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48th DAA Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Program Fair/Summer 2016 www.agfair.org

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Mission

To increase the understanding, appreciation and participation of urban teachers and students in agriculture and nutrition through cooperative involvements of the California agricultural industry, educational institutions and community partners.

2016 Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Fair Highlights



Thank you to all teachers, students and parents who participated in the 2016 Fair; *Let It Grow* was very successful.

The Fair is an opportunity for

students to showcase their agricultural exhibits and creative projects. It is exciting to watch the students come into the building and begin looking about for his/her exhibit and celebrate their ribbons. We enjoy seeing students cheer for their classroom booth. Teachers are truly amazing.

Thank You to an amazing group of talented people that help makes our fair a fun and educational success:

- The Fair staff who collectively worked over 1,000 creative hours; the mission of the staff is always for the students' enjoyment.
- Linda Hulet, our clown who met the buses and provided teachers fair information.
- Dena Piraino, the face painting clown who added a touch of artistic fun.
- Efrain Valenzuela and Louis Batista, Dairy Council of CA/Mobile Dairy Classroom, who demonstrated the importance of dairy and good nutrition, and live cow milking.
- Mike Fogg, Sr., Discovering Science, who demonstrated how much fun science can be.
- Diana Frieling, All About Animals, whose petting zoo allowed the students to interact with amazing animals—fun to watch.
- Ken Davis, Pomona Feed, for donating 15 straw bales to the fair.
- Mary Lee Guderjahn, Theater 16, pronouncer of our annual Spelling Bee which is supported and enjoyed by children and parents.
- The volunteer judges who judged the Fair entries
- The community partners who contribute in the success of the fair.
- The Farm at Fairplex

Thank you volunteer speakers and demonstrators who presented sessions for AG DAY LA.

- Bees: Mary Landau, CA Women for Agriculture, Los Angeles Chapter
- Cotton: Joan Smith, Judy Petrone and Byron Foote of CA Women for Agriculture, Los Angeles Chapter
- Food and Plants: Don Delano and volunteers, The Farm at Fairplex
- Sheep Shearing: Matthew Pawlak and Larry Poncetta, Mt. San Antonio College Farm
- Water: G.I. Bergquist, CA Department of Water Resources
- Water: George King, The Learning Centers at Fairplex
- Water: Cindy DeChaine, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
- Plants: Jo Ann Carey, Square Foot Gardens
- Plants: Pat Brown, Retired teacher, Earth Sciences
- Nutrition: Devin Welch and Morgan Carey, Dairy Council of CA
- Ag Detector Dogs: Richard LaFeuvre, Lauren and Diana Eckert, Los Angeles County, Ag Commissioner Weights and Measures
- Docents: Thank you to Rhonda Ostrowski and students, Cal Poly Pomona College of Agriculture.
- Docents: Thank you to Srividya (Sri) Krishnan and Ag Ambassadors, Mt. San Antonio College.

Don't Let Healthy Eating Suffer the Summer Slide

Free Meals Bridge the Hunger Gap

Millions of California students who rely on free or reduced-cost meals during the school year risk going hungry this summer. Dairy Council of California is working with partners like the 48th DAA to help children avoid the "summer slide" by continuing to utilize USDA's free Summer Food Service Program to bridge the hunger gap.

Please visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/48thDAA and click 'Like'.

**Directions
to 48th DAA
Office:**

From the 57 Freeway: Exit at Temple, go West. Turn right on Bonita, turn right at the stop sign. Continue straight through parking lot. Stay to the left and turn left onto Farm Road.

Follow directional signage.

From the 10 Freeway: Exit at Grand, go South. Turn left at Temple, turn left at Bonita, turn right at the stop sign. Continue straight through parking lot. Stay to the left and turn left onto Farm Road.

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Missing out on balanced meals over the summer can put health and academic achievement in jeopardy. USDA's Summer Meal Programs, coordinated by California Department of Education, continues through August around the state.

Finding a summer meal program location is as simple as texting FOOD (or COMIDA for Spanish) to 877-877; or visiting bit.ly/findsummermeals.

"Teachers see first-hand how a lack of nutritious food can set up a cycle for poor classroom performance as well as make students more prone to illness and other issues," said Tammy Anderson-Wise, CEO of Dairy Council of California. "Since having kids at home over the summer can add as much as \$300 to a family's monthly food budget, we're asking teachers in the 48th DAA to remind families that free meals are still available in many areas and open to all kids and teens ages 1–18, no family paperwork required."

Additionally, once school is back in session this fall, the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs are convenient and affordable ways to ensure children have healthy meals at school that fuel them for learning. Teachers can encourage participation in school meals by teaching nutrition in the classroom and encouraging students to identify and select healthy foods they've discussed in class as they go through the lunch line.

Visit the 48th DAA office for additional Common Core lessons and materials.

—Courtesy of Dairy Council of CA

California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference

Register Now! California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Sacramento, September 22–24, 2016. For information go to: <http://www.learnaboutag.org/programs/conference.cfm>

Explore the list of tours and workshops, and register today.

Literacy for Life Grants

The Literacy for Life grants, sponsored by the Oreggia Family Foundation, are designed to help initiate new projects or expand existing ones that promote agricultural literacy. Grants of up to \$500 are provided to California K–2 educators to support the integration of agriculture into regular classroom instruction.

Explore the list of project ideas and read how previous recipients have used this funding to improve agricultural learning opportunities on their campuses. The applications are also used to select the Outstanding Educator of the year.

Thank you Oreggia Family Foundation for helping these amazing K–12 teachers as they make a difference for California's 7 million students.

Deadline: October 31



**Text FOOD (for English) or
COMIDA (para Español)
to 877-877 for a location near you.**

Summer Meal Programs are
open to all youth 18 and under
– no paperwork required.

Healthy Eating Made Easier!



www.HealthyEating.org

Help your students stay healthy all summer long by encouraging free summer meals.

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Visit <http://learnaboutag.org/grants/life.cfm> for additional information and ideas. The application will be available soon.

—Courtesy of CA Foundation
for AG in the Classroom

CA Foundation for AG in the Classroom is a long-time supporter of the Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Program providing lessons and resource materials that can be used to teach and reinforce the Curriculum Content Standards for California Public Schools.

Lowe's Outdoor Classroom Grants Program

Lowe's will donate up to \$5 million to K–12 public/charter schools and to parent teacher groups at as many as 1,000 different public schools per school year. Copy and paste the following link into your web browser to see if you are eligible: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/index.html>.

It's that easy when you take advantage of Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program. Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) knows how hard you work for your kids and your community and is dedicated to helping your parent-teacher group achieve even more for your school. Apply for our Toolbox for Education Grant now and build on your already impressive parent group success with Lowe's.

The Fall 2016 cycle is now open. The deadline for submitting applications for this grant cycle is September 26, 2016, 11:59 pm EST. 2016 cycle applicants will be notified via email as to the status of their grant application in January 2017.

—Courtesy of CA Foundation
for AG in the Classroom

Mt. SAC Agricultural Sciences

The Mt. SAC agricultural sciences program consists of coursework, laboratory work, and practical, hands-on experience in animal science, horticulture, and veterinary technician instruction. Our outstanding on-campus facilities and industry-experienced faculty give students a practical, real-world experience in a classroom setting.

Each year animal science students buy and sell farm animals, and their award-winning horticulture students grow and sell hundreds of varieties of trees, plants, and ground covers. Students also

attend field trips and can intern with nearby industry in Los Angeles County, which is one of the largest dollar-volume users of horticultural products in the world. Visit <http://www.mtsac.edu/agriculture> for updates and events.

—Courtesy of Mt. San Antonio College

WEWAC

WEWAC (Water Education Water Awareness Committee) has launched a new website on July 1st! They are asking that you go and sign up for their newsletter on the website as they are unable to transfer all of their contacts over.

They are excited for another school year of fun and exciting programs and can't wait to share them with you!

Enjoy your summer break and keep an eye out for the launch of the new website, EduBucks program (formally known as EduGrant) and much more! <http://www.usewaterwisely.com>

Water you doing to Conserve?

With the lack of rain during the past winter, Southern California is still suffering from the drought. While other areas of California have been able to reduce their restrictions, our area is not going to be as lucky. It is important to remember that Southern California will constantly be under restricted water use and we should be looking for more efficient ways to manage our usage every day.

Tips for Efficient Water Use:

- Plug the sink instead of running the water to rinse your razor.
- Put a drop of food coloring into your toilet tank once a month to check for small leaks.
- Only run dishwashers and washing machines when they are full.
- Defrost food in the refrigerator.
- Use a watering can instead of a hose to manage watering your plants.
- Take your car to a carwash which recycles the water used rather than letting it run down the street at your home.

As the State makes adjustments to their water restrictions, WEWAC is encouraging residents to be aware of their water usage and maintain a mindful use of their water. Remember, every drop counts! www.usewaterwisely.com

Join SCAN!

The Southern California Agriculture and Nutrition Foundation (SCAN) is a 501(c)3 public charity that has provided support to the State of California's 48th District Agricultural Association for over 30 years. Contact the 48th DAA if you are interested in serving on the SCAN board of directors.

SCAN Board of Directors
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Save the Dates!

October 6–9, 2016, Fall Descanso

Gardens Plant Sale, Mt. San Antonio College plants will be on sale at Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011. Visit <https://www.descansogardens.org>

October 8 and 9, 2016—24th Cal Poly

Pomona Pumpkin Festival, 8:00am - 5:00pm

The festival is a Family-Fun Fall adventure with animals, exhibits, food, music, activities and thousands of pumpkins in the giant Patch. While

you're there, visit the 48th DAA/SCAN Foundation booth at the Ag Discovery Lane.

For more information visit the Pumpkin Festival website at www.cpp.edu/~pumpkinfestival.

Saturday, November 5, 2016, Teachers!

To celebrate your participation in the Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Fair, we would like to honor you at a Teacher Recognition luncheon at AgriScapes at Cal Poly.

Speaker: Dr. Rachel A. Surls, Ph.D., UC Cooperative Extension, Los Angeles County. Dr. Surls will present, "From Cows to Concrete; the history of Agriculture in Los Angeles."

Additional details to follow.

Did You Know?



The following are **Common Core Lesson Plans** available at the 48th DAA
(Materials courtesy of CA Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom)

Fruits & Vegetables for Health

Grades 4–6
Science, Math, Reading/
Language, History/Social
Science, Health/Nutrition

What do Plants Need to Grow?

Grades 2–4
Science, Math, Reading/Language, Health/
Nutrition

Stem Connections, Energy and Agriculture: Careers in Sustainable Energy

Grades 9–12
Next Generation Science Standards

California Walnuts: A Walnut Orchard Through the Seasons

Grades 2–3
English Language Arts

Come into the office or call us at **909-274-2433**. Lessons are free of charge; equipment, books, DVD's and videos can be borrowed.

The 48th also has Cotton's Journey Kits; Bread making kits; Trout in the Classroom supplies, and incubators to hatch chicks. Visit www.agfair.org for additional available lessons and materials.

The materials furnished by the 48th DAA are **free of charge** to teachers, in exchange for participation by teacher/students in the annual Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Fair. Submit a minimum of one entry for each of the materials (projects) checked out from the 48th DAA office.

The 48th DAA is open year round and works with teachers from Pre K to 12th Grade. Teachers and parents – we look forward to meeting you!

The office is open Monday to Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed 12 to 1 p.m. for lunch). Please call ahead at **909-274-2433**.

"Steer" Toward STEM, Careers in Animal Agriculture

Grades 3–5
Science, Math, Reading/Language, Health/
Nutrition

Chemistry, Fertilizer and the Environment

Grades 8–12
Science, Math, Reading/Language

California Educator's Guide to Fun with the Plant Nutrient Team

Grades K–3
Next Generation Science, Science, Math,
English/Language, History/Social Science, Health/
Nutrition

Edible Plant Parts

Grades 2–3
Next Generation Science, Science, Math,
English/Language, History/Social Science, Health/
Nutrition, Visual/Performing Arts

From "STEM" to Plate: Careers in Food Science

Grades 6–8
Next Generation Science, Science, Math,
English/Language, Health/Nutrition, Visual/
Performing Arts

Too Much? Too Little?

Grades 5–8
Next Generation Science, Science, Math,
English/Language, History/Social Science, Health/
Nutrition, Visual/Performing Arts





Fair 2016

Top right: 1st Place and Best of Show Mission student entry, San Miguel Elementary Magnate, Pete Keuper, teacher



Middle left: AG DAY LA, Nutrition presentation, Devin Welch, Dairy Council of CA



Middle right: Assorted Horticulture/ Container Gardens student entries



Below: 1st Place School Garden mural, Baldy View Elementary, teacher Ann Sorvetti and students





Top left: 1st Place School Garden mural, Upland High School, Tom Weatherell, teacher

Middle left: 1st Place Booth entry, San Miguel Elementary Magnate, Pete Keuper, teacher

Bottom left: 1st Place Booth entry, Glazier Elementary, Martha Treadway, teacher

Above: Inspectors and handlers with Ag Detector Dog, Los Angeles County, Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures

Below: 1st Place and Best of Show Sawhorse entry, Whole Heart Christian Academy, Julie Eaton, teacher

