

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NEWS RELEASE

*Office of the Superintendent
700 East Fifth Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096
775/687-9219; FAX 775/687-9114
Contact: Pat Cook*

-For Immediate Release-

CARSON CITY, NEVADA –February 25, 2009-Governor Jim Gibbons has issued a Proclamation declaring Nevada School Breakfast Week as March 2-6, 2009.

During the 2007-2008 school year more than 11 million school breakfasts were served to Nevada’s children in public and private schools as well as residential child care institutions. Nevada School districts, private schools, and residential child care institutions received more than 12.5 million dollars in federal reimbursement for school breakfast. School breakfast meals not only meet federal nutrition requirements, but are also offered free or at a reduced-price to eligible children. Some schools offer breakfast in the traditional cafeteria setting while others offer breakfast in alternative settings such as Breakfast in the Classroom and Grab-n-Go programs. If you would like to help increase breakfast participation at your child’s school please contact the building principal or the food service director and ask them about starting an alternative breakfast program.

“Power up with School Breakfast” is this year’s National School Breakfast Week theme, which educates students about the importance of a nutritious and healthy school breakfast that can give you the energy to overcome barriers and succeed academically each day. Most local school districts will be celebrating the week with special activities. For additional information, contact your local school officials.

In accordance with federal laws and the U. S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. For further information, contact Pat Cook, Office of Child Nutrition and School Health, at (775) 687-9219.

-end-



Pictured above is Governor Jim Gibbons with the Nevada School Nutrition Association Board Members and Children from Carson City, Lyon County and Washoe County School Districts.

Top row- Millie Andrews, Wanda Shepherd, Joan Munckton, Donnell Barton and Mia Mansfield

Center- Talia Montgomery, Anais Montgomery and Lexi Haynie

Bottom row- Malachi Bibbs, Governor Jim Gibbons, Joey Andrews and Tiarique Montgomery