch recess or before school are welcome to read and chat. Tabletop games and puzzles are also available for students to play with friends while they eat lunch. Each library prepares special activities and crafts for students during recess breaks. Ms. Warnick and Ms. Jelen understand that some days the library is the perfect place for children craving more one-on-one attention or needing a restful break from the hustle of activity during recess.



At the Kentfield School District, we have placed a priority on having credentialed librarians at each campus, which is not standard nor required at all schools. We are very thankful that Ms. Warnick and Ms. Jelen have gone above and beyond the duty of librarian in creating spaces that serve as halls of learning as much as a place to connect with peers.

Be sure to check Ms. Jelen's [website](#) and [Instagram page](#) and Ms. Warnick's [website](#) and [blog](#) to keep up to date on library activities at Kent and Bacich.



Bacich Library Campfire Stories

Safe Routes to School



Safe Routes to School Updates

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

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!



Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) has been completed for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (SFD) Rehabilitation project, which involves various modifications to the SFD corridor between Highway 101 and the Ross Town Limits.

We encourage you to learn about this important project and give feedback. The public review and comment period for the Draft EIR continues through Wednesday, December 6, 2017. [Click here to read the Draft EIR, learn more about the project, and how to submit your comments.](#)

Please visit [Safe Routes to School](#) for important [safety tips](#) and other information for safer and greener alternatives to get to and from school.



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Our Kids Get a Top-Quality
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**2017-2018
Annual Giving
Thank You**



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



Kentfield Schools
Book Fair
November 13-17, 2017
Bacich Community Center



**Please join us at the Kentfield School Book Fair
during the following dates and times:**

Monday, November 13:
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14:
8:00 - 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15:
8:00 - 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
* Kent students may receive
a free doughnut with purchase.

Thursday, November 16:

8:00 - 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Taco Truck available for dinner.

Friday, November 17:
8:00 - 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Volunteer at the Book Fair

We need many great volunteers to help
with the Book Fair!

Please check out the dates and times at the link below
and sign up! It's a blast!

[Please sign up here.](#)



Second Trimester Lunch Ordering is Open

Last day to order is Sunday, November 12, 2017

Second Trimester Lunch Service begins:
Monday, November 13th.

Current lunch participants will be able to login to reorder
and new accounts can be created online at the Good
Earth website [here](#).

KSPTA December Meeting

Monday, December 4th at 8:30 a.m.
Kent Library

KENTFIELD CRAFT FAIR

Calling all Crafters!

The Kentfield Craft Fair is looking for vendors.
Please visit
kspta.org/forms-documents/
to download the application.

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.



Can't Get To The Grocery Store? Running Out of Ideas for Family Dinners?

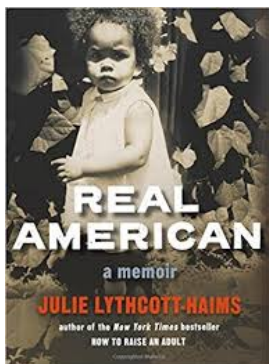
Our school will earn an additional \$300 for every 30 new
customers who try Good Eggs through this fundraiser. If
you haven't tried Good Eggs before you can have a
huge impact on the fundraiser by trying it out and
entering the school code (BACICH17
or Kent17) at www.goodeggs.com and at
checkout. First orders receive a \$25 discount with the

school code.

Buy a [Kid's Lunch Kit](#) in November and you'll get everything you need for a food science experiment designed by our pals at the Exploratorium, plus an exclusive 20% discount on an Exploratorium membership! This week you'll get the Exploratorium's "Magnetic Fruit" Science Snack, and your kit will include a rare earth magnet, a straw, and some grapes!

Find us on 

Community Announcements



Julia Lythcott-Haims

Author will talk with parents at the Ross School about her new book, *Real American*. Last spring, she led a parent education workshop on her book, *How to Raise an Adult*.

Her book will also be available at the KSPTA Book Fair next week.

November 16, 2017
8:30-8 a.m.

Ross School

[Event Flyer](#)

Legalization of Marijuana and Youth

**THE COALITION
CONNECTION**

How legalization affects local youth: the adolescent brain, the perception of harm, protective factors.

November 28, 2017
6:30-8 p.m.

Drake's Little Theater
1327 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo

[Event Flyer](#)

 **MARIN COUNTY
FREE LIBRARY**

Free Kids Coding Classes

December 2, 2017

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ages 8 and older.

[More Information](#)

4th and 5th Grade Book Club

Sign up and reserve a copy of the book to prepare the November club meeting.

[Book Club Flyer](#)

Quick Links

[District Contacts](#)

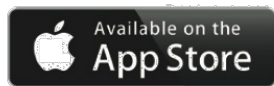
[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

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