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Mercer Elementary School

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1.Macaroni & Cheese with Dinner Rol 2.Hot Dog on Bun 3.Turkey & Cheese Sub

Sauteed Spinach

1.Bacon Cheeseburger 2.Fish Sticks & Chips 3.Turkey & Cheese Sub

Baked French Fries

1.Baked Chicken with Rice 2.Pulled BBQ Sandwich 3.Turkey & Cheese Sub

Ginger Glazed Carrots

1.Chicken Patty Sandwich
2. Grilled Cheese Sandwich
3.Turkey & Cheese Sub

Roasted Chickpeas

1.Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza 2.Chicken Cheese Steak 3.Turkey & Cheese Sub

Steamed Green Beans

10

1.Grilled Cheese Sandwich 2.Meatball Parm Sub 3. Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Green Beans

11

Breakfast for Lunch:

1.Pancakes with Sausage 2.Chicken Patty Sandwich 3.Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Tater Tots

12

1.Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice 2.Hot Dog on Bun 3. Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Roasted Broccoli

13

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Broccoli

14

1.Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza 2.Chicken Nuggets with Roll 3.Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Sweet Potato Fries

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

18

 1.Boneless Chicken Bites with Soft Pretzel
 2.Fish Sticks & Chips
 3. Chicken Salad Sandwich

Seasoned Green Beans

19

1.Baked Ziti
 with Garlic Breadstick
 2.Chicken Patty Sandwich
 3. Chicken Salad Sandwich

Sautéed Spinach

20

1.Popcorn Chicken Bowl with Dinner Roll
 2.Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 3. Chicken Salad Sandwich

Mashed Potatoes & Corn

21

1.Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza 2.Chicken Fajitas with Toppings 3.Chicken Salad Sandwich

Roasted Carrot Sticks

24

1.Oven Fried Chicken
 with Buttermilk Biscuit
 2.Build a Burger Bar
 with Lettuce & Tomato
 3. Chef Salad with Flatbread

Roasted Broccoli

25

1.Twin Tacos with Meat,
 Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato
 2.Chicken Alfredo Mac
 with Warm Breadstick
 3. Chicken Salad Sandwich

Steamed Corn

26

1.Hot Dog on Bun 2.Chicken Nuggets with Roll 3.Chicken Salad Sandwich

Homestyle Baked Beans

27

1.Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce 2.Chicken Patty Sandwich 3.Chicken Salad Sandwich

Parmesan Green Beans

28

1.Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza 2.Grilled Cheese Sandwich 3.Chicken Salad Sandwich

Sweet Potato Fries

31

1.Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 with Tomato Soup
 2.Cheese Quesadilla with Salsa
 3. Italian Sub

Steamed Broccoli



All lunches include a variety of fresh fruit, chilled fruit cup, and choice of milk (skim, 1% or fat free chocolate)

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Make Family Meal Times a Priority

Sometimes, a very simple act can have important, long-lasting benefits. According to parenting and health experts, that is exactly the case with family mealtimes. Eating and talking together helps to:

- Foster family unity
- Prevent behavior problems at home and school
- Enhance academic success
- Improve nutrition
- Promote healthy weight for kids

With that impressive list of benefits, it's worth making the time and effort to enjoy more family mealtimes each week. Look for easy ways to add just one family meal to the schedule. If evenings seem too hectic for family dinners, set aside time for a weekend breakfast or lunch. After a month or two of this new pattern, you can add another family meal each week. Before you know it, you will be eating together on most days.

Source: https://www.eatright.org/food/nutrition/eating-as-a-family/raise-healthy-eaters-in-the-new-year.



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

www.liftoffsplayground.com

Planning Matters

Typically, when a person is preparing for something important, they plan. Maybe they are preparing for a presentation, helping their child excel in a sport or gearing up for a special vacation. Typically, if we want it, we prepare to get it. However, when it comes to health and finances, planning is often left to chance. How often have you rushed into the grocery store without a plan? Without a meal plan and a grocery list, food items get thrown into the cart without consideration of the nutritional value, the impact on the waistline or understanding of how it will sustain energy levels. Its truly a missed opportunity to take control of your health, your energy and your wallet. Planning your life, and your nutrition plan, is one of the most powerful and effective ways to attain what you want. Nobody plans to fail; they simply fail to plan. There are several resources to help you better prepare for your next trip to the store. It could be as simple as selecting five meals you want to make and then writing down the ingredients. There are also online recipe resources that will build a grocery list as you select recipes you love. Another free resource is offered by the government website called ChooseMyPlate. For more information, visit https://www.choosemyplate.gov/budget-grocery-list.

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

GLAZED CARROTS WITH ORANGE SAUCE (SERVES 5)

- 3 cups fresh, cooked carrots
- 1 teaspoon canola/olive oil blend
- 4 ounces frozen orange juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon parsley (dried)
- Toss carrots in oil and arrange on a parchment lined sheet pan in a single layer. Bake carrots in a 350°F standard oven for 15-18 minutes and the carrots are slightly crunchy.
- Combine orange juice, cornstarch, brown sugar and pepper in a 4" oven safe pan and bake at 350°F for 10 minutes or until sauce thickens at 160°F or above for 15 seconds.
- 3. Carefully transfer cooked carrots to serving pan.
- Pour hot orange dressing over carrots and gently toss until carrots are evenly coated. Garnish with parsley.

NUTRITION FACTS: 57 calories, 1g fat, 55mg sodium, 3g fiber

MEAL REQUIREMENTS

Must select at least 3 of the 5 offered components: Meat/Meat Alternative; Grain; Veggie; Fruit; Milk ONE SELECTION MUST BE A 1/2 CUP OF FRUIT OR VEGGIE!

Nutrition Information is available upon request.