

## Elementary Breakfast & Lunch R 2024





## **Nutrition and Dental Health**

Can an apple a day really keep the doctor away? Does sugar really cause cavities? These questions are frequently asked about teeth, so let's clarify some of the tales, truths and potential misunderstandings about dental health and nutrition. First, if your nutritional intake is poor, often your teeth will be the first to show signs that your body is lacking key nutrients. According to MyPlate, a website from the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, an agency of U.S. Department of Agriculture, a balanced and healthy diet should include:

- Fruits and vegetables: Combined, these should cover half your plate at meals.
- Grains: At least half of the grains you eat should be whole grains, such as oatmeal, whole wheat bread and brown rice.
- Dairy: Choose low-fat or fat-free dairy foods most often.

 Protein: Make lean protein choices, such as lean beef, skinless poultry and fish. Vary your protein choices to also include eggs, beans, peas and legumes. Eat at least eight ounces of seafood a week.

As part of a healthy diet, it's important to note that the foods you eat and the beverages you drink can have a direct influence on the incidence and progression of tooth decay. Not only will "sugar" potentially harm teeth, but almost any type of carbohydrate can be troublesome. Bacteria in our mouth uses carbohydrates for food, so when you cut back on sugar in your diet, you automatically reduce your cavity risk. It is also very important to brush your teeth after eating any kind of food. At a minimum, you should brush your teeth morning and night and be sure to see a dentist every six months.



odexo 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 MENU**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		*Muffin & String Cheese *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Hot Oatmeal *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	NO SCHOOL
*French Toast Stick *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Bagler *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Muffin & String Cheese *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Breakfast Burrito *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Cinnamon Roll *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk
*Pancake Stick *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Frudel *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Sausage Cheese Biscuit *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Pancake & Eggs *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Yogurt & Grahams *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk
*Bagler *Cereal & Grahams Fruit Milk	*Egg & Cheese Quesadilla *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Sausage Cheese Biscuit *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Hot Oatmeal Bar *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*French Toast & Eggs  *Cereal & Toast  Fruit  Milk
NO SCHOOL	*Yogurt & Grahams *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Muffin & String Cheese *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Bagler *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk	*Cinnamon Roll *Cereal & Toast Fruit Milk

## Fresh Pick Recipe

PEAS AND ORANGE SAUTÉ

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup sweet onion, small dice
- 5 cups peas, frozen
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- zest of 1 orange
- · salt and pepper to taste
- 1. In medium sauté pan, add the oil and sauté the onions for 2 minutes.
- Add the peas and orange juice and sauté for 3 to 5 minutes or until peas are tender.
- 3. Add salt and pepper to taste and then add the orange zest.

Meal Prices for May 21 Days Month Totals

Full Pay Breakfast \$27.30 Reduced Pay Breakfast \$6.30 Full Pay Lunch \$39.90 Reduced Pay Lunch \$8.40



Nutrition Information is available upon request.