

# Imperial County Office of Education COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER



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## BRAWLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUHS and IVROP organized two Coffee Cat events this month for family and community engagement, showcasing student services and clubs while providing parents with insights on supporting their children for future tests. The focus was on family involvement during these presentations. Students enjoyed The Village Fair, an event where they learned about community resources and enjoyed free food. BUHS is actively collaborating with local agencies to introduce peer groups and partner with the Imperial Valley Food Bank for student meal support. Additionally, a staff development day on March 1st will feature training on community schools and classroom de-escalation, led by the new Community School Program Coordinator, Dalia Escutia.



## HOLTVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sandra Quezada, a counselor at HUSD, collaborates with the Imperial Valley Food Bank's Weekend Backpack Program to distribute food to Holtville Middle School, strengthening community bonds and addressing local family needs collectively. Meanwhile, Ms. Herrera, an ELD Interventionist at Finley Elementary, conducted English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC) training sessions for fellow educators. These sessions aim to empower educators with the necessary resources to effectively prepare linguistically gifted students for the assessment while fostering a collaborative and supportive professional community at Finley Elementary. Both initiatives highlight the importance of community partnerships and professional development in addressing the diverse needs of students and families.



## MEADOWS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meadows is facilitating presentations for parents covering topics like social media and teenagers, financial literacy, Imperial County Public Health Department, and Imperial County Foodbank throughout the school year. In another initiative, 8th graders attended a financial literacy workshop presented by IVROP-Project Connect to prepare for high school and beyond. Meadows also convened its third community school leadership team meeting where the School Site Council and Community School Leadership Team collaborated for the first time.



**Meadows Community School Presentations for The Upcoming Months**

**FEBRUARY - MAY 2024**

- FEB 28** **SOCIAL MEDIA & TEENAGERS**  
Before the onset of our first social media workshop, 2nd grade students learned about the importance of digital citizenship through a presentation by the Imperial Valley Food Bank.
- MARCH 14** **FINANCIAL LITERACY**  
Students received a presentation on financial literacy and employer payroll with essential literacy skills presented by the South Coast Community College.
- APRIL 18** **IMPERIAL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
The Imperial County Public Health Department will bring an interactive presentation on COVID-19.
- MAY 15** **IMPERIAL COUNTY FOODBANK**  
District available resources and support for families provided by the Imperial County Food Bank.

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## CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Calexico Unified School District successfully finalized the Implementation Plan Grant application for four schools: Dool Elementary, Mains Elementary, Rockwood Elementary, and William Moreno Jr. High School, following collaborative efforts with the Community Schools Site Committees. In tandem, the district prioritized family and community engagement, conducting parent training sessions at various school sites and the Family Resource Center. Noteworthy is the participation of six parents in leadership sessions at the CAFE Conference, subsequently advocating for increased parental involvement during the LCAP District Consultation meeting. Alejandra Limon, the Director of Community Schools, provided updates on ongoing initiatives during the LCAP meeting. Looking forward, the Community Schools team is diligently organizing the CUSD Parent Summit, set to convene on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Calexico High School.

