



UNITED STATES
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NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
March 7–11, 2005

By the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the School Breakfast Program serves healthful, nutritious breakfasts to an average of 8.9 million children at the start of school each day in communities across America; and

WHEREAS teachers and school administrators know that children who have access to good nutrition at the beginning of school each day are more attentive and better able to learn; and

WHEREAS by meeting this need, the School Breakfast Program contributes to this Administration's goal of ensuring that no child is left behind in achieving his or her full potential; and

WHEREAS the efforts of foodservice professionals, school administrators, and community leaders throughout our Nation are critical to the success of the School Breakfast Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, in appreciation of all the dedicated, hardworking people who make the School Breakfast Program a reality in their community schools, I, Mike Johanns, Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, do hereby join with the School Nutrition Association to proclaim the school week of March 7–11, 2005, as National School Breakfast Week. I call upon public and private schools and faith-based and community organizations to recognize the important efforts made by local foodservice professionals, school administrators, and community leaders to promote children's health and to help provide children with an improved environment for learning.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of March 2005, the two-hundred twenty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Johanns".

MIKE JOHANNNS
Secretary