



RightBite!

A Newsletter for Healthy Eating

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Eat Smart, Be Active

Eating healthy and being physically active can help you and your family enjoy life. By making healthy choices, not only will you feel better, you can also reduce the risk of heart disease and other health problems like diabetes and obesity. Remember...children often “inherit” their family’s lifestyle. If you do active things and have healthy eating habits, chances are your children will too.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly one-third of U.S. children are overweight or obese...and overweight children are likely to become overweight adults!



Healthy Habits for Your Family

Eat Smart!	Be Active!
Prepare foods together	Plan active outings
Offer healthy choices	Limit TV watching
Eat meals together	Assign active chores
Avoid large serving sizes	Be a role model
Limit fast foods	Have fun

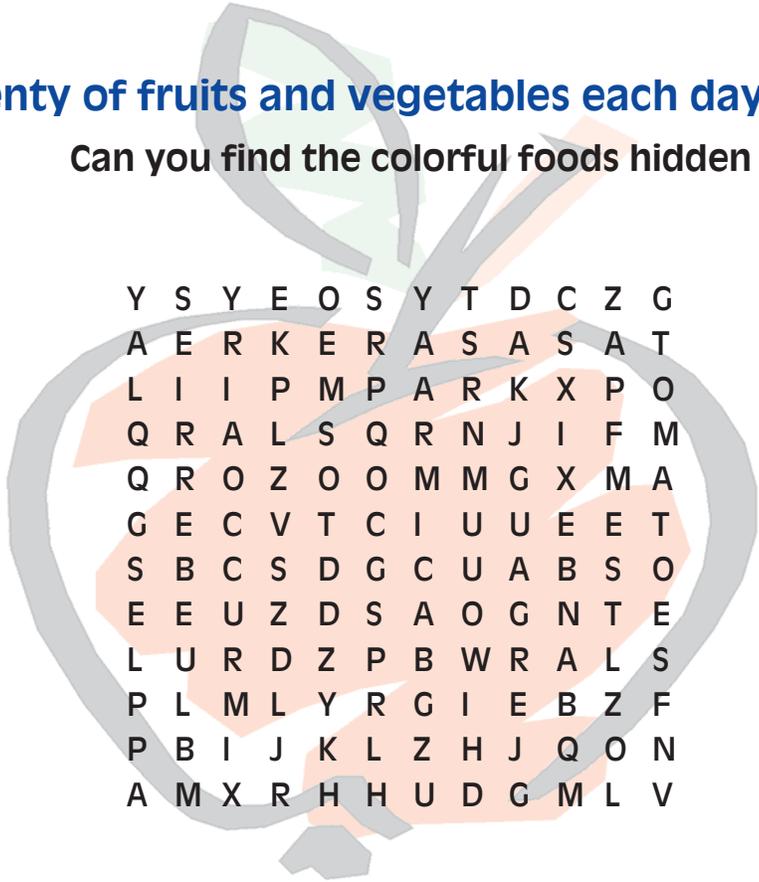
Make Family Meals a Part of Your Routine

- ◆ **Set a regular family mealtime.** This will give your child a better chance to eat a variety of foods.
- ◆ **Make it simple and quick.** Spend less time in the kitchen and more time at the table.
- ◆ **Sit down at the table.** Turn off the TV and don't answer the telephone so you can talk and listen to each other.
- ◆ **Let your children help.** Children are more likely to eat food if they help choose and prepare it.
- ◆ **Eat breakfast together.** Breakfast eaters tend to be healthier, and kids who eat breakfast do better in school.
- ◆ **Slow down the pace of eating.** It takes 15-20 minutes for the stomach to send signals to the brain letting you know you are full. People who eat more slowly are less likely to overeat.



Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables each day to stay healthy!

Can you find the colorful foods hidden below?



- GRAPES
- CARROTS
- BROCCOLI
- ORANGES
- APPLES
- BLUEBERRIES
- TOMATOES

Food Safety Corner



Kitchen Safety Tips

- ◆ Keep pan handles away from the edge of the stove.
- ◆ Only use dry potholders.
- ◆ Always use a cutting board to cut foods.
- ◆ Use separate cutting boards for raw meat, poultry and fish.
- ◆ Make sure hands are dry before turning on a switch or pulling out or pushing in a plug.
- ◆ Never leave the kitchen while something is still cooking.

Right Bite Recipe

Frozen Yogurt Pops

Ingredients

- 1 cup low-fat vanilla or lemon yogurt
- 1 (6 ounce) can orange juice concentrate
- 2½ cups low-fat or fat-free milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla (optional)

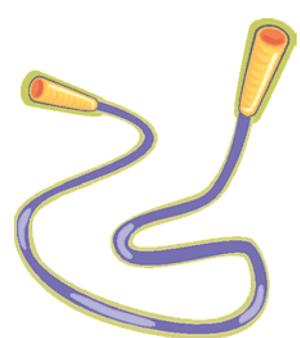
Directions

1. Place all ingredients in a bowl or blender.
2. Mix well with a spoon, whisk or blender.
3. Pour into small paper cups and add a wooden popsicle stick or plastic spoon for the handle.
4. Freeze until firm and enjoy!

Get Your Family Moving!

You don't need to spend extra money or even play sports. You can be active just by doing everyday things.

- Fly a kite
- Play hopscotch
- Throw a frisbee
- Create sidewalk art
- Take a walk
- Go to the park
- Play freeze tag
- Dance
- Wash the dog
- Jump rope



As an adult, you should be active for at least 30 minutes on most days, and your child should be active for at least 60 minutes!



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Convenience Foods... Is the time saved worth the cost?



Meats or poultry cut into pieces or slices usually cost more than large cuts of meat or whole chickens.



Plain frozen vegetables are better buys than vegetables packed with sauces. When fresh vegetables aren't in season, frozen and canned vegetables may be the best buy. They can also be stored longer than fresh vegetables.



Frozen main dishes are usually more expensive than cooking the dish yourself, and they are higher in fat, calories and salt.



If convenience items are on sale, they may be less expensive than cooking from scratch, especially if they have high-cost ingredients like nuts or special flavorings.

For more information on food, nutrition, or health, contact your county Extension office or visit www.uaex.edu.