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National Nutrition Month: Savor The Flavor of Eating Right

March is National Nutrition Month. It's a time to remind us that how, when, why and where we eat is just as important as what we eat. With our busy lives, people tend to eat out of habit and rarely savor the experience of the food being consumed. Making sure to enjoy the sight, sounds, memories and interactions associated with eating are essential to developing an overall healthy eating plan. This is so important for children as they are growing and creating the foundation for a future of healthy eating. We should be encouraging them to sit down to a healthy breakfast, whether at home or in school. Taking time to sit down together for meals at home may be tough, but it's critically important for creating these lasting food experiences where we are teaching children to pause for a moment and truly enjoy their food. Impulsive eating that leads to over consumption of empty calories is not the path towards a healthy future and can lead to unwanted weight gain. Take time to share food traditions with children and find creative, healthful and nutritious ways to add flavor to food. An eating pattern based on the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate recommendations can help you plan healthy meals for your family. Check out these resources at www.choosemyplate.gov.

www.liftoffsplayground.com

52 calories, .73g fat, 56mg sodium, 1.25g fiber



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

| | BREAKFAST | Fresh Pick Recipe |
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| | All Breakfast are Whole Grain Rich and Reduced Sugar All Breakfast come with Fruit and Reduced Fat Milk | COLCANNON (SERVES 4) • 2 5/8 tsp onions (chopped) • 5/8 tsp parsley (chopped) • 3/4 cup and 2 Tbsp water • 1 3/4 oz. instant mashed potatoes • 2 3/4 oz. green cabbage (shredded) • Kosher salt • Black pepper |
| MONDAY: | Whole Grain Cereal and Graham Crackers | Wash green onions and slice very thin on bias. Wash parsley and chop. |
| TUESDAY: | Hot Mini Maple Pancakes | Hear parage and erep. Measure boiling water and pour into a large mixing bowl with a paddle attachment. Place mixer on speed #1. Slowly add dry potato blend. Mix 10 seconds. Turn mixter off and allow potatoes to sit for 5 minutes. |
| WEDNESDAY: | Warm Whole Grain Mini Cini Pastry | 5. Place mixer on speed #2. Mix for 60-90 seconds to fluff potatoes. 6. Bring large pot of water (not listed) to a simmer. Add cabbage, green onions, salt and pepper. |
| THURSDAY: | Flavored Benefit Bar | Water should just cover vegetables. Cover pan and simmer for 5-7 minutes until the cabbage is tender. Drain. 7. Blend cabbage and potatoe and place in a steamtable pan. Garnish with chopped parsley. |
| FRIDAY: | Whole Grain Muffin and Graham Crackers | NUTRITION FACTS: |



Happy March! Any concerns and comments please call the Café Office at 732-531-5630 ext 7090 or Jacqueline.wagner@sodexo.com To add money to your child's lunch account go to www.schoolcafe.com

Nutrition Information is available upon request.