

Healthy Habits

A publication of Maternal & Family Health Services that provides nutrition education and helps people make healthy food choices

Calcium

Calcium is one of the nutrients most likely to be lacking in the American diet. According to the USDA, nearly nine out of ten women (ages 20 and up) and almost eight out of 10 men fail to meet calcium recommendations. Milk is an excellent source of calcium and provides eight additional essential nutrients, including protein, potassium, phosphorus, vitamins A, D and B12, riboflavin and niacin. Milk and milk products help build strong bones, teeth and muscles. Research shows that when cutting calories to lose weight, three servings of fat-free or low-fat milk, cheese or yogurt each day helps people burn more fat and lose more weight than just cutting calories alone.



Doing Dairy Every Day

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend people consume 3 servings of fat-free or low-fat milk or milk products every day as part of a healthy diet, and lactose-free milk or yogurt for individuals who are lactose intolerant. Here are some easy ideas:

- Include milk as a beverage at meals
- Instead of water, stir a cup of fat-free or low-fat milk into condensed soup or hot cereal
- Turn your coffee into a latte by mixing a shot of espresso or strong coffee with a cup of milk
- Mix a cup of yogurt with seasoning for a veggie dip or sandwich spread
- Blend a cup of yogurt with your favorite fruit and ice to make a smoothie
- Top casseroles, soups, stews, pasta or vegetables with shredded reduced fat cheese

What foods are included in the milk, yogurt, and cheese (milk) group?

All fluid milk products and many foods made from milk are considered part of this food group. Foods made from milk that retain their calcium content are part of the group, while foods made from milk that have little to no calcium, such as cream cheese, cream, and butter, are not. Most milk group choices should be fat-free or low-fat.

Source: National Dairy Council www.nationaldairycouncil.org



Another great resource....
www.3aday.org

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HEALTHY RECIPE

Lo's Blueberry Coffee Cake

Serving Size: 1/8 of recipe Yields: 8 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup nonfat milk
- 1/2 cup nonfat vanilla yogurt
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel (yellow only)
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cup fresh (or frozen unsweetened) blueberries

For the Topping:

- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped walnuts
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Position rack in the center of the oven.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the egg, milk, yogurt, oil and lemon peel.
3. Sift the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt into the liquid ingredients. Using a fork, stir very lightly, just until ingredients are combined.
4. Gently fold in the blueberries. Pour the batter into an 8 or 9 inch baking pan coated with nonstick spray.
5. In a small bowl, combine the topping ingredients. Sprinkle evenly over the cake batter.
6. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until the top is lightly browned and a wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
7. Allow the cake to cool in the baking pan on a wire rack for at least 10 minutes.
8. Serve at room temperature.

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1/8 of recipe (116g)	
Servings Per Container	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 250	Calories from Fat 60
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 6g	9%
Saturated Fat 0.5g	3%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 25mg	8%
Sodium 420mg	18%
Total Carbohydrate 45g	15%
Dietary Fiber 2g	8%
Sugars 19g	
Protein 6g	
Vitamin A 2%	Vitamin C 6%
Calcium 20%	Iron 10%
*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:	
	Calories 2,000 2,500
Total Fat	Less Than 65g 80g
Saturated Fat	Less Than 20g 25g
Cholesterol	Less Than 300mg 300 mg
Sodium	Less Than 2,400mg 2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate	300g 375g
Dietary Fiber	25g 30g
Calories per gram:	
Fat 9	Carbohydrate 4 Protein 4

HEALTHY RECIPE

Tortilla Pizzas

Serving Size: 1 pizza Yield: 6 servings Time: 25 to 30 minutes

Ingredients:

- 12 small flour tortillas
- vegetable oil or margarine
- 3 cups chopped vegetables such as broccoli, mushrooms, spinach, and red bell pepper
- 1 can (16 ounce) refried beans
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup cheese, shredded part-skim, mozzarella
- 6 tablespoons red taco sauce
- 2 ounces diced fresh or canned green chili peppers
- 1/2 cup chopped, fresh cilantro

Instructions:

1. Brush one side of each of two tortillas with water. Press the wet sides of the tortillas together to form a thick crust for the pizza.
2. Brush the outside of the tortillas with a small amount of oil or margarine. Evenly brown both sides in a heated frying pan. Repeat with the rest of the tortillas. Set aside.
3. Heat refried beans, onion and half of the chili peppers together in a medium saucepan, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat.
4. Spread about 1/3 cup of the bean mixture on each tortilla pizza. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon taco sauce, then top with 1/2 cup of the chopped vegetables, 1 teaspoon chili peppers, and 1 tablespoon cheese for each pizza.
5. Return to frying pan and heat until cheese melts. Top with cilantro, if desired. Serve immediately.

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1 prepared pizza, 1/6 of recipe (309g)	
Servings Per Container	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 370	Calories from Fat 80
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 9g	14%
Saturated Fat 3g	15%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 5mg	2%
Sodium 950mg	40%
Total Carbohydrate 63g	21%
Dietary Fiber 9g	36%
Sugars 6g	
Protein 15g	
Vitamin A 180%	Vitamin C 25%
Calcium 20%	Iron 25%
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