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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.

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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.

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 MENU					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
		1 Cinnamon Toast Cereal Pineapple Juice Milk	2 Yogurt Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	3 Blueberry Muffin Apple Juice Milk	
6 Mini Waffles Fruit Punch Milk	7 Banana Muffin Grape Juice Milk	8 Cinnamon Cream Cheese Bagels Pineapple Juice Milk	9 Yogurt Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	10 Mini French Toast Apple Juice Milk	
13 Multigrain Cheerios Fruit Punch Milk	14 Mini Pancakes Grape Juice Milk	15 Cinnamon Toast Cereal Pineapple Juice Milk	16 Yogurt Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	17 Blueberry Muffin Apple Juice Milk	
20 Mini Waffles Fruit Punch Milk	21 Banana Muffin Grape Juice Milk	22 Bagel with Cream Cheese Pineapple Juice Milk	23 Yogurt Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	24 School Closed	No. of Street,
27 School Closed	28 Mini Pancakes Grape Juice Milk	29 Cinnamon Toast Cereal Pineapple Juice Milk	30 Yogurt Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	31 Blueberry Muffin Apple Juice Milk	The second se

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Fresh Pick Recipe
STRAWBERRY SALSA WITH BAKED CORN CHIPS
 ¼ c Red onion(small dice) 1 Jalapeno pepper (minced) 1 Yellow bell pepper(medium dice) 1 Green pepper(medium dice) 1/2 Cucumber(medium dice) 1/2 c Cuimber(medium dice) 1/2 c Pineapple(medium dice) 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.

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Nutrition Information is available upon request.

