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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.

exo 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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Fresh Pick Recipe

BREAKFAST MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
		1 Breakfast Pizza Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	2 Golden Pancakes Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	3 Breakfast Burrito Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	STRAWBERRY SALSA WITH BAKED CORN CHIPS • ¼ c Red onion(small dice) • 1 Jalapeno pepper (minced) • 1 Yellow bell pepper(medium dice)
6 Chocolate Crescent Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	7 Warm Waffles w/Syrup Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers	8 Breakfast Pizza Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	9 Golden Pancakes Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	10 Breakfast Burrito Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	 1 Green pepper(medium dice) 1 Green pepper(medium dice) 1/2 Cucumber(medium dice) 1/2 c Vineapple(medium dice) 1/2 c Orange juice 2 T Lime juice
13 Egg & Cheese Sandwich Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers	14 Warm Waffles w/Syrup Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers	15 Breakfast Pizza Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	16 Golden Pancakes Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	17 Breakfast Burrito Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	 2 T Extra virgin olive oil Salt and pepper to taste Baked tortilla chips/scoops 1. Prepare all ingredients as directed.
20 Cherry Frudel Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	21 Warm Waffles w/Syrup Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers	22 Breakfast Pizza Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	23 Golden Pancakes Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	24 School Closed	 In medium bowl mix all of the ingredients except for the chips. Serve the salsa with the chips on the side.
27 School Closed	28 Warm Waffles w/Syrup Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers	29 Breakfast Pizza Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	30 Golden Pancakes Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	31 Breakfast Burrito Whole Grain Donut Bagel w/Cream Cheese Assorted Muffins Yogurt & Crackers Assorted Cereal	



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Nutrition Information is available upon request.