



Call for Spring Art!

Now is the time to send in art work created by your students! These projects will be mounted and displayed at the 25th Annual Young Children's Art Exhibit at the PK1 Conference in January. All entries must have a minimum teacher involvement and *maximum* student effort. [Click here](#) for more art exhibit information and to download the required Art Information Sheet. Art work will be accepted through December 31, 2013.

Wanted - CKA Board Members!

The CKA Board of Directors will have openings in January, 2014. The **deadline for applications is May 1st**. If you have ever considered giving your energies to CKA, [click here](#) for an application.

Forum News

Here are some upcoming dates from the Kindergarten Forum:

- Friday-Sunday, April 26-28 in Placerville: Amazing Role of Mother: Her Incredible Challenges, Profound Fulfillment, and Supreme Importance! A spiritual view of mothering with Nancy Poer. Contact Jo Forkish jforkish@earthlink.net, (408)203-4699. Nancy, an inspiring octogenarian, is a treasure.
- Saturday, May 18 in San Rafael: Lifeways National Conference-Creating a Joyful Life With Children. Contact Vicki Culp, 530-448-9328, lifewaysconference@gmail.com. Wonderful workshops!
- Monday-Friday, July 8-19 at Rudolf Steiner College: Public School Institute. Contact Arline Monks, (916)961-3932. Twenty-one years of teacher renewal! Monday-Friday, July 15-July 19 at Rudolf Steiner College: Advanced Early Childhood Conference. Contact Lauren Hickman, (916)961-8727. Welcome!
- Ongoing: The Decade for Childhood for which I am an ambassador. <http://www.acei.org/programs-initiatives/the-decade-for-childhood/page-5.html>



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JOIN CKA and become part of a network of educators who want early childhood education to be the best it can be! CKA members can look forward to:

- TKP Implementation
- Common Core State Standards lesson plans
- More You Tube videos
- More offerings on our website's Members Only Portal

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Have a comment? Want to chat about early childhood issues?



Here is wonderful article about a special lady who serves as an advisor to CKA, "[Betty Peck - Living a Life of Gratitude](#)" by Anne Veh. Betty Peck shows us what it means to put one's students first

Online Community Helps Teachers Implement Common Core State Standards

The School Turnaround Learning Community (STLC) helps educators with online professional development webinars. These webinars are accessible at any time. A recent webinar on K-3 literacy is found at <http://www.schoolturnaroundsupport.org/event/webinar-early-learning-common-core-and-literacy-focus-k-3>. Educators can either register to "attend" during the webinar or access it later.

The goal of the STLC is to provide states and districts with easy online access to resources and to facilitate networking that will enable them to support schools more effectively. Both research-based practices and practical examples from states, districts, and schools inventing on-the-ground solutions are available. The purpose of the STLC is to provide one-stop access to these resources and to promote and facilitate sharing across states and districts to deepen learning over time. Each webinar includes a PPT presentation and helpful resources.

Musical PE Plus!

[Click here](#) for a newsletter from Carrie Flint, a presenter at our PK1 Conference. She does a monthly newsletter called Musical PE Plus that has tons of teaching ideas, videos, and resources for integrating physical education & movement with other subject areas. For more information you can also visit her website at www.peacefulplaygrounds.com.

ASCD Express

Especially for principals, advice from [ASCD Express](#) about how to implement Common Core State Standards. You can also visit their website at <http://www.ascd.org/Default.aspx>.

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 Tips" every week on Facebook!

Art Really Teaches (4th Edition)

Art Really Teaches includes color photos of art projects by 4, 5 and 6 year old artists, tips for framing art work, a project title index as well as over 400 activities to help you teach the standards!



The cost is \$35 plus shipping and handling. To order a copy, contact First State Publishing at (707)664-0164 or email them at firststageco@aol.com!

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