



## California Kindergarten Association *E-News*

**April 2015**

### **We Are Looking for Speakers for the 2016 PK1 Conference!**

The PK1 Conference Committee is now accepting applications to present at the conference on January 16th and 17th. **We are particularly interested in areas related to Common Core Standards, Early Language Learning, critical thinking skills and children with special needs.** If you are interested in presenting, [click here](#) to reach our online application. The steps are as follows...

1. Create an account and password.
2. Create a contact and then click on submit.
3. Click on the Presentation Proposal Tab and follow the directions.

**The application deadline is Saturday, May 9th.**

### **2015 PK1 Conference Handouts on CKA Website**

We've posted some of the handouts and powerpoints from the January conference on website. If you weren't able to attend

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the conference or you are interested in a session you weren't able to attend, [click here](#) for the handouts.

## CKA's Innovative Ideas Grant

CKA is offering an Innovative Ideas Grant of \$500 for the development and implementation of appropriate environmental, curricular or classroom projects to meet the diverse needs of young children. The [Grant Application and Guidelines](#) are available on the CKA website. **Grant applications are due by May 1, 2015** and will be awarded by June 30, 2015. Applicants should be current members of CKA.



## **VOLUNTEERS** Shout Out for New Board Members!

The CKA Board of Directors will have openings for incoming board members for the term of January, 2016 through January, 2019. **The deadline for applications is May 1st.** If you've ever considered giving some of your time and energy to CKA, [click here](#) for an application.

## Legislative Information

**Transitional Kindergarten** - Credentialed teachers newly assigned to TK as of June 1, 2015 are required to complete one of the following by August 1, 2020

- Minimum of 24 ECE units in early childhood education of child development, or child development teacher permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing
- Have been cleared by their district to possess comparable experience in a preschool setting.

Funding is available for both current and newly assigned TK teachers for professional development/courses. Your county Childcare and Development Planning Council will determine reimbursement percentages for these educational expenses, including costs for tuition/units, registration, transcripts, and books. Districts, County Offices of Education, Universities and Community Colleges will be offering the 24 ECE units.

**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)***

*Art Really Teaches includes color photos of art projects by 4, 5 and 6 year old artists, tips for framing art work, and a project title index as well as over 400 activities to help you teach*

**AB47 Information from Early Edge California:**

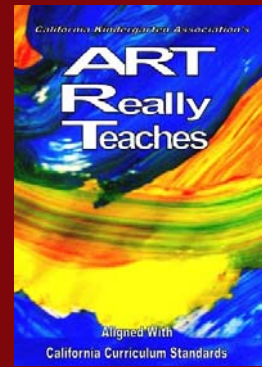
Preschoolers need your support! Next week, the Assembly Committee on Education will consider AB 47 (McCarty) - the Preschool for All Act of 2015, which will ensure progress in meeting the commitment made last year by Governor Brown and the Legislature to provide quality preschool to all low-income 4 year olds. **Committee members need to hear from you no later than Thursday, April 23 – [urge them to support AB 47 and fulfill their promise to preschoolers.](#)**

It's time for leaders in Sacramento to walk the talk. The California Department of Education reports receiving interest in over 32,000 spaces for just 4,000 available, and acknowledges the need is likely much greater. We cannot continue to deny tens of thousands of young children and families the strong start in life that research shows will set them on the path to college and career readiness.

As home to 1 in 8 of the nation's children, it is critical that California provide this opportunity to every low-income 4 year old and secure a brighter future for our state. AB 47 will help us build on the gains made last year, support working families, tackle poverty, and give our children the early experiences they need for success. **[Please join Early Edge in sending a letter to the Assembly Committee on Education urging their support for AB 47 – the Preschool for All Act.](#)**



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