

The Role of Nutrition and Stress

Nutrition and stress often go hand-in-hand, with some people tending to overeat when stressed and others limiting their food intake due to an upset stomach or indigestion. Certain foods increase the physical stress on your body by making digestion more difficult, or by denying the brain essential nutrients. With a sensible diet, it's possible to reduce the effects of stress, avoid some common problems and protect your health. Nutrients such as Vitamins B and C, calcium, magnesium and zinc can be depleted by stress. To help your body better manage stress and avoid nutrient depletion, you should always aim to eat breakfast, plan

meals in advance, pack healthy snacks, minimize caffeine from tea, coffee and sodas and fill up on hydrating water. For added calcium, consume yogurts, smoothies and even calcium-fortified orange juice. B vitamins can be obtained by eating wholesome grains and vitamin C, and magnesium can be found in many fruits and vegetables. Giving your body nutrition it needs is a positive step you can take every day toward combating stress. With the correct nutrition, you are better prepared to face the challenges of the day.

BREAKFAST MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cereal	Breakfast Round	Yogurt and Graham Crackers	Cherry Frudel	WG Cinnamon Roll
Cereal	Biscuit and Jelly	No School	Mini Maple Waffles	Fruit Muffin
Cereal	Yogurt and Graham Crackers	Breakfast Round	Blueberry Bagel w/Cream Cheese	Breakfast Bar
Cereal	Apple Frudel	No School	No School	No School
Muffin				

Fresh Pick Recipe

APPLE AND CARROT SAUTÉ

- 1 ½ Tbsp olive oil
- ¼ c onion (small dice)
- ½ 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 pan.
6. Add salt and pepper to taste.
7. Bring to a medium boil and then simmer for 2 minutes. Garnish with parsley and serve.

