### YOUR CULINARY JOURNEY COOKBOOK PART 2

The enclosed collection of 25 everyday recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and desserts will serve up a batch of healthy go-to meal ideas that are quick to prepare and budget friendly.



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In 2016, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo (ISK), formerly known as Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and Kalamazoo Valley Community College established a partnership to improve health outcomes through an interdisciplinary approach. Combining nutrition care coordination and culinary medicine, this collaboration seeks to provide innovative services to educate and engage community.

Your Culinary Journey Part 2, is a resource developed as a part of those services. Dishing up 25 recipes along with valuable culinary and nutrition guides, this cookbook demonstrates that healthy cooking doesn't have to be difficult, time consuming or expensive. We welcome you to explore the recipes on the following pages, and make at-home cooking part of your regular routine. Studies show that healthy at-home cooking is linked to improved diet quality, weight loss and diabetes prevention.

We hope this cookbook serves as an important part of your journey. We wish you good health and healthy plates!

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#### **EQUIPMENT LIST**



Baking sheet/tray



Blender



Can opener



**Cutting board** 



**Fork** 



Freezer



Grater (zester optional)



Hot pad



Knife/Spreading knife



Measuring cups



Measuring spoons



Microwave



Microwave-safe bowl



Microwave-safe plate/Serving plate



Mixing bowl/Serving bowls



Parchment paper



Pots, non-stick, with lids



Sauté pan/Skillet or wok



Rubber spatula/Spatula



Spoon/Mixing spoon



Strainer



Toaster



Whisk

#### **MEASUREMENT RESOURCES**

3 tsp. = 1 Tbsp.

4 Tbsp. = 1/4 cup

 $8 \text{ Tbsp.} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ cup}$ 

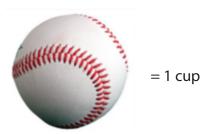
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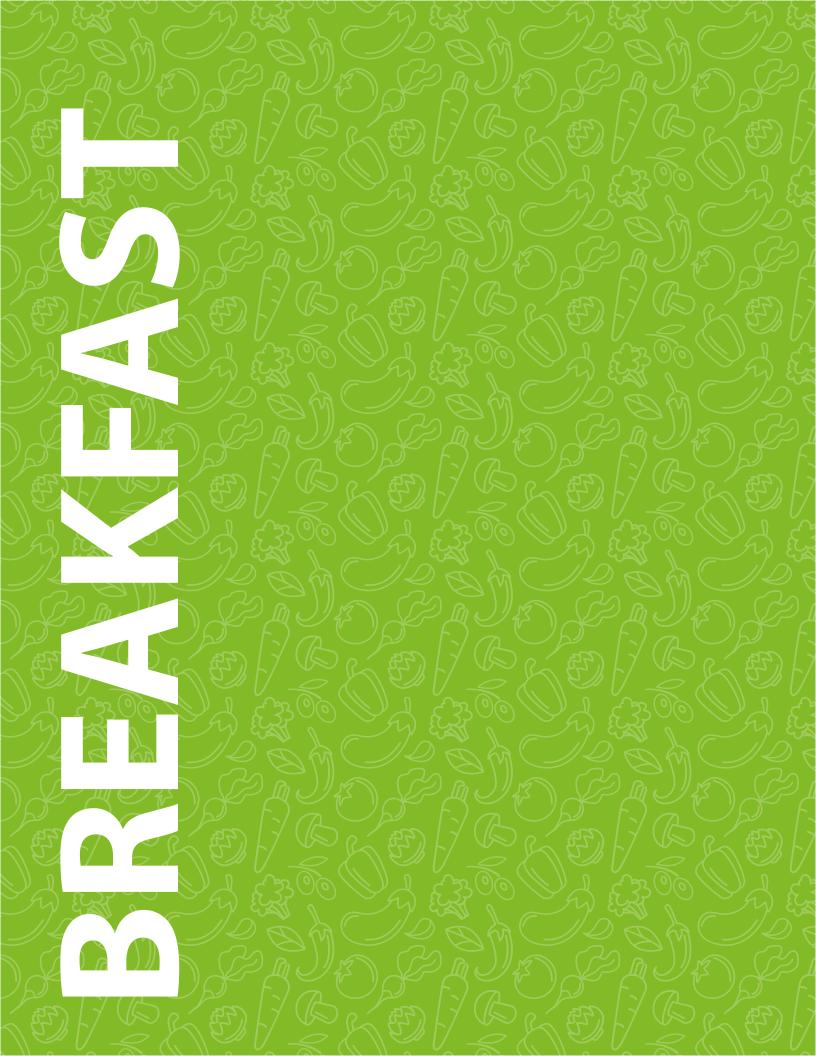


 $= \frac{1}{4} cup$ 



= ½ cup







# APPLE SANDWICH STACKERS

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Apples contain a soluble fiber known as pectin, which may relieve constipation and help lower cholesterol.

#### **UTENSILS**









#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 apple

1 Tbsp. peanut butter

1 Tbsp. yogurt

Granola, nuts, seeds and/or fruit

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. In a bowl, mix yogurt and peanut butter until combined.
- On a cutting board use your knife to slice the apple into even rounds.
   Cut four rounds. This will make two "sandwiches."
- 3. Remove seeds from center of the rounds.
- On two of the rounds, spread the yogurt/peanut butter dip. There will be approximately one tablespoon on each round.
- 5. Sprinkle remaining toppings over the dip.
- 6. Place remaining two rounds on top, creating two apple "sandwich" stackers.

SERVING SIZE 1
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 1
FAT 9g
CARBS 23g
PROTEIN 5g



## BREAKFAST SMOOTHIE

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Smoothies are a great way to use up leftover produce and add nutrients that otherwise may not make it onto our plate.

#### **UTENSILS**





#### **INGREDIENTS**

Frozen banana

1 cup frozen fruit of your choice

½ cup low-fat milk

1/4 cup low-fat yogurt

1 cup ice cubes

#### **DIRECTIONS**

1. Place all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth.

SERVING SIZE 1
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 1
FAT 2.5g
CARBS 48g
PROTEIN 8g





# PEANUT BUTTER OATMEAL

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Pairing a fiber-rich food source such as oatmeal with a protein is a great breakfast option to keep blood sugar stable.

#### **UTENSILS**









#### **INGREDIENTS**

½ cup oats

1 cup water

¼ tsp. cinnamon

2 Tbsp. peanut butter

#### **OPTIONAL TOPPINGS**

Sliced banana

2 Tbsp. dried fruit

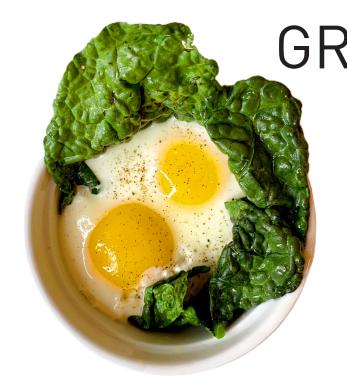
2 Tbsp. chopped nuts

¼ cup granola

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Combine oats, water, peanut butter and cinnamon in a microwave-safe bowl.
- 2. Microwave for 2½ to 3 minutes until oats are a desired consistency.
- 3. Carefully remove bowl from microwave and stir.
- 4. Add toppings of your choice.

SERVING SIZE 1
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 1
FAT 19g
CARBS 35g
PROTEIN 12g



# GREEN EGGS AND SEASONING

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Dark leafy greens are high in the mineral magnesium; an important nutrient that supports our bones, heart and blood sugar.

Be sure to talk with a doctor prior to taking a magnesium supplement.

#### **UTENSILS**





#### **INGREDIENTS**

2 eggs

½ cup leafy greens of your choice

Seasoning mix to taste

#### OPTIONAL INGREDIENTS

Diced veggies

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. In a microwave-safe bowl, lay greens in the bottom of the bowl, creating a cup shape.
- 2. Crack eggs over the greens.
- 3. Place in microwave. Microwave for approximately one minute.
- Check eggs and increase/ decrease cook time to achieve desired doneness.
- 5. Remove from microwave and sprinkle with seasoning mix.

SERVING SIZE 1
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 1
FAT 7g
CARBS 4g
PROTEIN 15g



## SALSA SHAKSHUKA

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Tomatoes contain the antioxidant lycopene, which lends to its color and helps to reduce inflammation.

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 tsp. oil

½ cup leafy greens of choice

1/4 cup low-sodium, mild salsa

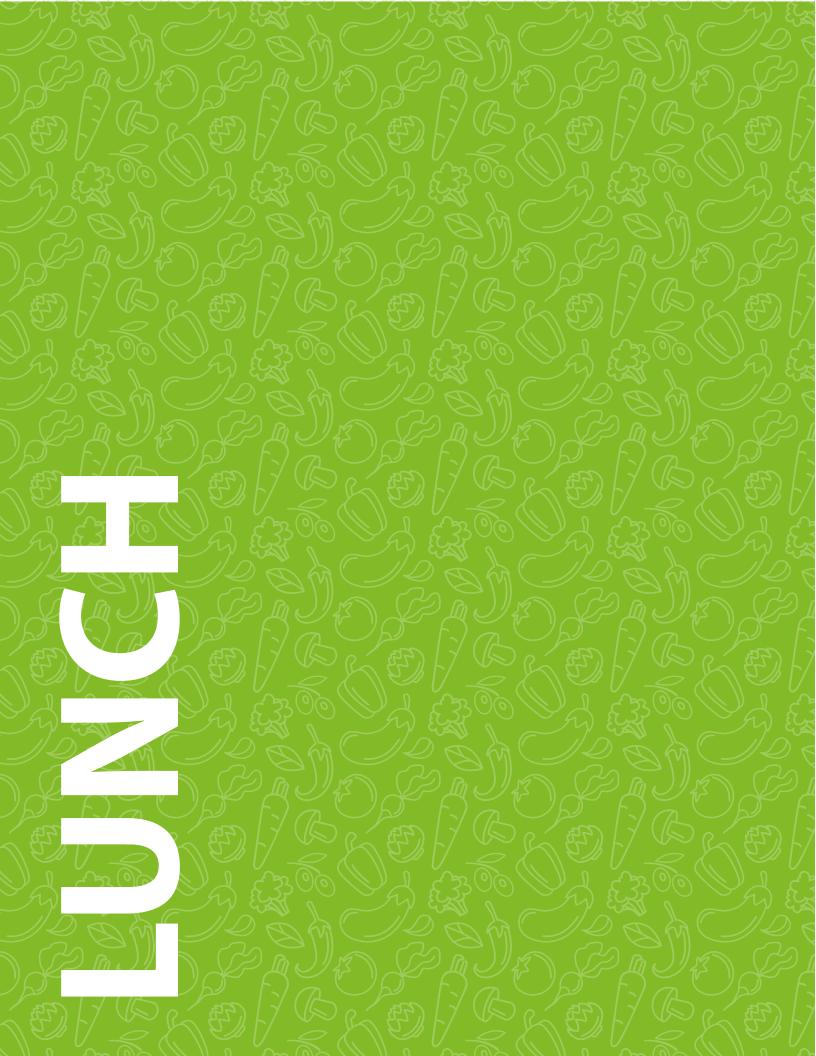
½ cup water

2 eggs

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. In a small sauté pan, heat oil at medium heat.
- 2. Add greens to pan and sauté for 1 minute.
- 3. Add water and salsa. Bring to a simmer.
- 4. Crack eggs into the simmering liquid.
- 5. Turn temp to low, cover and simmer until eggs are set (approximately 10 minutes).
- 6. Remove from stove and let cool.

SERVING SIZE 1
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 1
FAT 12g
CARBS 6g
PROTEIN 15g



#### LUNCH | EASY



## SOUTHWEST SWEET POTATO "TOAST"

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Rich carbohydrate sources, such as black beans and sweet potatoes, are packed with B vitamins.

B vitamins help support our brain function.

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

½ sweet potato

2 tsp. chipotle salsa

2 Tbsp. black beans

1 tsp. cheese of choice

Cilantro or seasoning to taste

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Drain and rinse beans. Set aside.
- 2. Slice sweet potato. You will need two thin slices, approximately one centimeter thick.
- 3. Place sweet potato slices into the toaster. Toast on frozen setting until tender to touch.
- 4. Remove from toaster.
- 5. With a spoon, spread 1 tsp. of chipotle salsa on top of each of the sweet potato slices.
- 6. Add 1 Tbsp. of beans to each slice.
- 7. Top with cheese and herbs or seasoning to taste.

SERVING SIZE 1
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 1
FAT 1.5g
CARBS 18g
PROTEIN 4g



#### DID YOU KNOW?

While purchasing a jarred sauce may be more expensive, utilizing it in many different recipes can stretch the cost. Flip to the dinner section to see how pesto is used a second time!

#### **UTENSILS**





#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 spinach tortilla
- 1 Tbsp. cream cheese
- 1 Tbsp. pesto
- 1 cup veggies/greens of choice

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Wash and slice veggies/greens.
   Set aside.
- 2. Lay tortilla out flat.
- 3. Spread cream cheese onto one side of tortilla.
- 4. Spread pesto onto the cream cheese.
- 5. Along the middle of the tortilla, pile the veggies/greens.
- 6. Roll the wrap like a burrito and cut in half.

SERVING SIZE 1
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 1
FAT 15g
CARBS 28g
PROTEIN 8g



### HUMMUS VEGGIE WRAP

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Hummus is made from garbanzo beans, otherwise known as chickpeas. This bean is high in the mineral potassium, which may help lower blood pressure.

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 wrap or tortilla

⅓ cup hummus

½ grated cucumber

1grated carrot

2 grated radish

1 cup chopped lettuce

1/4 cup chopped herbs

#### **OPTIONAL INGREDINTS**

Hard boiled egg

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Wash all produce, lettuce and herbs. Set aside.
- 2. Grate cucumber, carrot and radish. Set aside.
- 3. Chop lettuce and herbs. Set aside.
- 4. Spread hummus over wrap.
- 5. Layer grated cucumber, carrot and radish over the hummus.
- 6. Add chopped lettuce and fresh herbs.
- 7. If desired, add hard boiled egg.
- 8. Roll the wrap like a burrito.
- 9. Cut in half and serve.

SERVING SIZE 1
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 1
FAT 12g
CARBS 57g
PROTEIN 12g



## HONEY MUSTARD CABBAGE SALAD

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Components in cabbage protect against heart disease and is considered a high source of antioxidants.

#### **UTENSILS**

















#### **INGREDIENTS**

1/4 cup apple cider vinegar

2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard

2 Tbsp. honey

2 Tbsp. olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste

1 small head cabbage

2 carrots

1 apple

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Wash all produce. Set aside.
- 2. In medium bowl, mix apple cider vinegar, Dijon mustard, honey, olive oil, salt and pepper. Whisk until combined.
- 3. Grate carrots and apple. Add to the bowl with the dressing.
- 4. Thinly slice the cabbage. Add to the bowl.
- 5. Mix all together.

SERVING SIZE 1½ cups
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 4
FAT 7g
CARBS 24g
PROTEIN 2g

#### LUNCH | HARD



## LENTIL SALAD LETTUCE CUPS

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Lentils are a plant-based source of protein and are low in saturated fat.

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

4 leaves iceberg lettuce

½ cup lentils

1½ cups water

½ cup cucumber

½ cup tomato

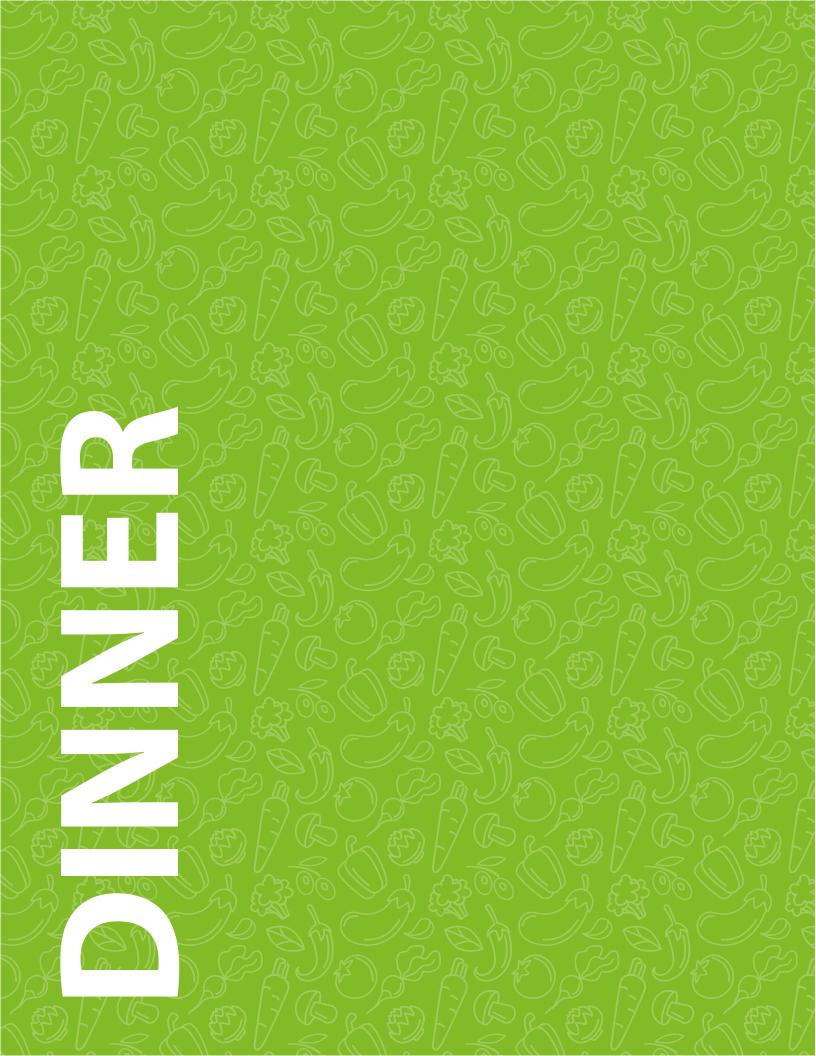
¼ cup red onion

Italian dressing to taste

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Separate leaves from the iceberg lettuce, creating cups from the leaves.
- 2. Wash each lettuce cup and set aside.
- 3. In the strainer, rinse the lentils.
- 4. In the small pot, bring water to a boil.
- 5. Once boiling, add the lentils to the water.
- 6. Reduce heat to low, and simmer until the lentils are tender (approximately 15 minutes). \*Add more water if needed, making sure the pan does not dry out.
- 7. Chop cucumber, tomato, and onion into small dice. Add to medium mixing bowl.
- 8. Once lentils are tender, strain off access water and let cool for 5 minutes. Once cooled, add lentils to the medium mixing bowl with the tomatoes, cucumbers and onion.
- 9. To the lentil mix, add Italian dressing and toss to coat.
- 10. Spoon lentil salad into lettuce cups.

SERVING SIZE 1 cup
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 4
FAT 1g
CARBS 18g
PROTEIN 7g





## ZUCCHINI WHITE BEAN "PIZZAS"

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Make this a low-sodium recipe by choosing low sodium or no salt added marinara sauce. Take it one step further and use fresh tomatoes!

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 zucchini

2 Tbsp. white beans, drained and rinsed

½ cup marinara sauce

½ cup diced vegetables of choice

2 Tbsp. mozzarella cheese

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Wash zucchini and other vegetables.
- 2. Cut zucchini in half (lengthwise) and scoop out the seeds in the center.
- 3. Divide the marinara between the two zucchini halves, filling the indentation where the seeds were.
- 4. Divide the beans between the two zucchini halves, adding them on top of the marinara.
- 5. Spread the vegetables/greens evenly on top of each half.
- 6. Top with cheese.
- 7. Place zucchini pizzas on a microwave-safe plate.
- 8. Microwave for approximately 3 minutes, until the zucchini is fork tender and the cheese has melted.

SERVING SIZE 1
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 1
FAT 9g
CARBS 32g
PROTEIN 15g



### BULGUR **BOWL**

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Bulgur is a high source of protein and fiber.

#### **UTENSILS**













#### **INGREDIENTS**

3 Tbsp. olive oil

3 Tbsp. lemon juice

Salt and pepper to taste

¼ cucumber

¼ cup tomato

1 cup bulgur, cooked and cooled

#### OPTIONAL TOPPINGS

¼ cup mint

2 Tbsp. non-fat Greek yogurt

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Wash all produce and set aside.
- 2. In a medium bowl, mix olive oil, lemon juice and salt and pepper. Whisk until combined.
- 3. Dice cucumber and carrot. If using mint, cut into thin ribbons.
- 4. Add cucumber, tomato, mint and bulgur to bowl. Stir together to coat.
- 5. Enjoy on its own or top with yogurt!

SERVING SIZE 1½ cups **SERVINGS PER RECIPE** FAT 41g **CARBS** 38q **PROTEIN** 6g

#### DINNER | MEDIUM



### MINESTRONE SOUP

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Minestrone soup's history begins with using whatever leftover vegetables are on hand. Try adding zucchini, bell pepper or potatoes!

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 Tbsp. oil of choice

½ onion, diced

½ can diced tomatoes

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup kidney beans, drained and rinsed

4 cups broth of choice

1 cup dry pasta noodles

1 cup frozen mixed vegetables

Salt and pepper to taste

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Peel and dice onions. Set aside.
- 2. Drain and rinse kidney beans. Set aside.
- 3. Sauté onion and oil in pan until fragrant.
- 4. Add diced tomatoes and kidney beans and sauté.
- 5. Add broth and let it come to a boil.
- 6. Add noodles and frozen vegetables.
- 7. Bring to a simmer and cook until noodles are done.

SERVING SIZE 1½ cups
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 4
FAT 4.5g
CARBS 36g

PROTEIN 9g



## VEGGIE PESTO PENNE PASTA

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Choosing whole wheat noodles over regular noodles is an easy swap to increase fiber intake.

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

1½ cups penne pasta

1½ cups vegetables and/or greens of choice

2 Tbsp. pesto

Optional

Parmesan cheese

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Fill a medium pot 2/3 full with water. Set over medium/high heat and bring to a boil.
- 2. Wash and chop vegetables. Best to chop them all a similar size to allow for even cooking.
- 3. Preheat sauté pan to medium/ high. Once hot, add vegetables and 1 Tbsp. of water. Stir to sauté.
- 4. Place pasta in boiling water. Cook until tender.
- 5. Cover vegetables and cook until tender.
- 6. Drain pasta in strainer. Add back to warm pan and stir in pesto.
- 7. Add vegetables to pasta with pesto. Stir to mix evenly.
- 8. Divide into two portions and serve.

SERVING SIZE 1½ cups
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 2
FAT 9g
CARBS 56g
PROTEIN 11g

#### DINNER | MEDIUM



### **VEGETABLE STIR FRY**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Swapping a grain, if the one listed in the recipe isn't in your pantry, is okay!

#### **UTENSILS**











3 Tbsp. oil of choice

1 bell pepper

2 cups carrots

1 cup broccoli

1 cup mushrooms

½ cup low-sodium soy sauce

2 Tbsp. rice wine vinegar

1 cup rice

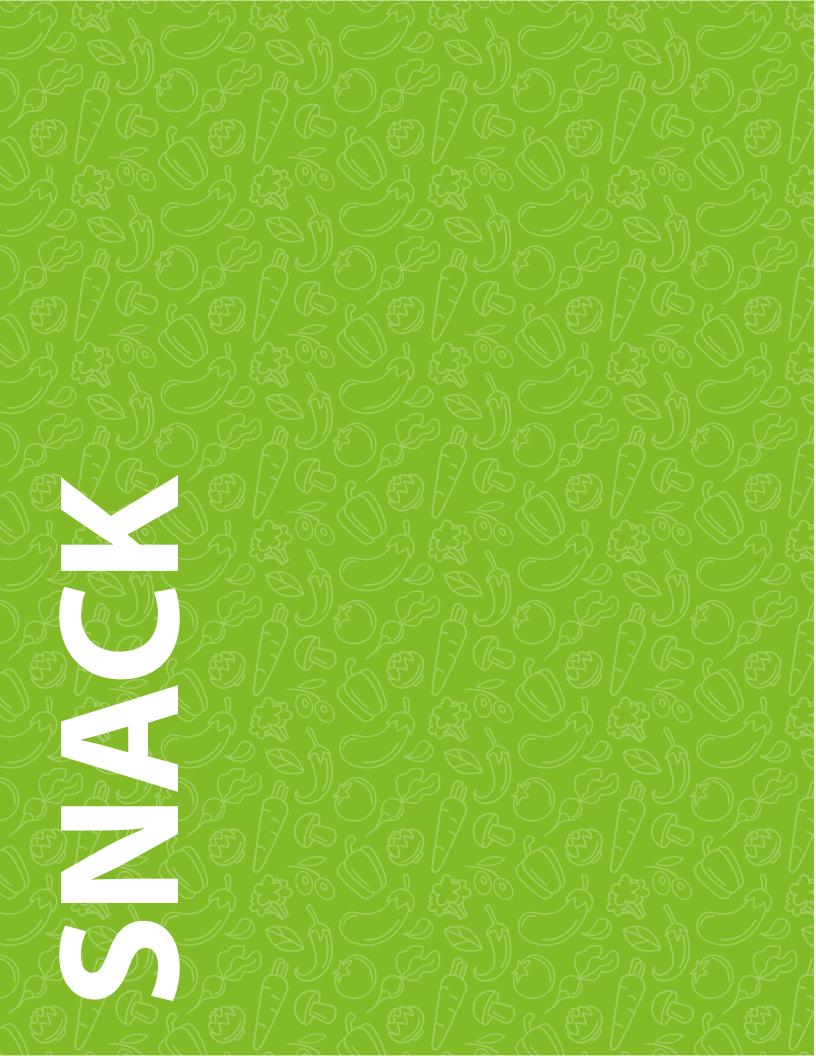
2 cups water

2 green onions

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Add water to a pot and bring to a boil.
- 2. Rinse the rice.
- 3. Once the water is boiling, add rice. Stir, cover and reduce heat to low.
- 4. Let cook for 10-12 minutes or until water is absorbed.
- 5. Wash all vegetables. Slice bell pepper, carrots and mushrooms. Chop broccoli and green onion.
- 6. Heat cooking oil in large skillet or wok over high heat.
- 7. Add vegetables to the heated skillet and sauté. Cook for 6-8 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 8. Drizzle vegetables with low-sodium soy sauce and rice wine vinegar. Remove from the burner.
- 9. Combine rice and vegetables in a bowl and top with chopped green onion.

**SERVING SIZE** 1 bowl **SERVINGS PER RECIPE** 4 **FAT** 11g CARBS 55g **PROTEIN** 12g



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#### SNACK | EASY



### **EDAMAME**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Edamame is a plant based source of protein that contains a whopping 9 grams of fiber per ½ cup serving; almost 40% of the daily recommended allowance.

#### **UTENSILS**







#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 cup frozen edamame pods

1 Tbsp. low-sodium soy sauce

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Bring pot of water to boil.
- 2. Once boiling, add edamame pods to water and cook until tender, about 6 minutes.
- 3. While edamame is boiling, measure soy sauce and pour into the empty bowl.
- 4. Once tender, drain the edamame in a strainer and pat dry.
- 5. Add edamame pods to bowl with soy sauce, and toss to coat.
- 6. When ready to enjoy, eat the edamame by squeezing the beans out of the pods with your teeth. Discard the pod.

SERVING SIZE 1 cup
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 1
FAT 6g
CARBS 10g
PROTEIN 15g



## ENERGY BITES

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Recipes like this travel well throughout the day and utilize items that have long shelf lives.



#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

3 Tbsp. ground oats

1 cup oats

½ tsp. cinnamon

½ cup peanut butter

4 Tbsp. honey

½ tsp. vanilla extract

1/4 cup raisins

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. In your blender, grind 3 Tbsp. of oats to a flour-like texture.
- 2. Combine all ingredients in large mixing bowl. Use rubber spatula to mix until combined.
- 3. Use your hands to roll into 1 inch size balls.
- 4. Place energy bites on a plate and refrigerate for 20 minutes or until fully set.
- 5. Store in a sealed container in your refrigerator.

SERVING SIZE 2 12

SERVINGS PER RECIPE 6g

16g

FAT 4g

**CARBS** 

**PROTEIN** 

SNACK | EASY



## MICROWAVE VEGGIE CHIPS

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

This recipe is a great low-sodium option compared to other chips in the snack aisles. It is also an excellent way to use up vegetables and prevent food waste.

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 carrot

1 zucchini

1 sweet potato

1 beet

Seasoning of choice

\*Optional 1 tsp. olive oil

#### SERVING SIZE

	i cup
SERVINGS PER RECIPE	4
	1g
FAT	9g
	1g

**CARBS** 

**PROTEIN** 

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Wash whole vegetables.
- 2. Thinly slice vegetables into rounds (like chips). The carrot and zucchini are best sliced on the bias to make a bigger "chip." You can leave the skin on.
- 3. If using, brush (or spray) olive oil on both sides of the sliced rounds. Sprinkle with seasoning to taste.
- 4. Place vegetables rounds on microwave safe plates. Use separate plates for each type of vegetable used.
- 5. Microwave each vegetable type separately to account for different cooking times. Cooking times will vary depending on microwave and thickness of the slices.

  Suggested times:
  - Carrot about 6 minutes
  - Zucchini about 4 minutes
  - Sweet Potato about 6 minutes
  - Beet about 7 minutes
- 6. Once cooked and crispy; remove from microwave, sprinkle with seasoning, and let cool.
- 7. Enjoy with your favorite dip, like hummus!



## HARD BOILED EGG

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Don't throw away the yolk! The yolk contains essential vitamins and minerals; notably vitamin D, which may help regulate mood.

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

6 raw eggs

Seasoning of choice

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Place eggs in the pot.
- 2. Pour cool water over the eggs until fully submerged.
- 3. Put the pot over high heat and bring to a boil.
- 4. Once the water is at a rolling boil, turn off the heat and cover the pot with the lid.
- 5. Allow the eggs to sit in the hot water for 12 minutes.
- 6. Prepare a bowl of ice water. Transfer the cooked eggs to the ice water to cool.
- 7. Peel when cool enough to touch.
- 8. Store in sealed container in refrigerator.
- 9. When ready to eat, sprinkle with your favorite seasoning, such as paprika shown here.

SERVING SIZE 1 egg
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 6
FAT 3.5g
CARBS 0g
PROTEIN 6g



## AIR POPPED POPCORN

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Popcorn is a healthier option for increased snacking when trying to quit smoking or vaping.

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

1/4 cup corn kernels

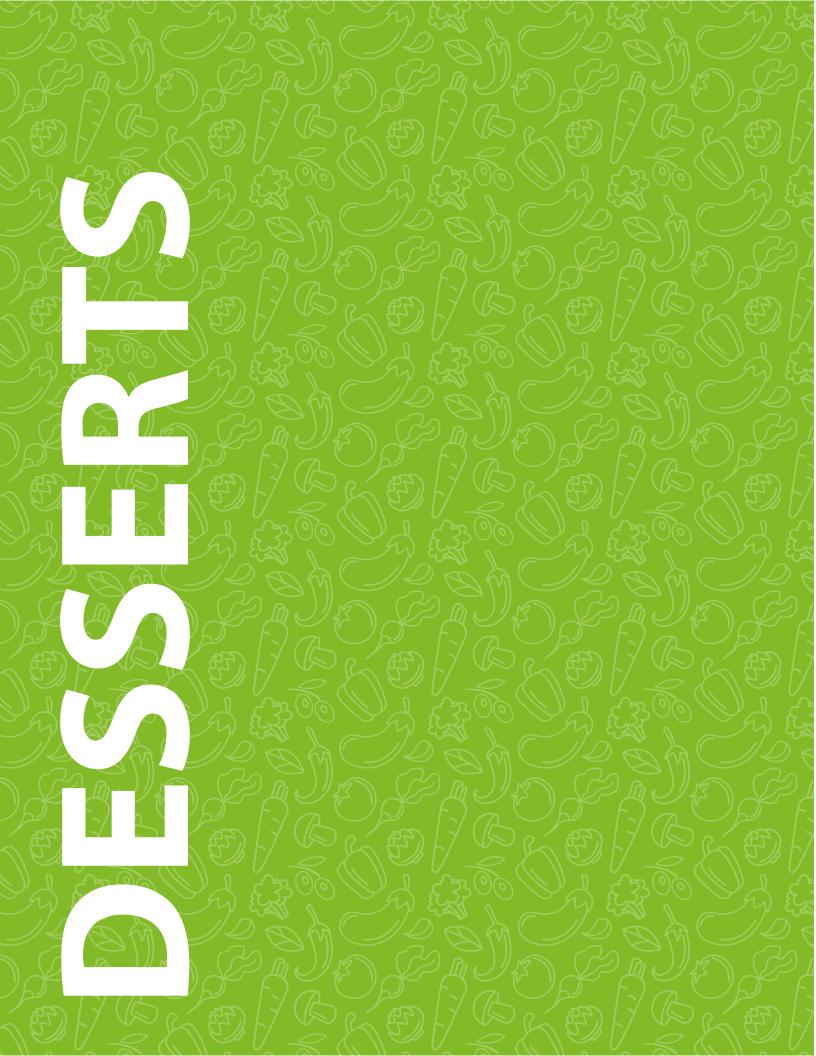
Seasoning of choice

\*Optional spray oil or butter

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat non-stick pot to medium heat.
- 2. Once heated, add kernels to the pot and cover with the lid.
- Shake the pot back and forth to move the kernels around.
   Do this for approximately 2 minutes.
- 4. Listen for the popping. Once the popping sound has slowed, remove the lid and check the popcorn.
- 5. If popped, add to a bowl and season immediately.

SERVING SIZE 1 cup
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 8
FAT 0g
CARBS 5g
PROTEIN 1g



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#### DESSERTS | EASY



## MANGO WITH LIME AND TAJIN

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Tajin is easy to make at home: simply mix ground chili peppers, sea salt and some lime juice.

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 cup frozen mango

1 lime

Tajin seasoning to taste

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Measure out frozen mango and place on serving plate. Let sit on counter for 10 minutes to soften slightly.
- 2. Cut lime wedges. Squeeze lime wedge (to taste) over the mango. Reserve the rest for future use.
- 3. Sprinkle desired amount of Tajin seasoning over mango.

SERVING SIZE 1 cup
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 1
FAT 0.5g
CARBS 35g
PROTEIN 1g



### FROZEN YOGURT BARK

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Yogurt is a lower sugar alternative to ice cream as well as a blank canvas to add whatever flavor sounds good!

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 cup low-fat greek yogurt

2 Tbsp. jam of choice

¼ cup fruit of choice

#### OPTIONAL INGREDIENTS

Nuts

Seeds

Granola

Spices (like cinnamon)

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Place parchment paper over baking sheet.
- 2. In the center of the parchment sheet, spread yogurt to desired thickness.
- 3. Dollop jam evenly across the yogurt. Use the end of the spoon to swirl jam around, creating a marbleized pattern.
- 4. Scatter fruit on top.
- 5. Place in freezer for a minimum of 2 hours.
- 6. Once frozen, remove from freezer and break-off (or cut) pieces to your desired size.

SERVING SIZE 4 Tbsp.
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 5.5
FAT 1g
CARBS 7g
PROTEIN 4g

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### CHOCOLATE PUDDLES

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Choosing 70% dark chocolate or higher provides antioxidants as well as the nutrients: iron, magnesium, flavanols and zinc.

#### **UTENSILS**



#### INGREDIENTS

1 cup dark chocolate chips

8 Tbsp. toppings of choice (nuts, seeds, zest, coconut, dried fruit)

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Place a piece of parchment paper on a baking tray. Set aside.
- 2. Place chocolate chips in a microwave-safe bowl.
- 3. Place the bowl with chips in the microwave. Microwave for 30 seconds, stir and return to the microwave.
- 4. Microwave another 30 seconds, stir and check the chocolate. When most of the chocolate is melted remove from the microwave and stir until the remaining chips are fully gooey.
- 5. Once melted, spoon chocolate onto the parchment paper, making puddles that are approximately 2 Tbsp. of chocolate per puddle. Once the puddles are formed, top with your preferred ingredients.
- 6. Leave on counter to harden. Note: If you are in a hurry, you can place in the refrigerator to speed up the process.
- 7. Once hardened, store in a sealed container at room temperature for up to 6 days.

SERVING SIZE 1
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 8
FAT 8g
CARBS 18g
PROTEIN 2g



## PEANUT BUTTER BANANA "ICE CREAM"

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

This is a great dairy-free alternative for a quick, sweet treat.

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 frozen, peeled bananas Note: Bananas should be frozen for about 2 hours prior to blending. Peel the banana, break into pieces and freeze in a sealed bag or container.
- 2 Tbsp. peanut butter

Cinnamon to taste

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Place frozen banana and peanut butter in blender.
- 2. Blend at medium speed until smooth, having the texture of soft serve ice cream.

  Note: It is best to blend,
  - stop, then manually stir with a spoon frequently.
- Once fully blended and smooth, transfer to a serving dish.
   Sprinkle with cinnamon (if desired).

SERVING SIZE 1 cup
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 1
FAT 16g
CARBS 46g
PROTEIN 9g

#### DESSERTS | MEDIUM



## COCONUT MILK RICE PUDDING

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Using coconut milk makes this a sweet, dairy-free option.

#### **UTENSILS**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

2 cups cooked rice

1 can unsweetened coconut milk

¼ cup of honey

1 tsp. vanilla

Pinch of salt

#### **OPTIONAL TOPPINGS**

Fruit

Mint

Cinnamon

Shredded coconut

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. In medium pot, combine coconut milk, honey, vanilla and salt.
- 2. Place on stove over medium heat. Stir, bringing mixture to a low simmer. Do not boil.
- 3. Add cooked rice.
- 4. Lower temperature to low and stir occasionally until mixture has thickened (approximately 10 minutes).
- 5. Once thickened, serve warm or let cool.
- 6. Top with desired ingredients.

SERVING SIZE ½ cup
SERVINGS PER RECIPE 5
FAT 2g
CARBS 34g
PROTEIN 2g

S	Proteins		Dairy and Misc.		
	Grains/Starches		Fruits and Vegetables		

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### COOKING TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

**Antioxidant** – substance that can prevent or slow cell damage caused by free radicals, unstable molecules that the body produces as a reaction to environmental and other pressures.

**Batch cooking** – preparing large quantities at one time, allowing for extra food for other meals.

**Boil** – when a liquid temperature is high enough to produce bubbles.

Bulgur – a whole grain.

**Burrito** – a tortilla rolled around a mixture of ingredients (like beans and cheese) usually placed in a casserole dish and baked. They are typically topped with salsa, lettuce or sauce.

**Calorie** – the energy food provides. We use this to grow, have energy and live.

**Carbohydrate** – the part of food that provides energy, known as starches and sugars. Found in fruits, vegetables, honey, dairy, pasta, potatoes and beans. The majority of your diet should include carbohydrates.

**Chop** – cut food into similar size pieces.

**Cook** – to prepare food for eating.

**Cooked through Eggs** – when the whites of the eggs are firm and the yolk is thickened.

**Cumin** – a seed spice often used ground. Used in Mexican, Tex Mex, curries and many other food types.

**Destemmed** – to remove the stem.

Dice – to cut into small cubes.

**Drain** – to pour off extra liquid.

**Edamame** – a preparation of immature soybeans in the pod.

**Fat** – the part of food that insulates us, protects our body, and helps our body retain the nutrients it needs. Found mainly in dairy, margarine, oils, nuts, seeds and avocados. Fat is also found in meat such as beef, chicken, fish and pork. Fat may have a bad reputation, but good fats keep us full and support brain health.

**Flavanol** – chemical compound in food that are important for their anti-inflammatory, antiviral, and antioxidant properties.

**Fiber** – the parts of fruits and vegetables that cannot be digested and is vital for proper digestion.

**Fold** – to add a food ingredient to a mixture by lifting one part over the other.

**Fragrant** – the smell of an item.

**Frittata** – an egg dish that is baked slowly. It contains a mixture of cheese, meat or vegetables. It is usually baked in a casserole dish.

**Goulash** – a casserole that contains ground meat, tomatoes and pasta. It is usually put together and cooked like a stew or soup.

**Grate** – reduce food to small shreds by rubbing it on a grater.

**Grease a Pan** – to cover the interior of a pan with a coating of oil.

**Heart disease** – condition of the cardiovascular system with risk factors such as high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and smoking.

**Line** – to place paper in the bottom of a pan.

**Low-sodium** – 140mg of sodium or less per serving when looking at the food label.

**Maple Syrup** – the sap of a sugar maple tree that is boiled down to create a syrup. It takes 10 gallons of sap to make 1 quart.

**Mash** – to make into a soft pulpy form by applying pressure.

Mince – to cut into tiny pieces.

**Mix** – to make into one form by stirring together.

**Parchment paper** – used for baking or freezing as a non-stick surface.

**Peel** – to remove the outer layer of a food item.

**Preheat** – to warm something before you begin cooking.

**Prep** – to get things ready.

**Protein** – the part of food that helps us build strength and supports growth of hair, bone and skin. Found mainly in meat, eggs, dairy, cheese, nuts, beans and peas. Protein is needed as part of a healthy diet.

**Quesadilla** – a tortilla filled with a mixture of cheese, meat or vegetables folded and the grilled, toasted or cooked until cheese melts.

**Rinse** – to clean off with running water.

**Sauté** – a cooking method that uses oil in a shallow pan over relatively high heat.

**Season** – to flavor food with spices, salt or pepper.

**Shakshuka** – a dish consisting of eggs poached in a spicy sauce of tomatoes and other vegetables.

**Shred** – to cut, pull, grate or process into smaller pieces.

**Simmer** – a cooking method where foods are cooked in hot liquids kept just below the boiling point of water.

**Slice** – to cut thinly.

**Stir** – to mix, dissolve or combine by making a constant circular movement.

**Strata** – an egg mixture of meat, vegetables or cheese that contains bread. It is typically baked or microwaved.

**Tear** – to pull apart by force.

**Tender** – soft enough to easily bite into.

**Thaw** – to let frozen food become warmer, until it is ready to cook.

**To Brown** – to make brown.

**To Taste** – to taste the food, and adjust seasoning to your liking.

**Top** – to place on top.

**Vanilla extract** – a flavoring made from the pod of a special orchid.

**Whisk** – beat or stir with a light, rapid movement. constant circular movement.

## KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE MOBILE MEDICAL CULINARY COOKBOOK RESOURCE LIST

211 – For all Kalamazoo County referral needs.

**Double Up Food Bucks** – Doubles the value of EBT/food stamps when used for fresh fruits and vegetables. For participating locations, visit www.doubleupfoodbucks.org/resources.

**Family Valley Church** – Provides free "Friday Groceries" for the community.

**Gospel Mission** – Provides shelter along with other basic needs.

**Housing Resources Inc.** – Can help individuals find housing during a housing crisis.

**Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services** 

**Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes** – Individuals can visit this food pantry one time per 30 days or receive referrals from appropriate provider.

**Lending Hands** – Lends various kinds of home medical and other related equipment, for free and on a temporary basis.

**Ministry with Community** – Provides food, daytime shelter and other supportive services.

**Michigan State University Extension** 

**Portage Community Outreach Center** – Provides citizens of Portage emergency assistance, youth development as well as several programs.

**Salvation Army** 

**Senior Services** – Provides citizens with various services such as meals on wheels, congregate meals, senior and behavioral health, home care services, nursing facility, etc.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** (**SNAP**) – SNAP is an entitlement program. Its benefits can be used to purchase food at grocery stores, convenience stores, and some farmers' markets and co-op food programs.

Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) -

Supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding postpartum women.

**YWCA** – Primary resource for economic, gender and racial justice for all women and girls.

www.fns.usda.gov www.myplate.gov www.eatright.org www.nutrition.gov www.kazoocmh.org







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