

California Kindergarten Association E-News

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2015 PK1 Conference!

"Every session I attended was excellent. I am pleased with the excellent speakers. That makes it well-worth the time and money. I feel I have grown professionally by attending this conference!" - J. Hash

We are looking for Speakers for the 2015 PK1 Conference! The PK1 Conference Committee is now accepting applications to present at the conference on January 17th and 18th. **We are particularly interested in areas related to Common Core Standards, Early Language Learning and critical thinking skills.** If you are interested in applying, [click here](#) for a Call for Proposals. The deadline for submitting applications is April 20th.

"Just finished my student teaching and came to learn. I walked away with new ideas, Donna Whyte CDs and I'm excited! Thank you, I'll be back!" - A. McCracken

San Jose State University Students' Letters - Participants of the PK1 Conference realize how beneficial the conference is and what high quality professional development it offers. Two San Jose State University students share their thoughts after experiencing the conference.

[Allyson Dickison](#)
[Fabiola Valadez](#)

Professional Development Workshop Series!

The California Kindergarten Association will be presenting a series of full- and half-day professional development workshops (PDW's) in various locations throughout the state. Topics will include Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten,

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Common Core, Integrated Art and much more!

Upcoming workshops...

Carlsbad

Tomorrow, Saturday, March 29th.

On-site registration will be available.

For information on the Carlsbad PDW, please [click here](#).

Oakdale

Tuesday, June 10th

Information coming soon.

You can earn up to three graduate-level semester units by attending these workshops. Email courses4teachers@courses4teachers.net and mention you'd like credit linked to your attendance at CKA's Professional Development Workshop Series.

Stay tuned for more dates and locations.



Wanted - CKA Board Members

The CKA Board of Directors will have openings for incoming board members beginning January, 2015. The deadline for applications is May 1st. If you've ever considered giving your energy to CKA, [click here](#) for an application.

Call for Research Articles!

The Board of Directors of CKA is moving to provide its members once again with original classroom research. We hope that such research will lead to discussion, reflection and professional growth for all that read it. If you are interested in submitting a classroom research article, please email us at cka@ckanet.org. [Click here](#) for instructions on submitting an article.

Looking for Spring Art!



Calling all Pre-K, TK, K and 1st Grade Teachers! Now is the



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Art Really Teaches (4th Edition)

Present curriculum to your students using hands-on art experiences! Art Really Teaches includes color

time to send in art work created by your students. These projects will be mounted for display at the 26th Annual Young Children's Art Exhibit in January. All entries must have *minimum* teacher involvement and *maximum* student effort. [Click here](#) to download the required Art Information Sheet for each class. Certificates will be awarded to participating students and teachers.

Note: All teachers submitting their unmounted students' art work by **Friday, December 12, 2014** will have the opportunity to win a complimentary PK1 Conference registration. The more entries submitted, the greater your chance of winning. Send your art along with the Information Sheet(s) to: Mary Cain, 94 San Clemente Avenue, Salinas, CA, 93901.

Questions? Call Linda Becker, Visual Arts Committee Chair, at (510) 223-6111 or email her at lfbecker@sbcglobal.net.

Inspire My Life Retreat

Be refreshed physically, inspired mentally, and encouraged to connect with your inner self. Join us for a few hours of "me" time this Sunday, March 30th from 1-4pm! This wonderful experience is hosted by Sandy Holman, an author of many books and the director of The Culture Co-op. Sandy is a firm believer of promoting self-help and health. For more information or to RSVP for this event, call (530) 792-1334, or email us at sandy@cultureco-op.com. You are worth it and deserve to make yourself a priority!

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!



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