



YCUSD

Nutrition Services

Community Newsletter
Jan-Feb-Mar 2026



Supporting Students & Families

Upholding Our Commitment
To Keep Our Community Nourished

In our dedication to ensuring that our students are well-nourished, we have compiled a range of local resources. YCUSD Nutrition Services collaborates with the Yuba-Sutter Foodbank to provide support through the Emergency Food Assistance Program and the Food Recovery Program. We encourage you to explore the many free resources available in our community to help sustain students and their families. Please visit our website at <https://www.ycUSD.org/Departments/Student-Nutrition/index.html> for more information and to view the flyer in English, Spanish, Punjabi, and Farsi. You can also scan the QR below to access the flyers.



Scan the QR Code
to learn more about
Papa Citrus

YCUSD Nutrition Services is delighted to continue our partnership with Papa Citrus Family Farm & Packing in Oroville, CA. With a rich history in the area, Papa Citrus boasts the distinction of having the oldest and last heirloom navel ranch in Northern California. We are thrilled to continue collaborating with Papa Citrus to offer locally sourced oranges.



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YCUSD Nutrition Services is delighted to continue our collaboration with Tri-L Mandarin Ranch located in Oroville, CA. This family-owned ranch is committed to providing high-quality mandarins, grown with rigorous farming practices and traditions within our community. We are excited to sustain our partnership with Tri-L Mandarin Ranch, as their products are sourced locally!



We are excited to announce that YCUSD Nutrition Services will be awarding up to 10 Farmers Markets over the next two years. If you are interested in hosting a Farmers Market at your location, please complete our survey at <https://forms.gle/rVkeP7baodrJU7Rp9>

Applicants will be notified by email if they are selected to receive a Farmer's Market. This opportunity was made possible via the YCUSD Nutrition Services Department, Pro Pacific Fresh, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Fill in the information on the form and submit your responses.

Your response will be recorded and we will contact you!

YOU'RE INVITED WELLNESS COMMITTEE

If you are interested in attending YCUSD School Wellness Committee Meetings. Please email Chelsey Slattery at cslattery@ycUSD.org. The School Wellness Committee will meet for the 2025-2026 school year on the following dates: January 21, 2026, March 25, 2026 Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am Where: Yuba City Unified School District, 750 Palora Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991

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EXCITING

OUTCOMES TO SHARE

Check out YCUSD Nutrition Services feature in
Winter 2026 edition of the Official Journal for the
California Child Nutrition Profession.

THE MOBILE DAIRY CLASSROOM

CELEBRATING FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH AT YUBA CITY USD

By Chelsey Slattery, Director of Nutrition Services, Yuba City Unified School District

VIP DAY

AT KING AVENUE SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 21ST, 2025

Each year the students at King Avenue School, have the opportunity to invite a special person in their life to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal prepared by the YCUSD Nutrition Services Staff and served by dedicated community volunteers. This year's volunteers included:

YCUSD Board Members, Sutter County Council Members, and Representatives from local Police and Fire Departments. The YCUSD Nutrition Services Department collaborates closely with King Avenue staff to make this memorable event possible. This year, the team of volunteers and staff proudly served 359 students and 288 VIPs!



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October was Farm to School Month, and Yuba City Unified School District's Nutrition Services Department proudly partnered with the Dairy Council of California to bring dairy agriculture literacy to elementary students through the Mobile Dairy Classroom—a fun and educational assembly that brings the farm to school!

As California's number one agricultural commodity, dairy is an important part of our state's farm-to-school story—connecting students directly to a food that's produced right here in California.

The Mobile Dairy Classroom helps students understand how milk travels from the cow to the carton through an engaging, age-appropriate presentation—complete with a live cow right on the schoolyard. The Mobile Dairy Classroom, which has been operating since the 1930s is the original farm-to-school agricultural literacy program, inspiring generations of students to learn where their food comes from. During Farm to School Month, five schools across Sutter County, CA enjoyed visits from this unique program.

This partnership was a wonderful way to celebrate Farm to School Month while supporting nutrition education and agricultural literacy, creating a memorable farm-to-school experience for our students.

To strengthen the connection between the Mobile Dairy Classroom and our school cafeterias, the Nutrition Services team highlighted food items on our choice bars that directly tied to the lessons students learned during the assemblies.

For example, students discovered that dairy cows and humans share some dietary similarities—both enjoy pineapple! While humans enjoy the fruit's juicy flesh, dairy cows can digest the pineapple skin, which provides fiber, natural sugars, and energy to support healthy digestion and milk production.

On the day of each assembly, pineapple was featured on our choice bars, helping students make a direct connection between classroom learning and the foods they see in their school meals.

By aligning our cafeteria offerings with educational content, we aim to make nutrition education more tangible, memorable, and fun—encouraging students to think more deeply about where their food comes from and how it nourishes both people and animals.

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