



California Kindergarten Association E-News

September 2014

PK1 Conference Brochure Coming Soon!

PreConference Institute - Friday, January 16th
PK1 Conference - Saturday & Sunday, January 17th & 18th
Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

Get ready! The conference brochure will be emailed in the next couple of days!!

Exhibitors 2015 - The PK1 Conference Committee invites you to exhibit your educational materials. We will be expecting approximately 1000 participants this year - kindergarten, preschool and early primary teachers, administrators, parents and leaders. **New this year, a limited number of 10' x 10' spaces!** [Click here](#) for exhibit information.

CKA Professional Development Workshop Granite Bay - November 15th!

The next in our series of professional development workshops will be taking place in Granite Bay on Saturday, November 15th. Featuring



September is Attendance Awareness Month

[Click here](#) for an announcement from Orange County about the importance of attendance, including for kindergarten children. Please forward it to administrators and teachers to share with parents.

Help support CKA at no cost to yourself!

Any time you shop on Amazon following the link on our site (you'll find one on our home page). CKA receives a percentage of the sale and the

Heidi Butkus, **Common Core Tools, Tips & Tricks for TK, K and 1st Grade** will cover everything from language arts, math, writing and more! You can also earn up to three graduate-level semester units by attending the workshop.

For more information on the Granite Bay workshop, [click here](#).

CKA and the KinderStar International School

On Aug. 14-23, CKA Board Members Debra Weller, Nancy Cappelloni, Judy Crenshaw and Kimberly De Mille were invited to KinderStar International School in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. CKA has a training partnership with KinderStar. The Board Members created lessons demonstrating project based learning and centers integrated with music, art, math, science and language arts. 100 teachers were trained in a 4 and 5 year old teacher group and a 2 and 3 year old teacher group.



The teachers and staff were very receptive to the variety of teaching methods demonstrated. They sang and danced together every day. On the final day of training, the teachers presented the play, The Three Little Pigs, and had a songfest. Hugs were shared and the Board Members were given honorary KinderStar polo shirts. The Board members were amazed by the generous hospitality of KinderStar staff and its Board of Directors. CKA is an international organization serving teachers throughout the world.

3rd Annual Transitional Kindergarten Conference!

The 3rd Annual Transitional Kindergarten Conference from Early Edge California will be held on Friday, November 7th in Sacramento. A new workshop, Science for Young Learners: Creating Engaging and Inclusive Learning Environments has been added to the line up. To learn more about this exciting event, [click here](#).

CDE's Preschools Shaping Healthy Impressions through Nutrition and Exercise (SHINE) Program

price for the shopper remains the same. Thanks for your support and spread the word!

Ready to get shopping?

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JOIN CKA!

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

[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

Registration is now open for CDE's Preschools Shaping Healthy Impressions through Nutrition and Exercise (SHINE) program Meal Quality(MQ) and Nutrition and Physical Activity (NPA) statewide forums. NPA forums are for teachers and directors, MQ forums are for food preparers.

The NPA forum will highlight and demonstrate methods for integrating nutrition education, edible gardens, and physical activity into child care center classrooms and day care homes. Patty Kimbrell will be presenting as well as 3 other dynamite speakers. Each participant receives a bag of great materials such as a yoga kit, scarves, nutrition recipes, fruit and vegetable photo cards.

The CPIN website (www.cpin.us) offers a link to full information on the forums. The first forum takes place in early May, so please register as soon as possible. For dates, locations, and registration access, go to one of the following links:

Meal Quality Forum - <http://www.cpin.us/preschools-shine-meal-quality-forums.html>

Nutrition and Physical Activity Forum - <http://www.cpin.us/preschools-shine-nutrition-and-physical-activity-forums.html>

For questions, please contact Maria Lazaro, Administrative Assistant, WestEd Center for Child & Family Studies directly by email at mlazaro@wested.org, or by phone at [805-465-4464](tel:805-465-4464) or [800-770-6339](tel:800-770-6339).

CKA Grants

In honor of Audrey Sanchez, a founding board member of CKA, CKA offers a special award - the **Audrey Sanchez Teacher Enhancement Award (ASTE)** - to an early childhood educator who teaches in the spirit in which Audrey has inspired of talent, leadership and dedication. CKA also awards the **Judith Brown Administrator Recognition Award (JBAR)** in honor of Judy Brown, the conference founder and first president of CKA. JBAR is awarded 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.

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!



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

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