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Nevada



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**Super Bowl LVIII**

**NFL Play 60 Super Kid**

**CONGRATULATIONS BRANDON!**



Brandon T. was chosen as this year's NFL PLAY 60 Super Kid. Every year, the Super Kid serves as the official NFL PLAY 60 Ambassador during Super Bowl Week, participating in a variety of community events and behind-the-scenes opportunities culminating in an on-field recognition during the second half of the Super Bowl. Brandon's dedication to living an active and healthy lifestyle is demonstrated through his ongoing participation in youth sports, including as a Special Olympics athlete with Special Olympics Nevada. Brandon is part of SONV's Special Olympics Unified Sports® Flag Football team. In addition to his responsibilities as the NFL PLAY 60 Super Kid, Brandon served the ABC Good Morning America's Kid Correspondent throughout the week leading up to Super Bowl LVIII. As Good Morning America's Kid Correspondent, Brandon attended a variety of Super Bowl events, including NFL Honors and Super Bowl Experience, where he had the opportunity to interview NFL players and legends. Great work Brandon!

# SPREAD THE WORD INCLUSION DAY



How did your school Spread the Word Inclusion this March?

**Harley Harmon Elementary** hosted a Spread the Word Day. Students were given the opportunity to take the inclusion pledge by signing the respect banner. Harmon also created inclusion posters to decorate their halls.

**Jerome Mack Middle School** created an inclusion banner to decorate their gym during their annual Unified basketball game.

**Joseph Bowler Elementary** newest addition for leadership roles in their school is the HOPE SQUAD. These students were elected by their peers. This Squad will provide services for our wellbeing of our students who are struggling with their emotion and social issues.

[Check out Spread the Word Inclusion Resources here!](#)

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## UNIFIED SPORT HIGHLIGHTS



## Unified Mayhem

brought to you by Dolan Toyota

This year's Unified Mayhem in Northern Nevada hosted 14 schools. The tournament included middle and high schools from Washoe and Lyon county.

Great work from all of the schools that attended!

***Thank you to Dolan Toyota for returning as the Title Sponsor and providing amazing volunteers!***

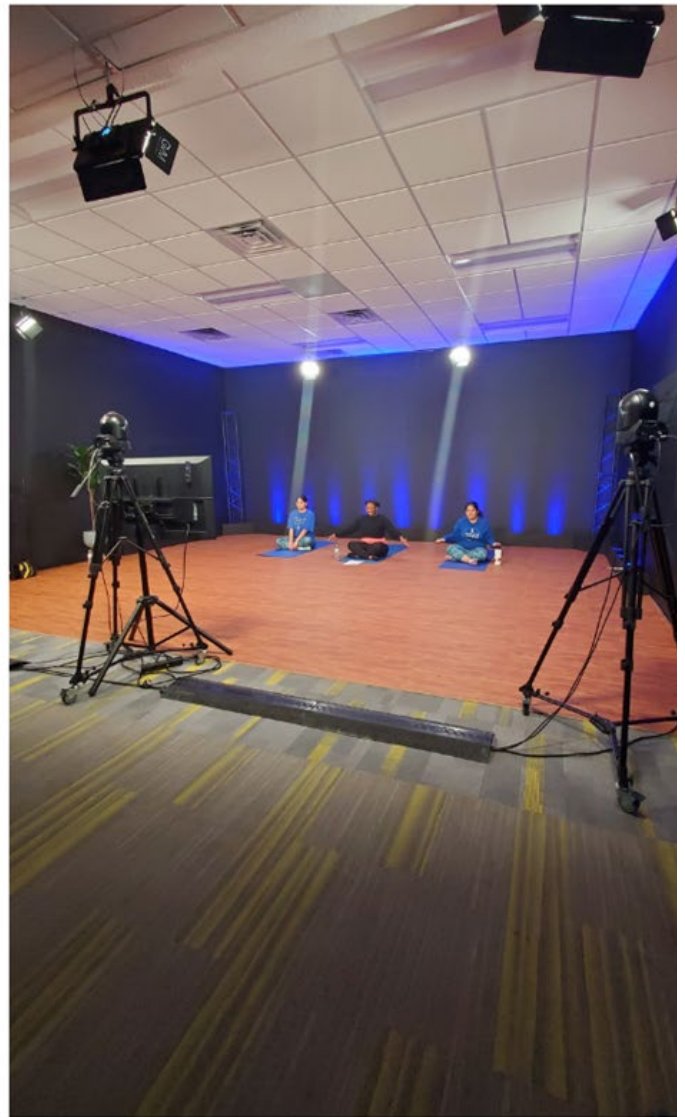
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Great job to all the schools that joined the first Unified Bowling Tournament hosted by Clark County School District Adapted P.E.

Congratulations to **Fertitta Middle School and Valley High School** on their tournament win!

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Special Olympics Nevada Health Specialist and Licensed Social Worker Natasha Mosby led the March Unified Fitness activity. Thank you to Athlete Leaders Jayana and Jolina and thank to all of the classrooms that joined us this March!

If you would like access to view the March Unified Activity recording, contact [Schools@sonv.org](mailto:Schools@sonv.org)

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## HIGHLIGHTING INCLUSION



Educator Jennifer Nelson, alongside APE teacher Scott Cooley, has dedicated herself to expanding **Jerome Mack Middle School's** annual Unified basketball game, transforming it from a modest after-school exhibition into a spectacle that fills up the stands fans. Their journey exemplifies the power of starting small and embracing consistent growth, each year building upon the success of the last. Through their collaborative efforts, they've not only elevated the game but also fostered a sense of community and inclusivity within their school.

Supported by a school and administration that champions their cause, Jennifer and Scott are committed to furthering the game's reach and impact. Their dedication serves as an inspiring example of how teamwork, perseverance, and a shared vision can turn a simple event into a cornerstone of school culture. With their unwavering determination, they continue to pave the way for greater inclusivity and unity within their community.

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The Performing Arts Center at **Damonte Ranch High School** proved how committed to inclusion they are! Led by Dance Director and teacher, Staci Roybal, her Signature Academy students, and the CLS Program; the group showcased a Unified dance performance.

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# UPCOMING

## **UMass Survey is coming your way!**

**Unified Champion Schools liaisons should keep an eye out for the annual University of Massachusetts survey.**

All survey invitations are sent from “Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools” with the email address: [sounifiedchampionschools@qualtrics-survey.com](mailto:sounifiedchampionschools@qualtrics-survey.com).

Due to issues such as firewalls or other filters, it would be helpful if you can look through the spam/junk folder or add the email address to your contacts or a ‘safe-senders’ list.

**We strongly encourage you to complete this survey as best you can to have your voice heard at the state and national level; you are the expert on the activities at your school!**

Special Olympics Nevada receives grant support from the US. Department of Education, under the name “Unified Champion Schools.” Terms of the grant request participation in a project evaluation survey documenting what activities are happening in your schools and will gather all participants’ perspectives on how the Unified Champion Schools strategy fits your school.

Thank you in advance for your feedback!

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## **2023-2024 CHAMPION SCHOOLS**

# Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Champion Schools so far this school year!

If your school would like to report this year's champion school status activities

[click here!](#)

## **Northern Nevada**

Billinghurst Middle School

Carson Middle School

Cold Springs Middle School

Damonte Ranch High School

Dayton High School

Desert Skies Middle School

Fernley High School

Galena High School

Herz Middle School

Hug High School

North Valleys High School

O'Brien Middle School

Reed High School

Reno High School

Silver Stage Middle School

Silverland Middle School

Sky Ranch Middle School

Swope Middle School

Towles Elementary School

## **Southern Nevada**

Ann Lynch Elementary School

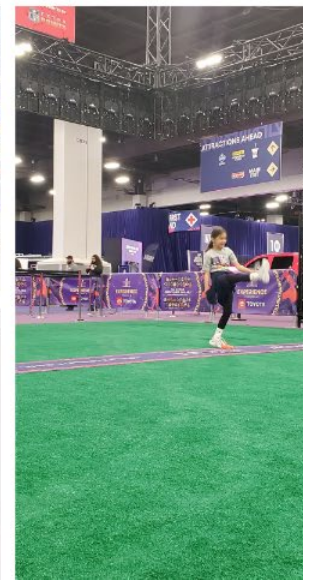
Arturo Cambeiro Elementary School

Bailey Middle School  
Barry and June Gunderson Middle School  
Canyon Springs HS  
Charles and Phyllis Frias Elementary  
Cheyenne HS  
Cimarron-Memorial High School  
Clifford J. Lawrence Junior High School  
Coronado High School  
Desert Oasis High School  
Duane Keller Middle School  
Durango High School  
Eileen B. Brookman Elementary School  
Eldorado High School  
Fay Galloway Elementary School  
Fertitta Middle School  
Foothill High School  
Frank Lamping Elementary School  
Grant Bowler Elementary  
Grant Sawyer Middle School  
Green Valley High School  
Greenspun Junior High School  
Harvey Dondero Elementary  
Helen Anderson Toland International Academy  
James Gibson Elementary School  
Jerome Mack Middle School  
Jones Blackhurst Elementary School  
Joseph Bowler Elementary School  
Kathy Batterman Elementary  
Keith & Karen Hayes Elementary School  
Kenny Guinn STEM Academy

Liberty High School  
Lois and Jerry Tarkanian Middle School  
Marion Earl Elementary  
MJ Christensen Elementary School  
Mojave High School  
Palo Verde High School  
Richard H Bryan Elementary School  
Ruben P. Diaz Elementary School  
Sandra Lee Thompson Elementary School  
Shadow Ridge High School  
Spring Valley High School  
Thiriot Elementary School  
Valley High School

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## COMMUNITY



During Superbowl week, Special Olympics Nevada received the opportunity to invite 5 Unified Champion Schools to the NFL Experience for their Play 60 Kids Day!



**Centennial High School JROTC** volunteering during a sport event.

Are students looking for ways to get involved with Special Olympics?

Are students looking for volunteer hours?

[Click here to find volunteer opportunities!](#)

Contact [Schools@sonv.org](mailto:Schools@sonv.org) to find out more.

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Games, Activities  
and Videos



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Academic Learning  
Videos



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Ages and Stages  
Learning Support  
With Daily Activities  
Ages 0 to 5



Muzzy Club ...



Learn Different  
Languages Using  
Videos And Games



Parent Resources, Tips, and ...



Parent Site Where  
You Can Filter The  
Choices To Guide Play  
Ages 0 to 8

Homework  
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Older Kids



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