

ELL & ELAC Program

Kentfield School District
Bacich Elementary School

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In 2009, there was a significant increase in the English Language Learner population in the Kentfield School District. Kentfield went from serving about 20 ELL students at Bacich Elementary to 60 - nearly 10% of the school's population! In response to the growth, Kentfield's ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee) program was established. The program makes a significant difference in the lives of young students and their families.



The ELL and ELAC programs support families in many ways. The ELL program features *Book in a Bag* - an on loan 10 books in bag program used by Bacich EL students. Through this program students are encouraged and inspired to bring literacy into their homes each evening by reading books from school. In addition, *You're the Boss!* is a clever and engaging program that invites English Learners to take home a briefcase containing a variety of writing tools and engaging materials to encourage writing at home. Kindergarten and First grade



ELs may access Bacich's ELD DVD lending library and books on tape to support students learning letters, sounds and beginning reading skills, which is so critical to reading success. ELAC events for EL families have featured: informational parent education, tips for home learning, Family Game Night and most recently Family Literacy Night.

The Bacich English Language Development program and ELAC provides families with a place to call "home" and an important way to share their voices in the education of their children.



ELAC: Family Literacy Night *February 2015*
Based on a shared reading experience, students and parents explored activities in Science, Maker, Common Core Math, presentation skills and writing!