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### **ARROYO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ELDERBERRY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS MAKE A FARM TO SCHOOL CONNECTION WITH A DAIRY COW AND CALF**

Ontario-Montclair School District's Arroyo Elementary and Elderberry Elementary students will learn firsthand about the role of agriculture in the food supply, how milk and dairy foods get from the farm to the table, and will get a visit from a real cow and calf. This will happen when the Dairy Council's Mobile Dairy Classroom visits these two school sites.

Dairy Council of California's Mobile Dairy Classroom Assembly is the original Farm to School program, originating in the 1930s. This learning lab teaches kindergarten through sixth grade students about food literacy, where dairy foods come from, cow care on the farm, the milking process and more. Language arts, math and science are integrated into the lesson, which aligns with Common Core State Standards.

The Mobile Dairy Classroom complements other nutrition education programs offered by Dairy Council of California, including free, in-classroom nutrition curriculum. When the assembly follows the classroom lessons designed to build healthy-eating behaviors from all five food groups, students make a powerful food literacy connection. This learning continues in the school cafeteria where Dairy Council of California provides technical assistance implementing behavioral economics with the Smarter Lunchroom Movement, a program that encourages students to making better nutrition decisions by changing the way food choices are presented in cafeterias.

#### **Assembly Information:**

May 2, 2018

8:00 a.m. & 8:45 a.m.

Arroyo Elementary School

1700 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Ontario, CA

May 4, 2018

8:15 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

Elderberry Elementary School

950 North Elderberry

Ontario, CA

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