



## California Kindergarten Association E-News

### **31st Annual PK1 (Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st Grade) Conference!**

*The conference brochure has been posted on our website!*

[Click here](#) to view our conference website page which includes the conference brochure, online Hyatt Regency hotel reservations and online registration. Register early to take advantage of the early bird registration fee and guarantee yourself a spot in your favorite workshops! Purchase orders will be accepted.

***Last Chance for Early Bird Registration Fees!*** Save \$20 on your conference registration fees by registering by the November 1st early bird registration deadline. Registration must be postmarked by November 1st!

***Administrators Free!*** Would you like your administrator to spend some time in kindergarten? Bring them with you to the conference **free of charge with four paid registrations from the same school.** All five registrations need to be received in the same envelope. Please write "administrator" at the top of the registration form.

PreConference Institute  
Friday, January 18th

PK1 Conference  
Saturday and Sunday, January 19th & 20th

### ***TK Power!***

The [second installment of TK Power](#), featuring photos and brief comments about TK, art projects and curriculum ideas, is here! These PowerPoints are sent to us regularly by Debra Weller, TK teacher and incoming CKA Co-President.

Did you know you can help support CKA at no cost to yourself? Any time you shop on Amazon after following any link on our site (you'll find one on our home page) CKA receives a percentage of the sale and the price for the shopper remains the same. Thanks for your support and spread the word! Ready to get shopping?

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### **It's Time for CKA Awards!**

**JBAR** - The annual **Judy Brown Administrator Award** recognizes administrators who exemplify outstanding leadership and exemplary support of kindergarten educators. Judy Brown, along with a group of dedicated educators, organized the first Bay Area Kindergarten Conference. She also served as the first President of CKA. The administrator who is nominated recognizes and encourages professional development of kindergarten teachers and supports the unique needs of the kindergarten classroom. The nominator must be a current member of CKA.  
**Deadline: November 1, 2012.**

**ASTE**A - This \$500.00 award has been established to honor Audrey Sanchez's spirit, talent, leadership and dedication to CKA and Kindergarten by recognizing individual educators for achievement and excellence in early childhood education.

The nominee must believe in the philosophy of the CKA Mission Statement.  
**Deadline: November 1, 2012.**

**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!

### [Art Really Teaches](#) [4th Edition](#)

The new, 140 page 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## October in TK



To view the first PowerPoint, [click here!](#)

### *Digital Wish Opens Virtual Volunteer Site To Match Teachers with Experts*

By Dian Schaffhauser, T.H.E. Journal  
October 11, 2012

An organization that promotes the use of technology in the classroom by putting teachers who have specific requests in touch with donors who can help make those wishes come true has launched a new service to link teachers with volunteers. Non-profit [Digital Wish](#) now offers "[Virtual Volunteers](#)," an area on its Web site. The new service allows teachers to post classroom projects and ask for a virtual volunteer who can serve via video conference; it also allows volunteers to sign up, describe their various capabilities, and volunteer to help with a class project.

For example, a fourth grade teacher is seeking help with a project in which students will create a "[Glogster](#)" for a history unit of study to encompass geography, state symbols, resources, and mining.

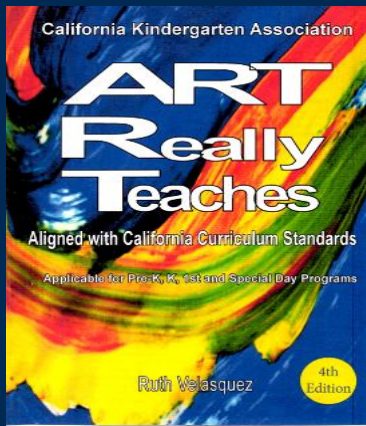
A special education teacher wants help from somebody who has music education to find opportunities where students can perform their own songs. "If they will have [the] opportunity to perform or to make a recording, they will be much more excited about it!" the teacher wrote in the volunteer post.

Another teacher is looking for a descendent of one of several South Carolina Native American tribes to share insights about their cultures.

The organization said that throughout the school year it will

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recruit for volunteers in corporations, entrepreneur networks, and scientific associations to encourage members to help educators with their class projects.

Digital Wish emails profiles of newly posted expert volunteers to teachers who are members, and volunteers will receive email newsletters that list the latest projects seeking help.

Both groups can sign up at [www.digitalwish.com](http://www.digitalwish.com).

***Kindergarten absences: Some Bay Area School Districts Are Uncovering a Hidden Problem***  
*Mercury News*

School districts have long wrestled with high school truancy. Now, some are beginning to notice how frequently some of their youngest students are staying home, falling further behind their classmates with every lesson they miss...

***Teacher-Initiated Inquiry Projects (TIIP) Grants***

UCLA Center X is sponsoring a third competition for the Teacher-Initiated Inquiry Projects (TIIP) grants. TIIP seeks to promote "teacher innovation and creativity" by providing financial support to teams of three to five teachers. Twenty-five teams from Los Angeles County will be awarded up to \$15,000 each to implement a plan for professional learning that they have designed.

The application is due Nov 28 and is awarded for 16 months. Call-in sessions for questions will be on Nov 2, 8, and 15. Go to the website ([www.uclatiip.org](http://www.uclatiip.org)) to read the project abstracts and portfolios of 47 teams that were funded in 2009 and 2010.

***Connecting Ready Kids to Ready Schools***

Join Silicon Valley superintendents and principals share

national and local examples of effective PreK-3rd strategies to prevent and close the achievement gaps. The [Silicon Valley Community Foundation](#) workshops are designed to build on concepts central to TK and the Common Core. Participants will leave the conference with practical ideas about how to achieve improved articulation, alignment and instruction in PreK-3rd grade.

Workshop will be held Thursday, November 15th at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel. [Online registration](#) available until November 9th.

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