

Golden Age & Willow Creek Pre-K





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
May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6
Assorted Cereal				
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice
May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13
Assorted Cereal				
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice
May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20
Assorted Cereal				
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice
May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	
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Assorted Cereal	Assorted Cereal	Assorted Cereal	Assorted Cereal	
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	
Juice	Juice	Juice	Juice	
May 30	May 31			

Fresh Pick Recipe

STRAWBERRY SALSA WITH BAKED CORN CHIPS

- 1/4 c Red onion(small dice)
- 1 Jalapeno pepper (mincéd)
- 1 Yellow bell pepper (medium dice)
- 1 Green pepper(medium dice)
- 1/2 Cucumber(medium dice)
- 1 Pint Strawberries,(large dice)
- 1/2 c Pineapple(medium dice)
- 1/2 Ciilantro leaves
- 1/2 c Orange juice
- 2 T Lime juice
- 2 T Extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Baked tortilla chips/scoops
- 1. Prepare all ingredients as directed.
- 2. In medium bowl mix all of the ingredients except for the chips.
- 3. Serve the salsa with the chips on the side.