

Save the Date! Our 32nd Annual PK1 Conference (formerly the California Kindergarten Conference) will be held the weekend of **January 17 - 19, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara**. The keynote address will be given by Donna Whyte and Jill Gill will be presenting a concert *free of charge for conference registrants!* Bring your school or district team for planning and articulation of programs for ages 4-7. Choose from over 60 workshops including sessions on art, common core, technology and transitional kindergarten! Visit more than 40 exhibits specifically designed for kindergarten and early childhood and enjoy the 25th anniversary of our Young Children's Art Exhibit!

Be sure to keep an eye out for the conference brochure which will be emailed in early September!



Exhibitors 2014 The PK1 Conference Committee invites you to exhibit your educational materials. We are anticipating over 700 participants - kindergarten, preschool and early primary teachers, administrators, parents and leaders in the forefront of education today. [Click here for exhibit information.](#) Please include both the Application and Rules & Regulations form with your payment.

CKA Grants In honor of **Audrey Sanchez**, a founding board member of CKA, we offer a special \$500 award to an early childhood educator who teaches in the spirit which Audrey has inspired of talent, leadership, and dedication. CKA also awards the **Judith Brown Administrator Recognition Award** to an administrator who appreciates and encourages developmentally-appropriate early childhood education. The deadline for both awards is November 1st. [Click here](#) for more information.

First 5 California Strategic Planning Regional Workshop The California Department of Education has scheduled two regional workshops for you to provide input and help shape the development of First 5 California's next strategic plan. The first one is in Oakland on September 4 and the second one is in Los Angeles on September 16. They will be from



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New to Our Website!

We've added our latest curricular theme, Music! If you've missed our earlier curricular theme eBlasts, [click here](#) to access them.

For CKA Members, we've added another research article, [Creating Music in Kindergarten](#) by Gwendolyn McGraw. This article, and study guide questions, includes a discussion of nontraditional ways to make music with children in kindergarten.

JOIN CKA!

Become part of a network of

10:00 am to 3:00 p.m., highly participatory, and fun! See the registration form by [clicking here](#).

Wanted: Male Kindergarten Teachers! If you are a male kindergarten teacher, we would love to hear from you! We want to know what challenges do you face? Where do you go for resources on how other males handle teaching young children? Do you feel you handle teaching differently than your female colleagues? In what ways? Please [email us](#) with your responses!

SMILE! Our April Curricular Focus on science resulted in news about an additional resource with lessons for teachers on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics). [Howtosmile.org](#), the NSF-funded free-access collection of 3,400 STEM activities, based at Lawrence Hall of Science, now has 8 topic sections with curricular/standards connections, and is easily searchable by age and grade. There are many activities with children's literature connections as well. [Click here](#) to find more than 600 activities for PreK-K. Many other SMILE activities can be adapted for younger audiences as well.

SMILE was honored by the American Association of School Librarians as a 2012 Best Website for Teaching & Learning, and several SMILE activities were recently part of the White House Easter Egg Roll expanded science exploration area.

Sound interesting? Ask your principal if it's ok for you to participate and learn more at www.HealthyEating.org/JoinProjectKinder or email Trina Robertson with any questions at trinar@dairycouncilofca.org

Why Preschool Shouldn't Be Like School New research shows that teaching kids more and more, at ever-younger ages, may backfire. [This article](#) makes the case that there may be a heavy price to be paid by children when we speed up their curriculum.

News from Musical PE Plus Musical PE Plus is a great resource for movement activities linked to academic subjects -- AND they are just plain fun!! Visit the [PE Plus website](#) for more information.

Preview of Coming Events

California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN)

**Southern California Kindergarten Conference, Inc.
First Annual One Day Fall Workshop**

The Arts Really Teach: The Marion Cilker Conference for Arts in Education

**California Kindergarten Association
PreConference Institute AND 32nd Annual PK1 Conference**

**Southern California Kindergarten Conference, Inc.
27th Southern California Kindergarten Conference**

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

[Click here to join!](#)

[CKA on Facebook!](#)

Have a comment? Want to chat about early childhood 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 Tips" every week on Facebook!

**Art Really Teaches
(4th Edition)**

Present curriculum to your students using hands-on art experiences! 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!

**CAEYC/California Association for the Education of Young Children
Annual Conference & Expo**

[Click here](#) for detailed information for upcoming events.



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