



# Governor Gordon and First Lady Jennie visit Arp Elementary as part of National School Breakfast Week

**CHEYENNE, WYO** – Governor Mark Gordon and First Lady Jennie Gordon kicked off the third annual Wyoming School Breakfast Week on March 7 at Arp Elementary School in Cheyenne. Dedicated to highlighting increased understanding of the research linking a healthy breakfast to academic achievement, this week—which coincides with National School Breakfast Week—offers an annual opportunity to promote and highlight the success of breakfast programs in school districts across Wyoming. Joining Governor Gordon and First Lady Jennie Gordon was Superintendent of Public Instruction Brian Schroeder, along with representatives from the Wyoming Department of Education Nutrition team.

Arp Elementary School principal Steven Loyd emphasized the importance of universal school breakfast which is served after the start of the school day in all classrooms. Arp third graders enjoyed fruit, muffins, and milk while chatting with their classroom guests about the Statue of Liberty and immigration history; they also served as witnesses to the reading and signing of Governor Gordon’s Proclamation of School Breakfast Week in Wyoming.

National School Breakfast week was launched in 1989 to raise awareness about the School Breakfast Program and to promote the links between eating a nutritious breakfast, academic achievement, and healthy lifestyles. Recent efforts to bring universal school breakfast after the bell to Wyoming classrooms have been overwhelmingly successful, and ensure that no child faces the school day on an empty stomach.

**About Wyoming Hunger Initiative**

*Wyoming Hunger Initiative seeks to find and support Wyoming solutions to the challenge of food insecurity, which affects approximately 86,000 residents statewide. Launched in October 2019, Wyoming Hunger Initiative is the official initiative of Wyoming's First Lady Jennie Gordon and is governed by the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Governor's Residence Foundation, a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. For more information, visit [www.nohungerwyo.org](http://www.nohungerwyo.org).*

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