

# COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

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## A WORD FROM ICOE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TEAM

Welcome to the October Edition of the Imperial County Community Schools Newsletter!

As the fall season begins in our beautiful Imperial Valley, we're excited to share all the happenings in our Community Schools this month. October brings cooler days and plenty of opportunities for our students, families, and staff to come together. From fun family movie nights to valuable community workshops, there's something for everyone to enjoy as we continue building strong connections across our county.

## HOLTVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Holtville Unified School District's community schools' wellness meeting strengthens partnerships to promote dialogue and provide health and wellness resources for students and families. Programs like ELO-P, ASES, CalFresh UC, and the Imperial County Public Health Department collaborate with the district's food service team to plan training, programs, and resource distribution.



Ms. Herrera, Dean of Students at Finley Elementary, plays a key role in promoting Community School's commitment to student support. Through regular classroom visits, she helps create a safe and nurturing environment where students feel valued, contributing to their social-emotional growth.

## EL CENTRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The district welcomes new Family Support Services Case Managers and Community Services Assistants, who will play a key role in student engagement, family involvement, and building community partnerships.

El Centro Elementary Schools kicked off the year with an Attendance Rally, featuring activities, music, and prizes to highlight the importance of consistent attendance. A Back to School event invited students to share their ideas for improving their schools.



The IV Food Bank continues to support families with SNAP applications and food distribution directly at school sites. Behavioral Health is hosting parent presentations as part of Juntos Wellness Wednesday, focusing on mental wellness and stress management on October 2nd and 9th. Additionally, the first Community Schools Orientation introduced staff to the 4 Pillars of Community Schools, Attendance initiatives, and the FACT Center.

