



California Kindergarten Association E-News

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California Kindergarten Conference

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- Common Core State Standards lesson plans
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Thanks! We want to express our appreciation to the over 400 attendees and participantss, as well as our wonderful presenters, who helped make the 29th Annual California Kindergarten Conference a wonderful and successful experience!!

30th Annual California Kindergarten Conference Keynoters!

We are excited to announce for our 30th Annual California Kindergarten Conference in January 2012 we have not one, but TWO fabulous keynote speakers lined up! On Saturday morning **Ronald Mah** will deliver our keynote address. An educator, author, licensed marriage and family therapist and outstanding presenter, he has worked in ECE for 16 years. His presentations focus on children's social and emotional challenges in the classroom. On Sunday morning, **Dr. Jean Feldman** will deliver our keynote address. It has been several years since Dr. Jean has been at CKC, and we know she is guaranteed to re-inspire us with new songs, stories and ideas.

Stay tuned for more details, but we already know this is a conference you won't want to miss!

We Appreciate Our Sponsors...



Wanted — CKA Board Members!

We are in need of members for the Board of Directors of CKA with terms to begin January 2012. The deadline for applications is May 15. If you have ever considered giving your energies to CKA, contact us at cka@ckanet.org to receive a "Declaration of Candidacy".

CKA on Facebook!

Have a comment? Want to chat about kindergarten issues? Wondering what we've been up to? Come join us on Facebook and connect with other CKA

2011 Young Children's Art Exhibit Contributors

The Visual Arts Committee appreciates and celebrates the beautiful and unique pieces of art work that were on display at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara during the 29th Annual California Kindergarten Conference. Our sincere thanks to the following teachers and their talented students.



ABC Unified/Burbank — **Elizabeth Caballero, Arianne Keester & Deborah MacInnie**

Antioch Unified/MNO Grant— **Katherine Kelley & Alicia Solano Orchard Park — Delfina Calderon & Beth Neal**

Archdiocese of Oakland/All Saints — **Lucille Rivera St. David's — Carol Seuferer**

Archdiocese of San Francisco/Good Shepherd — **Carla Farren Belmont Redwood Shores/Nesbit—Marey Richins**

Capistrano Unified/Bathgate — **Debra Weller**

Foothill Ranch Unified/Foothill Ranch — **Illeana Tavares**

Gilroy Unified/Antonio del Bono – **Andrea Federspiel**

Moreland Unified/Easterbrook Discovery – **Janice Gorman**

Mt. Diablo Unified/Strandwood — **Kathy Hoffman, Danielle Holt & Sharon Kurk**

Newell Unified/Peachland Ave.— **Palma Lindsey**

Placer Hills Unified/Sierra Hills — **Kathy Sindel & Cindy Tuisku**

Plumas Lake Unified/Rio del Oro — **Allyson Hallback**

Portland Public Schools/Sabin—**Emily Foster & Christopher Lamp**

Redwood Shores Unified/Nesbit School—**Mary Richins**

South San Francisco Unified/Martin—**Laura Darcy & Susie Krieger Skyline—Kristi Yee**

Stratford Schools/Sunnyvale Campus—**Yogita Bhatkhande, Palak Chauhan, Angie Hollingshead, Nanik Kurniawati, Leslie Morales, Rhonda Moulden, Grace Nguyen, Pam Reuswsaat, Nicole Reyes & Sara Rostini**

West Contra Costa Unified/Dover School—**Nadia Soto**

Downer—**Sylvia Alarcon, Stephanie Figula & Sylvia Trillia**

Fairmont—**Bonnie Janora**

King—**Ann Krause**

Lincoln—**Alesa Arbuckle**

Marie Murphy—**Linda Becker & Kimberly Stewart**

Valley View—**Rochelle Houska & Lisa Maloney**

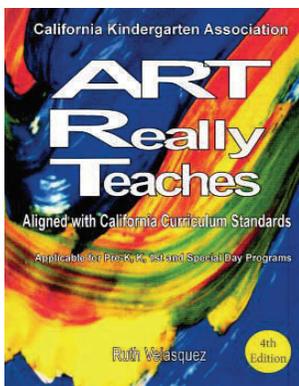
Washington—**Patricia Gangwer**

Wilson—**Julie Nguyen**



To submit art for next year's exhibit, [click here](#).

Art Really Teaches 4th Edition



The new, 140 page 4th Edition is bigger and better! The new edition includes new color photos of art projects by four-, five-, and six-year-old artists from throughout the state, tips for framing artwork, and a project title index as well as over 400 activities to help you teach the standards in Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Visual Art.

ART Really Teaches helps you teach academic standards the way children learn best—with hands-on art projects. It's a must for Kindergarten teachers. The cost is \$35 plus shipping/handling. To order yours today and put it to use in your classroom, please contact the CKA office at cka@ckanet.org or 916-780-5331.

Common Core State Standards

What's that I hear? New standards? Yes, the State Board of Education adopted Common Core State Standards for K-12 students in language arts and mathematics to replace the California Academic Standards in those subject areas.

Each month CKA will select a standard in both subject areas and offer activities, lesson plans and/or resources to help kindergarten teachers meet these new standards. Go to the CKA website, "Curriculum" tab, for more info. Want to help? CKA posts the next month's standards and welcomes your teaching ideas. If your idea is selected you and your district will be acknowledged in our Teacher Hall of Fame!

CKA Honors Teacher Researchers

Each year the California Kindergarten Association features an early childhood educator who has contributed to the profession with thoughtful research and probing questioning. This year CKA honors two such individuals. To view their research, [click here](#).

Nancy L. Cappelloni wears many hats. She currently is a kindergarten teacher in the Reed Union School District in Tiburon (north of San Francisco). She is also an Educational Consultant for Marin County and an adjunct faculty member in the School of Education, University of San Francisco. Her dissertation topic, featured on the CKA website, is on Kindergarten Readiness. You may remember her initial research because her surveys went to CKA members. There is also a Study Guide to help professional learning communities look more deeply into her research and their own practices.

Isauro Michael Escamilla, the second Teacher Researcher, is a preschool teacher in Las Americas Child Development Center of the San Francisco USD. Mr. Escamilla was a recipient of the San Francisco State University/CKA award. He participates in the San Francisco State University Teacher Research Inquiry Group and is an Early Childhood Education Consultant. His presentation at the 2011 CKA conference— how to use the garden to develop an authentic life science curriculum for young children— demonstrated the concept of Emergent Curriculum. His Study Guide is also on the website as well as a description of the Teacher Research Initiative and a link to *Learning from Young Children in the Classroom: The Art and Science of Teacher Research* (Meier & Henderson), which is the book that teaches data collection strategies that are appropriate for classroom teachers.

We encourage you and your professional learning communities to study the research of these fine teachers and to ponder how your own teaching might be influenced.

Change of Enrollment & Transitional Kindergarten Program

Kindergarten enrollment is right around the corner. Did you know there are new age requirements starting in the 2012-13 school year and a provision for a transitional K for children displaced by the age change.

The California Kindergarten Association (CKA) developed a PowerPoint presentation that explains the key elements of the new law and guidance on appropriate curriculum, classroom schedules, and list of resources. You may use this PowerPoint for your own awareness-raising sessions in your school or district. You can access the PowerPoint at <http://ckanet.org/pdf/cka1-11.pdf>. If you have questions, please contact CKA at our email address, cka@ckanet.org.

CKA will develop guidance material, videos, resources, information for parents, and other information that will help you implement this new law. Please join as a member of CKA to help us carry on this important work. Information about membership is available at our website at www.californiakindergartenassociation.org.

For a copy of the new law go to http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_1381&sess=PREV&house=B&site=sen.