#### **Nutrition 101**

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#### The Menu

- Healthy Eating The Basics
- Mindless Eating
- What's to drink Fluid Requirements
- Achieve Balance

# The Basics of Healthy Eating

#### Healthy eating means:

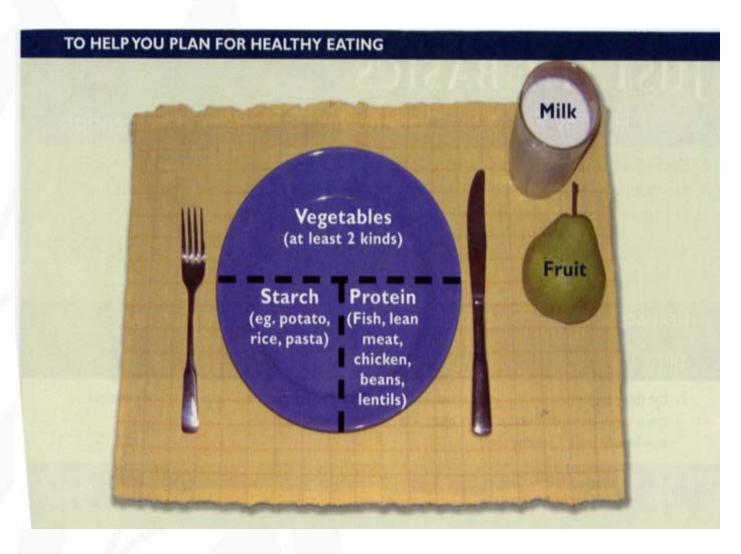
- Eating a variety of foods from each food group. This helps:
  - develop acceptance and enjoyment of different foods
  - develop healthy food habits that will last a lifetime.
- Having the right amount of nutrients to grow properly, be active and feel good.
- Limiting foods that are high in sugar, fat and salt and empty of vitamins, minerals and building nutrients.



## Healthy Growth and Development

- Children are not shaped the same and grow and develop at different times.
- Best way to measure how a child is doing is by a growth chart kept at clinic, at daycare or at the doctor's office

## Balance your plate



### **Grain Products (Starches)**





Portion Size
= Size of
your fist

- Best Buys include:
- Plain rice, pasta, oatmeal
- Potatoes
- Bulk grains
- Stock up when on sale
- Day old products

### Vegetables

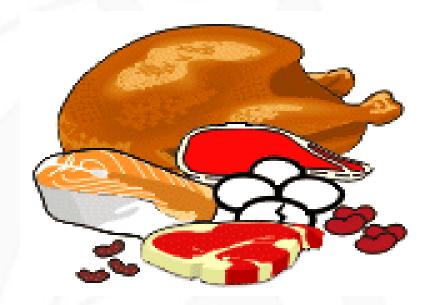


#### Best Buys include:

- Fresh, seasonal
- Root vegetables
- "Harder" vegetables
- Frozen vegetables
- Plain vs. with sauce
- Whole vs. pre-cut & washed
- Buy in bulk from local growers in season & preserve

**Portion Size = 1-2 handfuls** 

#### **Protein**





## Best buys include:

- Look at cost per serving
- Plain vs with sauce/marinade
- Whole vs pre-cut
- Beans, eggs or tofu

**Portion size = Size of your palm** 

#### Calcium Rich foods



Portion Size =
Size of your fist
for milk



#### **Best buys include:**

- •Milk, cheese & yoghurt in largest size you can use
- Powdered milk
- •Whole vs. pre-prepared
- Buy only what you will use
- •Other sources: Soy milk, salmon w bones, sardines, nuts, seeds, tofu, kale

## Which calories are recommended?

- Majority from carbohydrate & protein
- Less than 30% of calories should come from fat.
- For example: no more than 65 grams of fat if you need 2000 calories a day.
- Estimated that 50% of calories young adults fill up on is from fat + sugar.
- ♦ Fat = "dirty fuel" & Sugar = short term energy



#### Read The Label

- Read it before you eat it!
- ♦5 g of Fat = 1 teaspoon
- 4 g of Sugar = 1 teaspoon
- Look for lower amounts of calories, fat, salt, sugar
- Look for higher amounts of fiber and nutrients

Nutrition Facts Per 1 cup (264 g)			
Amount	% Daily Value		
Calories 260			
<b>Fat</b> 13 g	20%		
Saturated 3 g + Trans 2 g	25%		
Cholesterol 30 mg			
Sodium 660 mg	28%		
Carbohydrate 31 g	10%		
Fibre 0 g	0%		
Sugars 5 g			
Protein 5 g			
Vitamin A 4%	Vitamin C 2%		
Calcium 15% I	ron 4%		

#### Meals and snacks

- Meals Include 3-4 food groups. Vary foods within groups.
- Snacks should include 2 food groups



	Mon	Tues	Wed
Snack	Banana oatmeal cookies + ½ cup milk or water	Zucchini bread + ½ cup milk	Apple wedges + pretzels + ½ cup milk
Lunch	Baked chicken, rice, broccoli & cheese sauce + pears	salmon sandwich + soup (cream of tomato) +canned peaches or orange slices in jello	Chili (beans, tomatoes, spices, onions) on rice/couscous/ or bun with yogourt or melted cheese + fruit dessert

#### Choose the following ANYTIME



- Vegetables & Fruit
- Whole grains and grain products
- Lean meat, chicken & fish
- Low fat milk, yoghurt and cheese
- Water!
- Have moderate portions!

## **Limit Fatty Foods**



- Hamburgers & Pizza
- Hot dogs
- French Fries
- Chips
- Combo meals
- Chocolate Bars
- Donuts
- Margarine & Butter



#### **Traditional Food**

- Important source of many nutrients that are not consumed in sufficient amounts.
- Diets are healthier when traditional food is eaten than if just market foods are eaten

#### **Coastal FN Food Guide**



## Mindless Eating

### Do you clean your plate?

- ♦54% of Americans DO clean their plates
- Research shows that people will eat MORE if they are presented with a larger volume of food.

## **Big Bowls = Big Appetite!**

◆ If the serving bowl is large, you will serve yourself 50% more calories than if the serving bowl is small.

### **Drinking Glass Size**

Which holds more liquid - a short wide glass or a tall thin glass?

Even bartenders over pour by 28% in a short wide glass.

# Which would you eat more calories at Subway or McDonalds?

- Halo effect of healthy food choices
- Halo effect lasts all day

## At least I know when to stop eating?

- Would you keep eating soup if your bowl never emptied?
- Do you eat movie popcorn when it doesn't taste good?
- How much more might you eat while watching a 60 minute t.v. show compared to a 30 minute show.

### The DARK SIDE of Variety!

When there is a greater variety of foods available to eat – you eat more!

## So what is the solution to mindless eating?

- NOT Concentration!
- NOT Willpower!

#### "Mindless" Solutions

- Use smaller plates
- Use tall, thin glasses
- Serve lunch on a salad plate
- Use small serving bowls for high calorie foods and make less for the family
- Use large serving bowls for low calorie foods and make lots
- Use small serving spoons with high calorie dishes and large serving spoons with low calorie dishes
- Serve high calorie foods from the kitchen
- Serve low calorie foods on the table
- Package snacks into smaller bags
- Serve a variety of healthy foods
- Limit variety of less healthy foods

#### What's to drink?

Best choices? – Milk or water!!!!





8 GLASSES @ DAY

#### Fluid Requirements For exercise:

1-2 cups 1 hour prior to activity

1/4 to 1/2 cup every 20 minutes of activity

1-2 cups after activity

#### To Juice or not to Juice...

- Blend, cocktail, punch, drink, etc. = extra sugar
- ♦ Look for 100% juice
- If you must have juice, add water & max: 1 cup/day
- Good alternatives: water and milk, mineral water, club soda, lemon water, herbal teas, black or green tea, decaf coffee



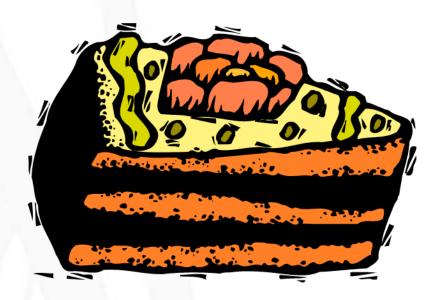
### **Dessert and Snack Options**

- Apple sauce no added sugar
- Canned fruit packed in juice
- Fruit Salad (fresh and/or canned)
- Yogurt N' Fruit Parfait
- Fruit Crisp low sugar/maple syrup
- Light Gelatin with Fruit added
- Fresh fruit in season
- Stewed Fruit



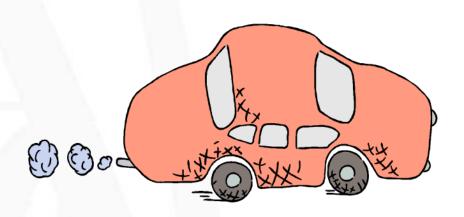


## We are programmed to like foods that are high in calories

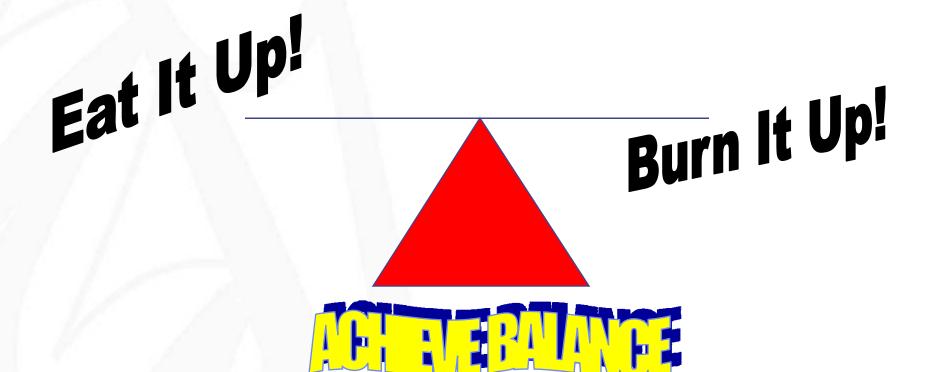


This was needed for survival when food was not so abundant. We needed high calorie foods to "stock up" before going without.

## What happens when you put too much fuel in your car?









## Burn It Up! - The Apple

How many minutes of jump-rope/swimming (stair stepping) is required to use up the calories in one apple?



8 Minutes



## Burn It Up! – The Bag of Chips

How many minutes of jump-rope/swimming (stair stepping) is required to use up the calories in one bag of chips (60g size)?



30 Minutes



#### The KFC Meal Deal







- 2 Piece Meal (Thigh and Wing)
- Potato Wedges
- Cole slaw
- Large Pepsi

and Wing)

Calories

1220 Calories

1146 minutes

### The Personal Pizza

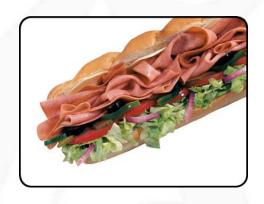


- ◆ Individual 6" Meat Lovers Pan Pizza
- Large Pepsi

t 1080 Calories 1080 Minutes 103 Minutes

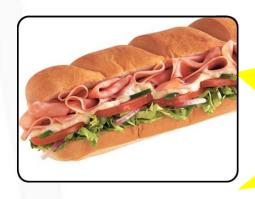
## **Subway Sandwiches**

Which one offers the most calories?



Cold Cut Combo

460 Calories 44 Minutes



Ham

290 Calories 28 Minutes

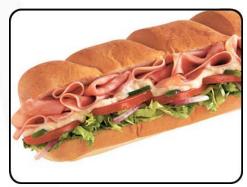


Tuna

530 Calories 50 Minutes

# **Subway Meal**



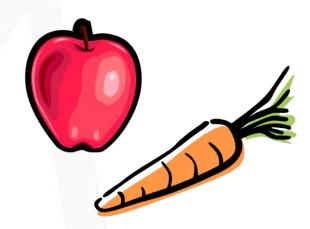


- ♦6" Ham Sub
- Bag of Chips
- Fountain Drink



# **Brown Bagging It**







- Ham, Cheese, Lettuce Tomato Sandwich
- Apple
- Carrot Sticks
- Small Milk

536 Calories 51 minutes 51

# An extra 10 potato chips or 10 candies each day = a weight gain of 10 pounds in 1 year!



# Habits for health

- Caregivers need to:
  - Provide a variety of nutritious foods from the 4 food groups
  - Prepare food in ways that a child finds easy to manage;
  - Create a comfortable, positive eating atmosphere;
  - Plan 3 meals and 2-3 snacks daily at routine times.
- Let the child decide how much to eat.
- Encourage physical activity:
  - Involve your child in daily physical activity.
  - Limit computer and television time for everyone
  - Be a good role model for active living.



# Food For Thought,...

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### **Small Iced Cap:**

250 cal, 11 g Fat,7 tsp sugar

### **Medium Iced Cap:**

400 cal, 17 g Fat, 11 tsp sugar

### **Large Iced Cap:**

500 cal, 21 g Fat, 14 tsp sugar

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<u>Tall</u> <u>Frappuccino:</u>

340 cal, 11 g Fat, 11 tsp sugar Grande Frappuccino:

470 cal, 16 g Fat, 15 tsp sugar Venti Frappuccino:

580 cal, 17 g Fat, 20 tsp sugar

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### **Small Blizzard:**

680 cal, 28 g Fat, 18 tsp sugar

### **Medium Blizzard:**

750 cal, 31 g Fat, 20 tsp sugar

#### **Large Blizzard:**

980 cal, 44 g Fat, 25 tsp sugar

# Which one is the better choice?





When you must ...go for "ICE" vs "ICE CREAM"

# In today's world we can eat a lot of calories without doing any work



We are eating more and doing less than we ever have.



# Get Moving!!!!



Exercise Makes you Feel Better Recommendation: 30 minutes most days (i.e. 5 days a week)

# **Picky Eating**

Not wanting **to eat** a food or **much of a food** are a common occurrence in the toddler/preschool years...due to tiredness, slow growth period, new food, changing likes/dislikes



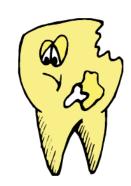
- Carry out food activities during playschool (games, gardening, cooking)
- Try...try and try a food again sometimes in different ways

### To increase appetite at meals:

- Serve snacks 2 hours before
- Serve water between meals
- Serve drinks at end of meals



# Soda pop, sugar and teeth



- Today, kids drink twice as much pop as milk.
- Children consume 100 more calories per day than 10 years ago. Most of these calories come from pop, juice, fast food and candy.
- **♦** A can of pop per day = ¾ pound sugar extra/week

Sugar in pop combines with bacteria in your mouth to form acid.

- Acid in soft drinks, whether they contain sugar or not, is the primary cause of weakening tooth enamel.

  - The acid attacks your teeth. Each acid attack lasts about 20 minutes.
- The acid attack starts over again with every sip.Ongoing acid attacks weaken your tooth enamel.
- Bacteria in your mouth cause cavities when tooth enamel is damaged

# Choking

### Children under 4 are at greater risk of choking

- Cut food into small pieces (1/4 inch-toddlers and ½ inch for preschoolers
- Model small bites
- Insist on sitting when eating
- Encourage chewing (even for berries-if inhaled can get caught)

#### **Avoid serving**

- hard raw vegetables such as carrots, celery. (Cooked and soft vegetables should be pureed, finely chopped or cut lengthwise).
- hard candy
- popcorn
- peanut
- grapes (unless cut lengthwise)
- hot dogs (unless cut lengthwise)







# **Food Intolerance**

- Food intolerance- might only be able to eat a bit of food before reacting (gas, cramps, diarrhea, rash, swelling)
  - Lactose intolerance (can only drink lactaid milk or need to take pills to avoid symptoms
  - Food additives some people react to chemicals added to processed foods
  - Fruits (strawberries, orange, tomatoes, banana, kiwi)
  - Some cheese
  - Fish (occasionally)

Symptoms can be like food allergies. The only way to not have the symptoms is to understand which food is causing the problem (food diary) and to avoid the food

# **Food Allergies**

- Common Allergens: egg white, milk, soy, fish, shellfish, nuts, peanuts, wheat
- Food Allergy- immune system response
  - Symptoms may be one or many of following:
    - Oral system: Swelling, itching of mouth, lips
    - Digestive: Nausea, vomiting, pain, diarrhea, constipation
    - Skin: Itching, flushing, rash, hives, eczema
    - Respiratory- congestion, coughing, wheezing, sneezing, runny nose (clear mucous), asthma
- Severe (rare) reactions:
  - Anaphylactic reaction: involves 2 or more systems and heart
  - Anaphylactic shock: -life-threatening

# **Nutritional supplements**

- Before using a supplement for a child, discuss with a doctor or a registered dietitian.
- Infants have higher nutrient needs and may need vitamin A, D or iron supplement. \*\*Discuss with doctor or dietitian.
- Toddlers and preschoolers generally don't need vitamin or mineral supplements if they are eating a variety of foods from the four food groups.
- Children with food restrictions or who are underweight, not growing well, or have a poor appetite may need supplements.
- Supplements can be toxic to children if taken in excess and should be stored and used with caution.

# Resources

- Dial-A-Dietitian (1-800-667-3438) or www.dialadietitian.org
- For more resources to promote healthy eating and active living among preschoolers visit the Healthy Start For Life partnership website at www.dietitians.ca/healthystart
- BC Health Files <u>www.bchealthguide.org/healthfiles</u>
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