



# California Kindergarten Association E-News

## August 2015

### **PK1 Conference**

**Save the Date!**

**PreConference Institute - Friday, January 15th**

**PK1 Conference  
Saturday and Sunday, January 16th and 17th**

**Hyatt Regency Santa Clara**



**Featuring keynote speakers Erin Ramsey and Todd Parr!  
2nd Annual Art Here, There and Everywhere Art Happy Hour  
CKA's Blogger Event: Make n' Take Pajamarama**

*Be sure to keep an eye out for the conference brochure which will be emailed in late September.*

**Exhibitors:** Information on exhibiting at the conference will be sent out this week.

### **CKA Grants**

In honor of Audrey Sanchez, a CKA founding board member, CKA offers a special award - **the Audrey Sanchez Teacher Enhancement Award (ASTE A)** - 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.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Kindergarten Forum - The Power of Observation: Mindful Assessment of the Young Child**

Saturday, September 26  
Saratoga, CA

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**ECE Conference Strong Beginnings: Language & Learning for Life**

Saturday, November 21  
Disneyland Hotel

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**ECSTEM Conference**

February 4-6, 2016  
Hilton Pasadena

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## KinderStar News!

Dr. Nancy Cappelloni, CKA President, and Mrs. Michelle Jones, CKA Board Member, traveled to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in June, to present a week of professional development to the ninety member teaching staff at the Kinderstar School. Kinderstar serves an international population of students ages 18 months through five years. This is the third year Kinderstar has invited CKA Board members to share their expertise and best evidence/research based teaching practices with the Kinderstar teachers and administrators.



This year the training was guided by the request from Kinderstar for professional development in mathematics, particularly geometry and numeracy, and movement education. During the training, the Kinderstar teachers experienced whole group and small group learning in math centers including tangrams, one to one correspondence, shape recognition and design, number formation, two and three dimensional shape building and many fine motor and literacy activities. The trainers carried the shape theme into movement by having teachers make group shapes with elastics and playing shape games through movement.

This also included directionality, tumbling, obstacle courses, hoops, ribbons, bean bags, folk dance, drumming, yoga, and locomotor skills, with a focus on gross motor control, strength, coordination, rhythm, endurance and creativity.

Nancy and Michelle's goal as trainers was to help teachers discover new approaches in developmentally appropriate teaching practices to prepare the children at Kinderstar for future school success as well as the desire to be life-long learners.

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