

Township of Ocean Elementary School



FRIDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY** 2 3 5 Breakfast for Lunch: Pizza day: **Boneless Chicken Bites** Meatball Parm Sub Pancakes w/Egg Patty Big Daddy Pizza w/Soft Pretzel Stick Roasted Broccoli Garden Tossed Salad Tater Tots Golden Corn Offered Daily 12/1: Crispy Chicken Wrap, and Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich 11 8 9 10 12 Cheesy Stuffed Breadstick Chicken Fajita Taco Totchos Pizza day: Homestyle Mac & Cheese w/Marinara w/ Buttermilk Biscuit over Rice 4X6 Smart Pizza Roasted Broccoli Citrus Glazed Carrots Southwest Black Beans Tater Tots Garden Tossed Salad Offered Daily 12/4-12/8: Chef Salad w/ Flatbread and Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich 15 19 16 17 18 Crispy Chicken Drumstick SCHOOL CLOSED Chicken Nuggets Pizza day: Philly Cheesesteak FOR w/ Dinner Roll w/Stuffing French Bread Pizza MARTIN LUTHER KING'S Roasted Broccoli & Carrots **BIRTHDAY** Mixed Veggies **Curly Fries** Garden Tossed Salad Offered Daily 12/11-12/15: Italian Sub, and Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich 22 23 25 26 24 Breakfast for Lunch: Pizza Day: Cheeseburger on a Bun Hot Diggity Dog Grilled Cheese Sandwich French Toast Sticks Big Daddy Pizza w/Sausage Patty Vegetarian Baked Beans Smile Fries Steamed Carrot Coins Garden Tossed Salad Golden Corn Offered Daily 12/18-12/22: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, and Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich 29 30 31 All lunches include a variety of **REDUCED BREAKFAST: \$.00** fresh fruit, chilled fruit cup, and Chicken Tenders Cheesy Baked Ziti **Pulled Turkey Sliders** PAID LUNCH: \$2.25 choice of milk (skim, 1% or fat free Dinner Roll w/Garlic Breadstick chocolate) REDUCED LUNCH: \$.00 Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower Seasoned Carrot Coins Steamed Green Beans PAID LUNCH: \$3.25

Offered Daily 12/25-12/29: Deli Stackers Bento Box, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, and Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich

Menu Subject to Change

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Make Family Meal Times a Priority

Sometimes, a very simple act can have important, long-lasting benefits. According to parenting and health experts, that is exactly the case with family mealtimes. Eating and talking together helps to:

- Foster family unity
- Prevent behavior problems at home and school
- Enhance academic success
- Improve nutrition
- Promote healthy weight for kids

With that impressive list of benefits, it's worth making the time and effort to enjoy more family mealtimes each week. Look for easy ways to add just one family meal to the schedule. If evenings seem too hectic for family dinners, set aside time for a weekend breakfast or lunch. After a month or two of this new pattern, you can add another family meal each week. Before you know it, you will be eating together on most days.

Source: https://www.eatright.org/food/nutrition/eating-as-a-family/raise-healthy-eaters-in-the-new-year.



Sodexo is committed to promoting healthier food choices and encourages students and families to use the USDA MyPlate to build healthy and balanced meals.

www.liftoffsplayground.com

Planning Matters

Typically, when a person is preparing for something important, they plan. Maybe they are preparing for a presentation, helping their child excel in a sport or gearing up for a special vacation. Typically, if we want it, we prepare to get it. However, when it comes to health and finances, planning is often left to chance. How often have you rushed into the grocery store without a plan? Without a meal plan and a grocery list, food items get thrown into the cart without consideration of the nutritional value, the impact on the waistline or understanding of how it will sustain energy levels. Its truly a missed opportunity to take control of your health, your energy and your wallet. Planning your life, and your nutrition plan, is one of the most powerful and effective ways to attain what you want. Nobody plans to fail; they simply fail to plan. There are several resources to help you better prepare for your next trip to the store. It could be as simple as selecting five meals you want to make and then writing down the ingredients. There are also online recipe resources that will build a grocery list as you select recipes you love. Another free resource is offered by the government website called ChooseMyPlate. For more information, visit https://www.choosemyplate.gov/budget-grocery-list.

Our foodservice facility prepares and serves some products which may contain ingredients identified as food allergens. For more information on food allergies, go to http://www.foodallergy.org/.

Fresh Pick Recipe

WINTER SALAD WITH BUTTERNUT SQUASH (SERVES 4)

- 1/3 cup and 1 3/4 tsp roasted butternut squash
- 1 Tbsp onions (chopped)
- 1/2 Tbsp parsley (chopped)
- 1/2 cup spinach
- 3/4 cup and 3 1/2 Tbsp romaine lettuce (chopped)
- 1 Tbsp whole dried sliced cranberries
- 1. Prepare squash according to recipe.
- 2. Dice onions.
- 3. Wash parsley and pat dry. Pull leaves from stem and roughly chop.
- In a mixing bowl, combine cooled squash, onions, parsley, spinach, lettuce and cranberries. Toss well.

NUTRITION FACTS: 13 calories, .08g fat, 5mg sodium, .65g fiber

