



## California Kindergarten Association

E-News

### PK1 Conference!

**Save the Date!** *The California Kindergarten Association is celebrating its 31st Annual PK1 Conference (formerly the California Kindergarten Conference)!* Once again we will feature not one, but two keynote addresses. We welcome back Peggy Campbell Rush, teacher and author of *I Teach Kindergarten* and we are excited to introduce Jim Gill, musician, author and child development specialist. The January conference will also feature a strand on Transitional Kindergarten. Bring your school or district team for planning and articulation of programs for ages 4-7. Choose from over 50 workshops by outstanding speakers and more than 40 exhibits specifically designed for kindergarten and early childhood!

PreConference Institute  
Friday, January 18th

California Kindergarten Conference  
Saturday and Sunday, January 19th and 20th

Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

*Be sure to keep an eye out for the conference brochure which will be emailed in late August!*

### Patricia Rees-Miller Award for Art Advocacy

Founding CKA Board Member, Pat Rees-Miller of Belvedere, is being recognized for her leadership in promoting arts education in early childhood classrooms throughout California and the United States To honor Pat's continuing commitment to the arts, members of the Visual Arts Committee of CKA have established the Patricia Rees-Miller Award for Art



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JOIN CKA and become part of a **network** of educators who want kindergarten to be the best it can be! This year CKA members can look forward to:

- TKP Implementation
- Common Core State Standards lesson plans
- More You Tube videos
- Development of a Members Only portal

on our website.

[Click here to join!](#)

### 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 members!

Be sure to check out our "Tuesday Teaching Tip" every week on Facebook!

Advocacy.

This perpetual award recognizes the efforts of individual and/or groups that speak out for the right of young children to grow through sustained creative experiences. The recipient of the first award is Louise Music, Executive Director of Alliance for Arts Learning Leadership. Louise is being recognized for her efforts to promote teacher competence in extending and enriching core curriculum through the arts.

### Resources...

**California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN)** - CPIN offers a series of research-based professional development sessions that meet the requirements of Component A for CARES Plus. For their Calendar of Events, [click here](#).

**Chancy and Bruce Company** - The Chancy and Bruce Co. is an early childhood assessment firm which provides a fee based developmental, cognitive and social maturation assessment for parents and preschool teachers to determine kindergarten readiness. The web site ([www.chancyandbruce.com](http://www.chancyandbruce.com)) has many valuable tools for teachers and parents including brain research, developmental readiness activities for parents to do at home and information regarding transitional kindergarten.

**Musical PE Plus** - [Here](#) is an update to the physical development and movement video that we featured in our Physical Development & Movement Curricular Theme.

**Services for Early Education and Development (SEED)** - The Orange County Department of Education program Services for Early Education and Development, (SEED) supports quality improvement for programs serving children age birth-8 and provides support programs and low-cost professional development for Orange County early childhood educators and leaders. For information on SEED workshops, [click here](#).