

## Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, November 2014

Details are in the November issue of the *Advocacy Communicator*.

- November 4 is Election Day. Be sure to vote!
- State legislators introduced legislation in the last session to create a pre-kindergarten program throughout California. The bill failed, but the result was more funding for the state pre-school program, which means more low-income children will be able to attend preschool.
- A bill that would have made kindergarten mandatory was vetoed by Gov. Brown.
- Legislation to move toward full-day kindergarten throughout the state was unsuccessful. The passed bill provides for a study of existing kindergarten programs and a report on recommended practices for full-day kindergarten provided the legislature provides funding.
- The Advocacy Roundtable with Senator Bob Huff and legislative staff member Rick Simpson is coming up on November 14. There will be a special introduction by the State PTA Legislative Director, Kathy Moffat. This is always a very interesting program. It's free and open to all PTA members.
- A hearing with pros and cons on the Common Core State Standards was held by the Orange County Department of Education Board of Trustees in October. A second hearing is scheduled for November 17 from 6 to 9 p.m.
- Registration is open for Sacramento Safari. Who are we going to send?
- The Communicator also lists a few more bills that PTA supported and that were signed into law.