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Family Literacy Night Hosts Local Author

SCOE Partners with First 5 Solano, Solano County Library, and Catalyst Kids for Family Literacy Nights with Local Author Leticia Ordaz

Dixon, CA – Solano County Office of Education's (SCOE) early learning program was thrilled to partner alongside First 5 Solano, the Solano County Library, and Catalyst Kids Dixon Migrant Child Development Program to host two Family Literacy Nights on October 12th and 19th. Both events featured a special appearance by acclaimed local children's book author, Leticia Ordaz, who delighted young readers and families alike with her stories aimed at inspiring self-confidence and imagination.

The Family Literacy Nights, held at Davis and Dixon migrant centers provided an enriching and engaging experience for children and their families. The event aimed to promote a love for reading and strengthen family bonds through the magic of storytelling. It was a celebration of literature, learning, food and community collaboration.

Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson attended today's event and remarked, "Family literacy and access to bilingual books play an important part in nurturing a love for reading and appreciation of cultural heritage. Families can connect through shared stories, enriching children's cognitive development and fostering lifelong learning. SCOE is proud to be a part of this partnership with a focus on early literacy and the literacy and language development of our youngest learners."

Leticia Ordaz enchanted the young audience with a reading of one of her children's books, *The Carousel King*. This uplifting bilingual book features text in English and Spanish, together with vibrant and creative illustrations. Her animated bilingual storytelling brought the characters and adventures to life, captivating the hearts and imaginations of the young listeners. Each child attending the events received a signed copy of one of Ms. Ordaz's books in hopes of encouraging reading and creating lasting memories for the young readers and their families.

The Family Literacy Night events brought together families, educators, and community members, fostering a sense of togetherness and shared enthusiasm for early learning.

SCOE would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the partners who made this event possible. First 5 Solano, the Solano County Library, and Catalyst Kids - Dixon Migrant Child Development Program demonstrated their commitment to the educational and developmental needs of our youngest community members.

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