Families Making the Connection

Be a Healthy Role Model

February is Heart Month. Our children are the center of our heart. It's important that we take care ourselves so that we can take care of them. You are also the most important influence on your child. You can do many things to help your children and your family develop healthy habits for life.

- Cook together, eat together, talk together, and make mealtime a family time!
- Be a good food role model. Try new foods yourself.
- Show by example. Eat vegetables, fruits, whole grains and low fat dairy with meals or as snacks.
- Go food shopping together. Discuss where vegetables, fruits, grains, dairy, and protein foods come from.
- Offer the same foods for everyone. It's easier to plan family meals when everyone eats the same foods.
- Reward with attention, not food. Show your love with hugs and kisses.
- Listen to your child. If he or she is hungry, offer a small, healthy snack-even if it is not a scheduled time to eat.
- Limit screen time—no more than 2 hours a day of screen time like TV, computer games and smart phones.
- Make physical activity fun for the whole family. Set an example by being physically active and using safety gear, like bike helmets.

February

- American Heart Month
- National Cherry Month
- National Grapefruit Month
- National Sweet Potato Month

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Grilled Cheese w/

Chicken Noodle Soup

Steamed Cabbage

Chilled Peaches

Fresh Fruit

1% or Skim Chilled Milk

BBQ Chicken Wings w/

celery and dressing

Caesar Salad . Corn on Cob

Dried Fruit, Fresh Fruit

1% or Skim Chilled Milk

Tossed Salad

Golden Corn

Fruit Salad

Fresh Fruit

1% or Skim Chilled milk

Chicken Noodle w/

Crackers

Green Beans

Tossed Salad

Chilled Mixed fruit

Fresh Fruit, 1% or Skim Milk

Grilled Cheese

Beef Vegetable Soup

Sweet Potatoes

Fruit Salad, Fresh Fruit

1% or Skim Chilled Milk