



California Kindergarten Association E-News

February 2015

PK1 Conference!

Another fun, outstanding and RECHARGING conference was held in Santa Clara on January 16-18! From the PreConference Institute, Blogger Fiesta, keynote presentations from Dr. Ken Wesson and Dr. Jean and an Arts Here, There & Everywhere Happy Hour, the Hyatt Regency was filled with almost 900 people full of enthusiasm and energy.



We extend a tremendous THANK YOU to the members of the PK1 Conference and Visual Arts Committees, the CKA Board, bloggers, presenters and exhibitors for making this a hugely successful year. Thank you, especially, to all conference attendees!! We look forward to seeing you next year for the 34th Annual Conference!

Graduate-level Professional Development - You can still sign up to receive three graduate-level professional development semester units for work related to the PK1 Conference. Courses4Teachers, in partnership with University of the Pacific, is offering a special discount for conference attendees - only \$200 for three semester units! For information or to register for credit, contact Karen Alexander at (925)837-3817 or email her at <mailto:courses4teachers@courses4teachers.net?subject=PK1%20Conference%20Credit>.

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COMING SOON...

CKA will be sending out in March a Curricular Focus on *Starting School Right: Positive Transitions to Elementary School*.

Why think in the middle of winter about helping children get a good start in school next year?

CKA Survey

The CKA Board of Directors has designed a survey for the membership to complete. The Board wants to know what CKA members want from the organization. Check your email and please take two minutes to complete the survey by March 09 and be entered into a raffle for a free admission to the 2016 Preconference Institute!!

Upcoming Events

2015 SFUSD Arts Festival - The art studio program at Lakeside Center for Children in San Francisco will be exhibiting their Kué King inspired wire fish at the **Asian Art Museum from February 28th through March 8th**. The program is led by CKA member, Michelle Adelsheim. This news has reached Kué King, a noted wire sculptor, who shared the children's work on his Facebook page. The children have been receiving messages of support and encouragement from many of his followers including King himself.



Lakeside has participated in the Young Children's Annual Art Exhibit at the PK1 conference for the last two years, most recently displaying their printmaking work created with found objects. You can view more work from Lakeside's students at <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CaliforniaKindergart/b1ff95a7fc/557f157494/ea7508ac95>. **The citywide arts celebration is free and open to the public.**

LMU Transitional Kindergarten ECE Assessment Course - The Center for Equity for English Learners at Loyola Marymount University is pleased to announce a professional learning opportunity developed for Transitional Kindergarten and Early Childhood Teachers in culturally and linguistically diverse settings. This distance-learning program provides concrete strategies for TK/ECE teachers to create effective learning environments and implement standards-based curriculum through effective community engagement.

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Our upcoming course is titled "Using Assessment to Support Learning and Development in Transitional Kindergarten and Early Childhood Settings" and is scheduled as follows: Mar. 5, 2015 - Apr. 30, 2015 (8 Thursdays, 4 webinars + 4 online

Because children have a better chance for school success when educators plan early. We will offer ideas and help children ease into school and become the most successful they can be! Having planned transition activities saves time in the long run – with better relationships between children, teachers and families!

JOIN CKA and become part of a network of educators who want ECE to be the best it can be! CKA members can look forward to our effective programs in staff development, public awareness, scholarships, research, networking, & legislative issues. [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)**

from 4-7:00pm).

[Click here](#) to register. The **registration deadline is Monday, March 2, 2015** - 5:00pm. [Attached](#) is the course flyer with a detailed course overview, dates, and more information. Please forward to colleagues who may be interested in this opportunity. Contact Ms. Angela Ortiz at 310-338-7308 or <mailto:angela.ortiz@lmu.edu> for additional information.

The Kindergarten Forum - Living Life in Full Bloom: Cultivating Creativity and Relationships for Teachers and Parents with Elizabeth Murray - Come hear Elizabeth speak about the garden as a pathway to personal and professional renewal. Expand your imagination and creativity as she leads you in a refreshing variety of exercises that you can apply immediately in your life, in and out of the classroom.

The Forum begins at 8:30 with tea, registration and singing games with Anna Rainville, author of *Singing Games for Families, Schools and Communities*. Elizabeth Murray will present a morning and afternoon session with a Spring Potluck in between. At 2:00 we will close with our annual Toast to the Spring Equinox with Margaret More.

Reservations required. Please call Betty Peck, Ed. D. (408) 867-3156, or contact bettypeck@aol.com or annarainville@aol.com. Thank you! Suggested donation: \$60.

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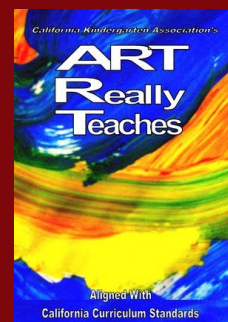
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