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48th DAA Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Program Fair/Summer 2018 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.

2018 Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Fair Highlights



Thank you to all teachers, students and parents who participated in the 2018 Fair; From COWS to CONCRETE (theme co-sponsored by Angel City Press) 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.
- Gill Kelley, 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. and David Fogg, 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, pronouncer of our annual Spelling Bee which is supported and enjoyed by children and parents.
- The volunteer judges who judged the Fair entries.
- Our community partners who contribute in the success of the fair.
- Don DeLano, The Farm at Fairplex, for rope-making demonstration equipment, corn grinders and corn.
- Barbara Tuyen, The Farm at Fairplex, for incubating and hatching chick eggs for the fair, loaning us young chicks, and showing bunnies for the students.
- Bee Rooted, who presented detailed information on bees as well as a live demonstration hive.
- K-9 Unit, Police Dept., City of Pomona for live demonstration.



Sawhorse, 1st Place and Best of Show, Baldy View Elementary classroom, teacher Ann Sorvetti

48th DAA New Location

The 48th DAA office is now located at Fairplex, near The Farm. 1101 W. McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768
New phone number 909-865-4633
New fax 909-865-4644

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Sheep Shearing demonstration by Mt. SAC Farm at AG DAY LA

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

- Bees: Noriel Reyes and Scott Wirta, Los Angeles County, Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures
- Cotton: Joan Smith, Judy Petrone, and Mary Landau of CA Women for Agriculture, Los Angeles Chapter
- Sheep Shearing: Bruce Carleton and Larry Poncetta, Mt. San Antonio College Farm
- Water: G.I. Bergquist, CA Department of Water Resources
- Water: Cindy DeChaine, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
- Plants: Jerry Turney, Los Angeles County, Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures
- Plants: Jo Ann Carey, Square Foot Garden Consultant
- Nutrition: Natalie Price, Alejandrina Orozco, and Aba Ramirez, UC Cooperative Extension, Los Angeles County
- Docents: Thank you to Rhonda Ostrowski and students, Cal Poly Pomona Hunter College of Agriculture.



CA Women for Agriculture-Los Angeles Chapter demonstrates Cotton/Fiber to students at AG DAY LA

EduBucks Program WEWAC

Purpose

The purpose of the WEWAC EduBucks program is to improve and supplement academic instruction by providing financial support to teachers seeking to do creative classroom projects that increase students' awareness of the importance of water in Southern California.

Grant Amount: Grants are up to \$800 per application. Total funding for this program is limited.

Focus of Projects: Projects must specifically focus on drinking water issues. They may involve sources of water, environmental issues, water treatment, water quality, water conservation, political or government issues, etc. Creative and unique approaches to water education are highly encouraged.

How to Apply: Complete the grant application form provided. Please limit proposals to three (3) pages. Describe the project in detail, including supportive activities, objectives, and overall benefits to the students. Applicants must show how the EduBucks will help you achieve your goal. An itemized budget must be included for grant consideration. The signatures of both the principal and the teacher are required for all entries.

Eligibility: All K-12 educators at schools in the WEWAC members' service areas are eligible to participate in the program. Teachers may apply regardless of the discipline or subject areas taught. Teachers may apply individually or as a group; however, the project must involve water education to be eligible.

Judging Criteria: Projects will be judged by the WEWAC review committee based on the following criteria:

- Actively engages students in learning
- Enhances the classroom experience
- Creativity
- Components are feasible
- Budget clearly supports the activities
- Student activities are clearly defined
- Goals and objectives are clearly defined
- Incorporates education reform

Deadline: Thursday, November 1, 2018 by 5 P.M.

All projects must be completed by the close of the funded academic year. WEWAC requires a project summary describing the success of your project, a final budget expense report, and an in-classroom presentation to be attended by WEWAC Members.

Visit https://www.usewaterwisely.com/#EduBucks_Program_Description for additional information.

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.

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Partnership Improves School Meal Environments and Participation



Throughout the 2017–2018 school year, Dairy Council of California partnered with California Milk Advisory Board (CMAB) to improve the school nutrition environment. CMAB worked with Community Nutrition Advisers (CNAs) to identify school foodservice departments in need of new milk coolers.

Thanks to involvement in the Smarter Lunchrooms Movement of CA, CNAs were able to connect CMAB with districts and schools to place the milk coolers. CNAs further enhanced the relationship and commitment to the schools by providing additional cafeteria support, Smarter Lunchrooms Movement advising, nutrition posters and classroom nutrition education materials for students and families.

In total, 21 milk coolers were placed in schools across the state. The accompanying nutrition education included milk promotion events, milk cooler posters, food group posters and classroom nutrition curriculum.

The donations were celebrated with CNA-hosted events to highlight the importance of milk in the reimbursable meal. Foodservice directors and staff shared their appreciation for the new equipment.

"The milk cooler has been a welcome switch in our serving line as well. With a shorter style of cooler, my staff has been able to showcase our milk selection more effectively ... Children have a place to set their plate when selecting their milk. This helps increase the number of students SELECTING milk as part of their meal ... This is the quicker way to ensure our students have a reimbursable meal." — April Mackill, Nutrition Services Manager Plumas Lake Elementary School District

Milk cooler posters, featured in the Bret Harte image at the top of the article and in the Sutherland

image at right, are another way CNAs worked on a local level with schools to increase access to milk.

Adding milk posters to the coolers provided additional nutrition education, explaining how the various nutrients in milk promote health. Over 100 posters were placed on coolers to increase access to milk in school cafeterias.

Together, the milk coolers, nutrition education and posters achieved great results. At Sutherland Elementary in Lodi Unified School District, switching milk from a cart to a cooler increased milk sales by 30 cartons per day.

Additionally, average daily participation in Sutherland's school meals program increased by 40 meals a day after adding the milk coolers. More students participating in the school meal program means more access to healthy, balanced meals that include milk – a positive outcome for the students and the schools.

Contact the 48th DAA office for lessons and materials 909-865-4633 or daa48th@aol.com.

(Courtesy of Dairy Council of CA <https://www.healthyeating.org/Blog/Article/3635/Partnership-Improves-School-Meal-Environments-and-Participation>)



Dairy Council of CA is preparing to celebrate their 100 year anniversary in 2019. They look forward to continuing their leadership in the areas of nutrition education, community health and food environments to achieve their cause.

The Dairy Council has been a partner in the 48th DAA program/fair for over 20 years. Congratulations Dairy Council!

(Pictured: Efrain Valenzuela demonstrating the Mobile Dairy Classroom)

Save The Dates!

August 31 to September 23, 2018 – Los Angeles County Fair (LACF) Visit the 48th DAA “barn” at The Farm at Fairplex during School Tours on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) during the LACF. Visit www.lacountyfair.com/ for fair information.

September 27-29, 2018 – CA Agriculture in the Classroom Conference, Renaissance Hotel – Marriott, Palm Springs, CA

For information on the Agriculture in the Classroom Conference, see their link below.

Open to educators (formal and informal) who want to LearnAboutAg! Come find new and

exciting ways to bring food, fiber, forests, flowers, and fuel into your learning environment.

General registration: \$265 (includes all meals, resources and farm tours)

For details and registration, visit <http://learnaboutag.org/programs/conference.cfm>

October 6 and 7, 2018 – Pumpkin Festival at Cal Poly Pomona, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at AGRIsScapes (next to the Farm Store), 4102 S University Dr, Pomona, CA 91768 <https://www.cpp.edu/~pumpkinfestival/index.html>

Pick the perfect pumpkin, play games, navigate the corn maze, take a hay ride, and so much more! Visit the festival page. The pumpkin patch will remain open through October 31.



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

“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

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 **909-865-4633**. 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 **909-865-4633**.





Fair 2018

Top right: Two 1st Place sawhorses by classrooms of (left) Newman Elementary, teacher Lisa Wilson and (right) Glazier Elementary, teacher Dr. Cecilia Dixon

Middle right: 1st Place scarecrow, Glazier Elementary student, and an assortment of dioramas

Below: 1st Place and Best of Show Fair-themed booth, Sage Oak Charter students, teacher Anita Martinez-Chacon





Top left: 1st Place School Garden Wall Mural by Eastwood Elementary classroom, teacher Loreen Miyoshi

Middle: Students visit small farm animals at the All About Animals petting zoo

Top right: 1st Place Hydroponics dish garden by Eastwood Elementary student, teacher Alexandria Shannon

Middle right: K-9 Unit demonstration by Pomona Police Dept.

Bottom left: 1st Place booth by Newman Elementary classroom, teacher Lisa Wilson

Bottom right: 1st Place and Judges Special Award Booth by Dahlia Heights Elementary classroom, teacher Shakeh Gouzoubachian

