## Arrey Elementary COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

## Welcome

This being our first monthly newsletter, I would like to introduce you to our initiative as well as to myself. I am *Yolanda Tafoya, Arrey Elementary Community Schools Coordinator*. I am a wife and mother with two students who attend both Elementary and High School in the district. I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Community Health from NMSU. Some of my past work experiences consists of Case Management and Program Coordinator positions in Youth Programs which have prepared me immensely for this position. Arrey Elementary is one of two schools in our district to be awarded this grant as a way to engage families, our community and students while expanding and enriching learning times and provide student supports that address non-academic and out-of-school barriers to learning. This is completed through partnerships with social and health services, case management services, and family stability supports. These support services are coordinated by the Community Schools Coordinator. I am happy to announce that many of these partnerships have been established and we continue to pursue additional relationships as we work closely with our community alliances.



## How Can Community Schools Help You?

Think of me as your link between essential services. I can help with referrals to food, health, and financial aid, as well as give support and information on various resources you may be eligible for. I can also help with attaining information on school and community issues, family literacy and enrichment and other academic programs. I am here to support you, your family and our community.

## I want to hear from you!

Any ideas or suggestions you may have for me, I want to know. How can I better serve you, our students, our families and our community? I look forward to hearing from you.

