

California Kindergarten Association E-News

April 2014

Professional Development Workshop Series!

The California Kindergarten Association is presenting a series of full- and half-day professional development workshops (PDW's) in various locations throughout the state. Our first one was held in Carlsbad on March 29th. Topics include Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Common Core, Integrated Art and much more!

Upcoming workshops...

Oakdale

Tuesday, June 10th

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

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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.

Intentional Teacher Fair!

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Services, **open to the public** to view the work of early childhood educators. Preschool, TK and K teachers will showcase the intentional and reflective teaching strategies they use in the classroom daily. The Intentional Teacher Fair will be open on Friday, May 2; Saturday, May 3; and Monday, May 5th from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at San Mateo County Office of Education, 101 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood City, CA.

Final TK Implementation Report Released!

The American Institutes for Research (AIR) published its Implementation Report on California's Transitional Kindergarten Program for 2012-13. Click here for the [Executive Summary](#) or the [Full Report](#). Go to the CKA TK webpage for resources mentioned in the report that are needed by districts (report card examples; professional development PowerPoints on TK curriculum; catalog of instructional supplies, and others).

The findings are very encouraging. AIR found that 89 percent of districts offered TK in 2012-13 and served about 39,000 students were enrolled. Districts searched for qualified teachers paid off with 95 percent of teachers having taught preschool, kindergarten, or first grade.

TK students were combined with other grades—mostly kindergarten-- throughout the state. TK classrooms, according to teacher reports, incorporated more science, social studies, art, and music than the average kindergarten classroom. Over half of districts reported offering full-day TK classrooms (more than four hours per day).

CKA encourages TK teachers to read the AIR Report with preschool K, and first grade colleagues in order to collaborate on possible improvements to their TK programs.

AB1444 as reviewed by Helen Faul

Assembly member Shirley Nash Weber has co-authored with Joan Buchanan, Assembly Education chair, Assembly Bill 1444 to change the Education code to make kindergarten mandatory for all children.

This bill is co-sponsored by the California Teacher's Association. This bill would ensure that even if children were not able to participate in preschool or other early education programs, they would at least have the preparation that kindergarten provides before entering first grade.

Under existing law a parent could opt out of kindergarten and start that child in first grade at age six without attendance in

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kindergarten. Furthermore, since kindergarten is not mandated under present law a child can be registered for kindergarten but not required to attend. A school attendance board review team has no authority to require attendance even if enrolled.

There is an active bill (AB1444I that is presently in the assembly education committee to amend section 48010 of, and to add Section 48001 to, the Education code, relating to kindergarten.

The bill reads:

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 48001 is added to the Education Code, to read:

48001. Beginning with the ~~2015-16~~ 2016-17 school year, a child shall have completed one year of kindergarten before he or she may be admitted to the first grade.

SEC. 2. Section 48010 of the Education Code is amended to read:

48010. (a) A child shall be admitted to the first grade of an elementary school during the first month of a school year if the child has completed one year of kindergarten and will have his or her sixth birthday on or before one of the following dates:

- (1) December 2 of the 2011-12 school year.
- (2) November 1 of the 2012-13 school year.
- (3) October 1 of the 2013-14 school year.
- (4) September 1 of the 2014-15 school year and each school year thereafter.

(b) For good cause, the governing board of a school district may permit a child of proper age to be admitted to a class after the first school month of the school term.

If passed this will require all children to attend kindergarten before being admitted to first grade.

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