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Mercer Elementary School



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1.Cheeseburger on Bun 2.Baked Chicken w/Dinner Roll

3. Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap 4. Fruit & Yogurt Parfait

Sweet Potato Fries

1.Soft Tacos w/Spanish Rice 2. Pasta Meatsauce

3. Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap 4. Fruit & Yogurt Parfait

Elote Corn

1.Chicken Cheese Steak 2.Chicken Tenders w/Soft Pretzel

3. Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap 4.Fruit & Yogurt Parfait

Citrus Glazed Carrots

1.Pancakes w/(2)Sausage 2. Homestyle Mac & Cheese

3. Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap 4.Fruit & Yogurt Parfait

Green Beans

1.Old School Pizza w/ Dipping Sauce 2.Chicken Alfredo Pasta

3. Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap 4.Fruit & Yogurt Parfait

Roasted Vegetables

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1.French Toast Sticks (2) Sausage 2.Cheesy Stuffed Breadstick w/Marinara sauce

3.Chef's Salad w/Flatbread 4. Turkey Club Sandwich

Sweet Potato Fries

11

1.Taco Totchos w/Buttermilk Biscuit 2. Hometown Corn Dog Bites

3. Chef's Salad w/Flatbread 4. Turkey Club Sandwich

Roasted Summer Squash

12

1.Butter Chicken w/Brown Rice 2.Pulled Pork Nachos

3.Chef's Salad w/Flatbread 4. Turkey Club Sandwich

Green Peas

13

6

1.Crispy Chicken Drumsticks W/Brown Rice 2.Orange Chicken Stir-Fry w/Fried Rice

3.Chef's Salad w/Flatbread 4. Turkey Club Sandwich

Cheesy Corn Casserole

14

1.Pepperoni Pizza 2.Grilled Cheese w/Tomato Soup

3.Chef's Salad w/Flatbread 4. Turkey Club Sandwich

Mixed Vegetables

17

PRESIDENT'S DAY

SCHOOL CLOSED

18

1.Pretzel Cheeseburger 2.Baked Penne w/Garlic Bread

> 3.EZ Pizza Bento Box 4. Italian Sub

Crispy French Fries **Baby Carrots**

19

1.Nachos Supreme 2. Chicken Tenders/Dinner Roll

> 3. EZ Pizza Bento Box 4. Italian Sub

> > Mexican Corn

20

1.Chicken Cheese Steak 2.Cheese Quesadilla

3.EZ Pizza Bento Box 4.Italian Sub

Sauteed Peppers & Onions

21

1.Chicken Waffles 2.Loaded Broccoli & Cheese Baked Potato

> 3.EZ Pizza Bento Box 4.Italian Sub

Sweet Potato Fries

24

1.Cheeseburger on Bun 2. Cheesy Stuffed Breadstick w/Marianna sauce

3.Crispy Chicken Salad w/Dinner Roll 4. Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich

> Crispy French Fries **Baby Carrots**

25

1.Chicken Fajita Tacos w/Spanish Rice 2.Grilled Pretzel Sandwich w/Tomato Soup

3. Crispy Chicken Salad w/Dinner roll 4. Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Green Beans

26

1. Homestyle Mac & Cheese 2. Chicken Fried Rice w/Egg Roll

.Crispy Chicken Salad w/ Dinner Roll 4. Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Roasted Broccoli

27

1.Baked Chicken w/Dinner roll 2. Southern Style Chicken Wrap

3.Crispy Chicken Salad w/ Dinner Roll 4. Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Sweet Green Peas

28

1.Cheese Pizza 2.Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich

3. Crispy Chicken Salad w/Flatbread 4. Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Italian Roasted Zucchini

All reimbursable meals include choice of entree, fruit, juice, and milk (1%, skim, or flavored skim)

Seasonal Garden Bar includes seasonal fruit, vegetables, and garden salad in addition to the

following daily options:

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Which is Better - Fresh or Frozen Produce?

Frozen foods get a bad rap for being processed junk, but the truth is that some of the healthiest foods on the market are in the freezer section. As soon as a fruit or vegetable is picked, it begins to lose nutrients. By freezing fruits and veggies shortly after they're harvested, they're allowed to fully ripen, which means they're chockfull of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, and freezing "locks in" many of their nutrients. Examination of frozen produce has revealed higher levels of antioxidants, including polyphenols, anthocyanins, lutein, and beta-carotene. Freezing also rarely destroys nutrients.

In one report, the vitamin C content in fresh broccoli plummeted by more than 50% within a week, but dipped by just 10% over an entire year when frozen. In addition to the superior nutrient profile (because freezing preserves food), no unwanted additives are needed in bags of frozen goodies, like spinach and strawberries. In addition, most frozen fruit and veggies packages include single-word ingredient lists - simply the fruit or veggie itself. Finally, frozen produce requires no washing, peeling or chopping. This makes it super easy to add to any meal at home when time is limited.



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

Be Active for American Heart Month

It's Heart Month and a perfect time to create a plan of daily exercise for yourself and your kids. Physical activity is good for children's bodies. It promotes growth and development and should be encouraged throughout the day for younger children (ages 3 to 5). At least 60 minutes of activity a day helps older children and adolescents grow strong bones and muscles, build endurance and maintain a healthy weight. There's mounting evidence that moderate to vigorous physical activity also helps boost children's critical thinking skills, grade point averages and standardized test scores.

Plan time in your schedule for your children to engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day. This amount of time can be done at once or accumulated with shorter chunks throughout the day. Try to select activities your kids enjoy. Consider jumping rope, playing hopscotch, throwing a frisbee, walking the dog, jogging, bike riding, etc. The key is to have fun so that activity becomes associated with positive experiences. Remember to also praise, reward and encourage your kids' physical activity by providing the equipment and inspiration they need.

Our foodservice facility prepares and serves some products which may contain ingredients identified as food allergens. For more information on food allergies, go to http://www.foodallergy.org/.

Fresh Pick Recipe APPLE AND CARROT SAUTÉ

- 1 ½ Tbsp olive oil
- 1/4 c onion (small dice) • 1/2 c celery (sliced thin)
- 2 c carrots (1" slices)
- 1 c plus 2 Tbsp water (divided)
- 1 ½ c apples (unpeeled/tart/large dice)
- 1 Tbsp honey
- 2 Tbsp orange juice
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 Tbsp parsley (sliced)
- 1. Prepare ingredients as directed.
- 2. In medium saucepan sauté onions and celery in the olive oil for 2 minutes until tender.
- 3. Add 1 C water and the carrots to the pan and simmer until carrots are crisp but tender.
- 4. Drain any remaining water. Add apples, honey and orange juice to the carrots and sauté for 5 minutes.
- 5. Combine the cornstarch with the remaining 2 T water and add to the
- 6. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- 7. Bring to a medium boil and then simmer for 2 minutes. Garnish with parsley and serve.

