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## 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/eatingas-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.

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BREAKFAST MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		January 3 Sausage Breakfast Pizza Banana Juice and Milk	January 4 Ham & Cheese English Muffin Sandwich Diced Peaches	January 5 Cinnamon Chex Cereal String Cheese Fresh Apple
			Milk	Juice and Milk
January 8 French Toast Stick Applesauce Juice and Milk	January 9 Biscuit & Gravy Graham Cracker Orange Slices Milk	January 10 Sausage Breakfast Pizza Banana  Juice and Milk	January 11 Ham & Cheese English Muffin Sandwich Craisins Milk	January 12 Cheerios String Cheese Fresh Apples Juice and Milk
Martin Luther King Day	January 16 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal String Cheese Orange Slices	January 17 Sausage Breakfast Pizza Banana Juice and Milk	January 18 Ham & Cheese English Muffin Sandwich Diced Peaches Milk	January 19 Sausage Biscuit Graham Crackers Fresh Apple Juice and Milk
January 22 French Toast Sticks Bites Applesauce Juice and Milk	Milk January 23 Biscuit & Gravy Graham Crackers Banana ~~~~~~ Milk	January 24 Egg & Cheese Burrito Orange Slices Juice and Milk	January 25 Turkey Sausage Biscuit Graham Crackers Banana ~~~~~~ Milk	January 26 Cinnamon Chex String Cheese Fresh Apple Juice and Milk
January 29 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Breakfast Bar Applesauce  Juice and Milk	January 30 Scrambled Eggs w/ Buttery Toast Banana Milk	January 31 Biscuit & Sausage Gravy Graham Crackers Orange Slices Juice and Milk		Variety of cereal, fat-free, & low-fat milk offered daily

Fresh Pick Recipe

## EGG WHITE OMELETTE WITH SPINACH OR CHARD (MAKES 1 OMELETTE)

1 teaspoon olive oil

- · 2 cups spinach or chard leaves
- pepper (freshly milled)
- 3 egg whites, beaten with 1/2 teaspoon chopped marjoram or chives
- 1. In a small nonstick skillet, heat one teaspoon of oil.
- 2. Add the spinach or chard, and cook until it's wilted.
- 3. Season with salt and pepper, then move to a plate.
- 4. Add the second teaspoon of oil to the pan, then pour in the whites. Tilt the pan to spread them out, then cook over medium heat until they're set.
- Season with a pinch of salt and pepper, arrange the spinach over 1/3 of the eggs, then gently prod the eggs over to make a rolled omelette.