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Attendees from our Healthy Students, Healthy Minds Agricultural Nutrition Education Seminar on a tour of Fiery Ginger Farm in West Sacramento this past April.

Teacher Feature

Chris Lavagnino

Fourth Grade Teacher
Ronald Reagan Elementary
Madera County

Chris Lavagnino was selected as California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom's 2018-2019 Educator of the Year.

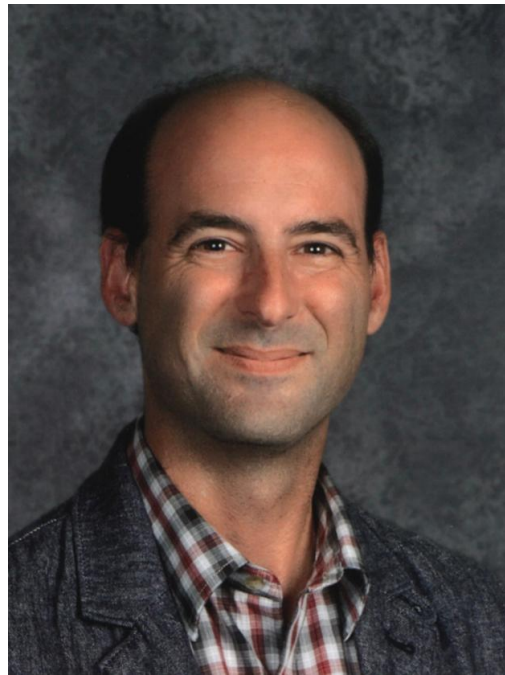
"I feel it is important for young Californians to realize the legacy of our state's agricultural heritage. My goal is to teach and inform them of

the great bounty of crops in the Central Valley and help them to appreciate what is available to them within easy reach."

- Chris Lavagnino

What inspires you to teach about agriculture?

The fact that there is SO MUCH around us that ties into agriculture, yet most students know SO LITTLE about it astounds me. When a student makes that discovery and connection in my classroom, I feel so proud that we have all reached a better understanding of how our food grows.



Tell us about your recent teaching adventures.

We are lucky to have our own greenhouse on site where we can conduct experiments and grow plants. A few years ago, my students transplanted and grew a variety of succulents, which we entered into the Chowchilla Fair. All students won a first place ribbon! This year, I'd like to establish three raised garden boxes on our campus. These boxes will be used to generate interest in a school garden from students, staff, and the community. The boxes will be used for general classroom lessons, as well as for the after-school intervention program that focuses on English Language Learners.

 **Featured Resource**

Bon à la Beef



California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom partnered with California Beef Council to create four professional video clips featuring elementary through high school students preparing recipes to educate students, teachers, and the public about beef, its nutritional value, and its proper handling and preparation. The student-developed recipes use easy techniques and readily available ingredients. Each of the four cooking video clips are paired with educational lesson plans that are aligned to Standards for students in grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

[Request your free copy!](#)

Meat 'n' Greet - A LearnAboutAg... Beef Seminar

Know a teacher? We have a great workshop coming up that will provide teachers with a stockyard full of standard-aligned STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) lessons and hands-on resources to use in the classroom. The seminar includes a BBQ lunch and a tour of a working cattle ranch... all at no charge. Share the link below.

Thursday, June 13, 2019
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
California Farm Bureau Headquarters, Sacramento

[Sign up here.](#)



Special Events

Ready for a cruise aboard John Wayne's yacht, The Wild Goose?

Support Ag in the Classroom with a sponsorship or ticket purchase to our special event in Newport Beach.

Date: July 11, 2019

Time: 11:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 2431 West Coast Hwy., Newport Beach, CA 92663

[Register Here for the Cruise!](#)

Ready for a game of golf at Wildhorse Golf Club in Davis?

Support Ag in the Classroom with a sponsorship or ticket purchase to our special golf event in Davis.

Date: September 6, 2019

Time: 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Format: Scramble

Location: 2323 Rockwell Drive, Davis, CA 95618

Save the Date! Registration and details coming soon.

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