Garfield Park Academy

Breakfast Bites April 2014



Start Your Day Off Right!

Includes: Milk, Fruit/Juice, Protein/Grain

MONDAY- French Toast Bagel w/Strawberry Cream Cheese
TUESDAY- Chocolate Chip Mini Muffins
WEDNESDAY- Pop Tart & String Cheese
THURSDAY- Cherry Frudel Pastry
FRIDAY- Cereal Variety & Graham Crackers

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– Nutri-Serve Food Management





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SnackHealthy ~ in Moderation after a Balanced Lunch



Check out the school website for a listing of nutrition info/ allergy info!

Baked!

Love the Crunch?

Each day we offer a different vegetable fresh from the **Veggie Patch** served daily w/ranch & hummus! Did you know?!?

Vegetables lose some nutrients when cooked. Another reason to love the crunch!

Our Veggie Lineup:



Monday: Baby Carrots Tuesday: Celery Sticks

Wednesday: Broccoli Bites Thursday: Potato Salad

Friday: Mixed Patch w/Hummus/Dip



Got Milk?

Included with Lunch Purchase

Milk is one of the best sources of Calcium & Vitamin D. This is essential for healthy bone growth & development!

Skim White, Chocolate & Strawberry, 1% White, Lactaid

Stay Hydrated!



Aim for 6 glasses a day!

Drink Choices Prices

Milk Carton \$ 0.50 Small Water \$ 0.50 Large Water \$ 1.00

More than half of your body is water!

Pre-Pay for Your Lunches!

It's easy & convenient! Click on the link below to view your child's lunch transactions & check the account balance! https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com/

April Fun Days (Highlighted on Menu)

Apr 7: Celebrate National Grilled Cheese Day (actually Apr 12)

A grilled cheese sandwich often pleases even the pickiest of eaters! Though originating in the 1920s, grilled cheese became a staple in American households during the Great Depression as an inexpensive, yet nutritious



option for families on a tight budget. Grilled cheese appeals to a variety of customers and can now be found in cafeterias, diners and even expensive restaurants! As we approach the 100 year anniversary we predict grilled cheese will be around for years to come!

Apr 15: Celebrate Earth Day (actually Apr 22)

Earth Day is a celebration of all the delicious and natural foods our planet has to offer. On April

15 we will be making an Earthy Mac & Cheese incorporating nutrient packed spinach and served with green beans. As a treat, we will be serving a Jello Globe - a mix of green and blue jello (looks like globe) and topped with green sprinkles (grass). Remind your child about the weekly raw veggie patch which celebrates the natural veggies of our planet!



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We call it our...

Nutrition Intuition

In 1987, Registered Dietitian Karen Fynan built a company based on the principles of *Nutrition & Service* naming her company **Nutri-Serve** Food Management to reflect these beliefs. Nutrition has always been at the forefront of menu planning with the goal of creating a serving line that teaches our customers about healthy meals. We believe our exponential growth to 83 districts over the last 25+ years is a result of our commitment to serve tasty and healthy meals to our customers.

Nutri-Serve's Corporate Dietitian, Kristen Mueller, RD, works collaboratively with our leadership team to plan our monthly menus and provides nutrition support and education to students, athletes & school



<u>Nutrition Tip of the Month</u>

Show some Breakfast Love <3 Eating breakfast jumpstarts your body's calorie burning potential for the entire day! A balanced breakfast is best focusing on lean protein, carbohydrate, and fiber. Some great options include: Peanut Butter & Toast, Oatmeal, Lean Break ast Sandwich, Yogurt. Check out if there is breakfast served at your district!



Show some Breakfast Love <3.

VEGGIE OF THE MONTH Sweet Potato

FRUIT OF THE MONTH

Bananas

Banana Funnies?!

Why did the banana go to the doctor? It wasn't peeling well!

What do you call a banana with ripped pants?

A Banana Split!



Rubbing a banana peel on poison ivy or a mosquito bite can help reduce itching and swelling. I bet Spongebob is wondering if it will work on a jellyfish sting!

Got a Splinter? Rub a banana peel over a it! The enzymes in a Splinter Soother

banana help loosen the splinter from your skin & help heal it! Polishing Peels-Talk about recycling for Earth Day! Banana peels are a great way to polish a pair of leather shoes.

Peels can naturally whiten your teeth due to the combination

of potassium, magnesium & manganese in the peel.

Cramp Crusher Bananas are high in potassium which helps

prevent muscle cramps during exercise.



In The Spirit of Earth Day

George Washington Carver taught farmers how to "recycle soil" through a method of crop rotation. By rotating cotton plants with soil-enriching sweet potatoes you could re-use the same soil.

He was even able to use sweet potatoes to make flour, ink, starch, synthetic rubber, tapioca, vinegar, and glue for





Sweet Potato Coffee?

When coffee supplies became depleted during the civil war, sweet potato was used to make a tasty hot drink. It was cut into thin pieces, dried, ground and brewed just like coffee!

Sweet Potato- Broccolí Battle

To take in the amount of vitamin A that is in one sweet potato you 1 Sweet Polato would have to eat 23 cups of broccoli.

Balloons for a **Balanced** Lunch

Our nutrition education involves the healthy marketing of our serving line. To teach the concept of balance to our elementary-aged customers we use the concept of Balloons for a Balanced Lunch. Each balloon represents a different food group. Blue is milk, Red is fruits, Green is vegetables, Yellow is grain, Purple is protein.

A lunch tray with every color **balloon** is a healthy one!

Look for these cool new menu items throughout the school year!!

Entrée Descriptions ~ Insight Into Our Menu Magic

Grown-up Grilled Cheese

We take the traditional grilled cheese to a whole new level! With American, mozzarella & cheddar cheeses all melted on whole grain white bread with a slice of turkey bacon— you will be loving grilled cheese for years to come!

Turkey Club Salad

The turkey club sandwich has always been a hit so we made it into a salad to boost the serving of leafy greens. Any salad dressing tastes great on it.

Cheesy Pizza Pretzel

Pretzel buns are the trendy new way to make one awesome sandwich. Pretzel sandwiches are featured at some of the most popular food service establishments frequented by our young customers. Turkey pepperoni and mozzarella cheese on a *whole grain* sounds like the perfect healthy school lunch modification!

Boneless Buffalo Wings

Anything buffalo seems to be the trendy new food choice even with our younger customers. Boneless buffalo wings are soft breaded chicken tenders tossed in light hot sauce. Don't forget Milk! The best way to counteract a bit of spiciness is white milk plus we then know our customers are getting their calcium.

BLOOMIN ONION BURGER

We added a little bit of western style to the traditional cheeseburger. We add an onion ring for a little bit of extra flavor and crunch!

Buffalo Chicken Salad

Hot sauce is a hit across all age groups. Chicken tossed in buffalo sauce over greens is the perfect way to get students to eat their veggies! We love it with blue cheese or light ranch dressing.



Buffalo Chicken Salads are popular across the board!

EARTHY MAC & CHEESE

Macaroni and Cheese looks fun and earthy with spinach mixed right in with the cheese. As a special earth day treat this will be served with a Jello Globe with blue and green jello mixed (to look like a globe) and topped with green sprinkles (looks like grass)!

Taco Twins

Ground beef is a great source of iron for our growing customers. Taco Twins are easy-to-eat and are very eye appealing. Nachos and tacos are always a huge hit with our customers.

Sides:

Garlic & Parmesan Fries– We bake our fries in a blend of parmesan cheese and garlic.

Beanie Cookie— You will never guess the secret ingredient. Refried beans provide a soft texture and extra serving of beans!



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