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# California Kindergarten Association



## E-news

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### Scotus Decision is a Victory for Students, Educators and Working Families.

This morning the U.S. Supreme Court sent a victory to our students, our communities and working families everywhere. With a 4-4 decision in [\*Friedrichs v. CTA\*](#) the lower court ruling is affirmed and 40 years of common sense law stands. The decision allows educators across California the opportunity to come together and make our voices heard on issues that affect all of us such as providing quality public schools and colleges for all students.

This case was never about doing what's best for students, it was a political ploy by the wealthy corporate special interests backing this case to make it harder for working families and the middle class to come together, speak up and get ahead. CTA will continue to advocate for the public education all California students deserve, fight for social justice, and secure better learning and working conditions for students and educators.

For more information, read:

- [CTA-NEA Joint News Release](#)
- [America Works Together Media Statement](#)

As some of the same wealthy special interests who manufactured this case are also trying to prevent President Obama from filling the vacancy on the Supreme Court, it's time for all lawmakers to uphold their constitutional responsibilities and keep moving the nomination process through Congress. The time to act is now. Reach out and [email your Senator today](#).

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CKA Publishes  
Teacher Research

The California  
Kindergarten  
Association  
publishes research  
on early childhood  
education topics.

Eric C. Heins  
CTA President

### **We Are Looking for Speakers for the 2017 PK1 Conference!**

The PK1 Conference Committee is now accepting proposals to present at the 2017 PK1 Conference on January 14th and 15th. **We are particularly interested in areas related Play, Common Core Standards, Early Language Learning and Critical Thinking Skills.** 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, April 23rd.](#)**

### **The Passing of Bev Bos**

The CKA Board Members were recently informed of the passing of an icon -- Bev Bos, founder of the Roseville Community Preschool and passionate advocate for young children's play as a way of learning and growing.



With much sadness, members of the California Kindergarten Association offer their condolences at the passing of a legendary woman. For those of us lucky enough to have heard Bev speak at conferences, parent meetings, or early childhood meetings, it was an honor. She was always a forceful advocate for a play-based curriculum that respected how children learn. She was also passionate about the critical role parents and families play in raising children. We in CKA are especially grateful for her leadership on developmentally appropriate practices.

### **CKA's 2016 Young Children's Art Exhibit**

CKA's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Young Children's Art Exhibit showcased paintings, drawings, prints, collages, sculptures, murals and quilts from the following districts and private

Articles are those that have not been published before. We encourage you to submit an article to CKA for our consideration. There is a small stipend for the author selected. We publish online and post the research on our CKA website. We also suggest study guide questions for Professional Learning Communities to "delve deeper" as they read your research.

[Click here](#) for the recruitment letter. Please contact the CKA office for more information.

### Gardening with Young Children

Wherever you are in California, Spring may be in full force or just around the corner. CKA offers Part 1 on [Gardening in Early Childhood Settings](#). It has tips to get started, where you can find gardening resources, lots of classroom activities linked to gardening, and research on why outdoor education

schools: Alameda Christian School, Artesia USD, Belmont Redwood Shores USD, Brattleboro SD (Vermont), Capistrano USD, Diocese of Oakland, Franklin McKinley SD (San Jose), Gilroy USD, The Goddard School (Wilmington, DE), King Center (San Mateo), Lakeside Children's Center (San Francisco USD), Las Virgines USD (Calabasas), Learning Pathways (San Jose), Modesto City Schools, Oakland USD, Pacific Union College Elementary School (Angwin), Pittsburg USD, Placer Hills USD (Meadow Vista), Planada SD, San Francisco USD, San Juan USD (Sacramento), San Lorenzo USD, San Mateo Foster City USD, San Mateo Parent's Nursery School, San Ramon Valley SD, West Contra Costa County USD and Wonderland Chinese School (Cupertino).



*New* at this year's PK1 Conference was an Art Gallery Tour held on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. In coordination with Pre-School Supervisor Maryanne Patterson at the San Mateo County Office of Education and six CKA Art Team members, 129 pre-schoolers along with their teachers and parent chaperones, participated in docent led tours. Also included in this pilot project was an art lesson introducing warm and cool colors.

*Attention:* Pre-K, TK, K , Grade 1 and Grade 2 teachers interested in submitting art for the 2017 Young Children's Art Exhibit at the PK1 Conference can [click here](#) to download the required Art Information Sheet. The Art Committee particularly welcomes Winter and Spring art projects.

and gardening are a  
critical piece of  
early childhood  
education.

Part 2 will be out  
this month, so stay  
tuned!

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