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Why Should Children and Adults Eat More Plant-Based Foods?

Plant based foods like fruits, vegetables, whole grains and beans can provide a variety of color, texture and taste to your plate, and are also packed with important nutrients to help prevent disease. They each contribute important fiber to your daily diet which helps to fill you up and keep your digestive system healthy. Eating plant-based foods has also been shown to reduce the risk for heart disease, high blood pressure and some cancers. In addition, the added vitamins and minerals in these foods can help keep you energized when properly added to a balanced daily meal plan. Why do we struggle to get more plant-based foods into our diets? For some people it's lack of familiarity and not understanding how to incorporate them into a daily diet routine. Consider some of the tips below to help you learn how to add these nutrient-filled foods into your family's meal plan. There are also issues of availability in different seasons, as well as convenience. If fresh is not an option for your family, try frozen fruits and veggies, canned fruits in natural juices, or low-sodium canned vegetables and beans as a healthy alternative.



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

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BREAKFAST

All Breakfast are Whole Grain Rich and Reduced Sugar All Breakfast come with Fruit and Reduced Fat Milk

MONDAY: Whole Grain Cereal and Graham Crackers

TUESDAY: Hot Mini Maple Pancakes

WEDNESDAY: Warm Whole Grain Mini Cini Pastry

THURSDAY: Eggo Waffles

FRIDAY: Whole Grain Muffin and Graham Crackers

MUST BE COMPLETED ANNUALLY

Fresh Pick Recipe

CRANBERRY CORNBREAD DRESSING

- 4 cups combread, cut into large croutons
- 1 lb sausage, cooked and drained (optional)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup onions, small dice
- 1/2 cup celery, sliced
- 1 medium apple, chopped
- 1 cup cranberries
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth • salt and pepper, to taste
- 1. Slice combread into large croutons. Place on baking sheet and put in 350 degree oven for 15 minutes until crispy.
- 2. In medium pan, heat the olive oil and sauté onions and celery for 3 minutes.
- 3. Add apples and cranberries to the pan and sauté for 3 more minutes.
- Spray a large casserole dish with oil. Place combread into dish and top with the cooked sausage if using.
- Prepare all ingredients as directed and mix in a bowl.
- With a slotted spoon, distribute the cranberry mixture on top.
- 7. Spoon enough of the broth onto the dish to moisten the combread.
- 8. Cover casserole dish and place in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes.



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