## Berkeley unified school district 



## MEAL PRICES

## BREAKFAST

Adult. ..... $\$ 3.25$
Elementary ..... FREE
Middle School ..... FREE
High School ..... FREE
Reduced Price ..... FREE
Breakfasts include an entrée, fresh fruit or juice,and $1 \%$ or nonfat milk.

## LUNCH

Adult (Elementary) ..... $\$ 5.25$
Adult (High School) ..... 5.25
Elementary ..... $\$ 3.50$
Middle School ..... $\$ 4.00$
High School ..... $\$ 4.25$
Reduced Price ..... FREELunches include an entrée, fresh fruits andvegetables, grain, and $1 \%$ or non-fat milk.

## VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to teach every child to seek, grow, prepare and eat nourishing, delicious and sustainably grown food: empowering them to make choices that have a positive influence on their personal health, family ${ }_{\text {f }}$ community and surrounding environment.

Families may apply to receive free or reduced-price meals for students at any time...
To apply, go to ezmealapp.com. Households may complete and submit a family application at any time during the school year. If you have questions, please contact BUSD Nutrition Services.

For more information regarding nutrition services, please go to our web site at www.berkeleyschools.net and click the link to "Nutrition Services" on the "Departments" page. You may also email us directly at nutritionservices@berkeley.net.

## EZSchoolPay <br> EZ MealApp

Tips for keeping track of your child's meal account

- Mark your calendar when you send money for your child's account and how much you send.
- Because meals need to be paid for at the time of service, paying the entire month in advance is recommended for easy tracking.
- Contact the cafeteria as needed to check on your child's balance before it gets low.


## RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Education recognizes the important connection between a healthy diet and a student's ability to learn effectively and achieve high standards in school.
The Board also recognizes the school's role, as part of the larger community, to promote family health, sustainable agriculture and environmental restoration.
The Board of Education recognizes that the sharing of food is a fundamental experience for all peoples; a primary way to nurture and celebrate our cultural diversity; and an excellent bridge for building friendships and intergenerational bonds.

## MISSION

Part of the educational mission of BUSD is to improve the health of the entire community by teaching students to establish and maintain life-long healthy eating and physical activity habits.
The mission shall be accomplished through nutrition education, physical education, garden experiences, the food served in schools, environmental restoration and core academic content in the classroom.



Welcome back to another school year! We continue to make positive changes to school meals and want to encourage your children to participate in the school breakfast and lunch programs. One of the most important things you can do for your child's education and well-being is to ensure that they are well-fed, both at home and in school. Allowing and encouraging your children to eat school breakfast and school lunch supports their health and academic abilities, while allowing us to create a financially viable meal program with greater variety of the healthy and tasty foods your children love.
The health and well-being of all of Berkeley's students is our first priority. Our Nutrition Services Department works hard all year to provide students with delicious and nutritious food through Universal Breakfast, Buffet Style Service at lunch and Salad Bars with farm fresh produce. To ensure the highest quality meals for our students, we have:

- Eliminated all processed food, hydrogenated and partially hydrogenated oils, high fructose corn syrup, refined sugar, refined flour, chemicals, dies, additives, nitrites, nitrates and the like;
- Enhanced the meals by serving regional organic milk at lunch and hormone/antibiotic free milk at breakfast, whole grains in all of our baked products, local and/or organic fruits and vegetables as much as possible and natural grass-fed hamburgers and hot dogs; and
- Increased servings of fruit and vegetables, and reduced both sodium content and portions of protein served, to meet new and higher standards recently set by the USDA.

We are able to achieve these high standards because we cook our own fresh whole foods every day. The food that we don't make is made by local companies to our specification. We also provide on-going professional development for all of the staff and work with our entire team to guarantee safe, delicious, healthy food at every meal.

Along with your child's well-being we are also striving to help take care of the planet. Several schools have been able to switch from disposable plates and service-ware to washable/reusable plates and service ware. Additionally, we are working with every school to compost and recycle, and school gardens promote the value of growing, harvesting, and eating fresh produce. These valuable lessons, along with healthy, delicious, and smart eating, are essential to the mission of the Nutrition Services Department.

We have again created a year-long calendar so that you know what we are serving every day. The calendar lists the elementary and middle school breakfast and lunch menus for the entire year. We have also included recipes for healthful eating that are served in our school cafeterias. Enjoy cooking these at home with your family!
We hope you will join us in helping your children make healthy food choices in school and at home. Together we can help raise a new generation of healthier and better educated young people.

## Marni Posey, Director of Nutrition Services

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## Bonnie Christensen, Executive Chef, Nutrition Services

 bonniechristensen@berkeley.netBUSD's Department of Nutrition Services is required to comply with all USDA standards for school meals. Some of the new standards include:

- Double the amount of fruit served at breakfast.
- Lower sodium rates with greater calorie restrictions.
- Reduce protein portions in favor of increasing whole grains servings, fruits, and vegetables.


## Find us online at:

www.berkeleyschools.net/departments/nutrition-services/

## suggestions for Healthy Ifaod Chaices in Snacks

In light of the fact that childhood obesity and nutritional deficiency-related diseases are on the rise in the United States, we in the Berkeley community are obligated to promote and mentor healthy eating habits and balanced lifestyles through student education. Part of the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) Mission stated in the Integrated Policy for Nutrition Education, Physical Activity and Food includes improving the well-being of the entire community through teaching students ways to establish and maintain lifelong health through better eating habits and physical activity.

In keeping with this goal, the Policy adopted the stipulation that foods offered to students and BUSD employees during the day as snacks, incentives, or refreshments in school offices and on school grounds be as healthful and nutritious as possible. Teachers, administrators and parents who model healthy behavior increase the likelihood of having a positive influence on student behavior.

## Recammended Beverages, Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Snacks

Whenever possible, choose fruits, vegetables and beverages and snacks that are organically grown and are pesticide-, hormone-, and antibiotic-free.

## Try the following healthy options:

- Water and sparkling waters
- Herbal teas (hot and iced)
- Pure 100 percent fruit juice and fruit juice blends
- Sparkling 100 percent fruit juice and fruit juice blends
- Blends of 100 percent juice and sparkling water
- Natural fruit-flavored waters
- Whole and freshly cut fresh fruit, local and seasonal
- Raisins and dried fruit
- Fresh vegetables served with low-fat salad dressing
- Ants on a Log - celery with peanut butter and raisins
- Yogurt parfaits made with fresh fruit
- Fresh fruit salad
- Fruit juice smoothies
- Any fruit or vegetable served as crudités
- Trail mixes (without roasted nuts)
- Fruit concentrate-and honey-sweetened yogurt with some granolas
- Real cheese and whole grain crackers
- Baked chips and salsa, guacamole, or bean dips
- Select granola, protein, or energy bars
- Select snack or nut bars (not roasted)
- Air-popped popcorn
- Raw nuts
- Compressed rice and grain cakes


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- Freeze seedless grapes for an easy summertime snack
- Fruit kabobs made with grapes, melon and strawberries are a fun easy snack; non-fat yogurt mixed with honey or vanilla makes a great dip
- Freeze $100 \%$ fruit juice with grapes or berries in ice cube trays, serve in sparkling water for a healthy fun summer beverage


## To help ensure the wellness of each student

 attending Berkeley Unified School District and to provide guidance to school personnel in the areas of nutrition, health, physical activity and food service the Board subscribes to the following:1. The Governing Board will ensure that no student in the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) goes hungry while in school.

The Board will ensure that an economically sustainable meal program that provides a healthy nutritious lunch is available to every student at every school so that students are prepared to learn to their fullest potential. The district will also ensure that every student will have access to a healthy and nutritious breakfast and require that all after school programs offer a healthy nutritious snack.
3. The Board will ensure that the nutritional value of the food served by BUSD and after school programs significantly improves upon USDA and State Dietary Guidelines by providing nutritious, fresh, tasty, locally-grown food that reflects Berkeley's cultural diversity. The Board of Education encourages staff to utilize food from school gardens and local farmers based upon availability and acceptability.
4. The Board prohibits the marketing and advertising of non-nutritious foods and beverages through signage, vending machine fronts, logos, scoreboards, school supplies, advertisements in school publications, coupon or incentive programs, or other means.
5. The Board supports sustainable organic agriculture. Therefore the Nutrition Services Director shall develop and implement a plan to integrate organic food, as defined by the USDA National Organic Program, into the meals served to our students by the BUSD. The plan shall seek to eliminate potentially harmful food additives and processes, such as bovine growth hormones, irradiation, hydrogenated oils, and known genetically modified foods.
6. Meals served to students shall be attractively presented in a pleasant environment with sufficient time for eating. It shall be the responsibility of the school staff to foster good manners and respect for fellow students.
7. Students at the $\mathrm{K}-8$ level will not be involved in the sale of candy, sodas, cookies and sweets at any school sponsored event or for any fundraising activity.
8. Bake Sales and/or Ice Cream Socials may be held at the $\mathrm{K}-8$ level with the permission of the school principal, in moderation and with consideration and consistency of the goals of this policy.
9. Foods offered to students and employees of BUSD during the day as a snack, an incentive, or in school offices, whether provided by parents or BUSD staff, shall be consistent with the goals of the policy.
10. The Board recognizes that class parties are a tradition in public education. However, parents and staff are encouraged to provide party snack items that are consistent with the goals of the policy and held after the lunch hour whenever possible.
11. The Board will ensure that teachers, principals, and Nutrition Services employees recognize that the lunch period is an integral part of the educational program of BUSD and work to implement the goals of this policy.
2. The Board shall ensure that eating experiences, gardens, and nutrition education are integrated into the core academic curriculum at all grade levels.
13. Each school shall post the district's policies and regulations on nutrition and physical activity on their web page, in public view within all school cafeterias or in other central eating areas.
14. The Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval specific quality indicators that will be used to measure the implementation of the policy district wide and at each district school. These measures shall include but not be limited to the analysis of the nutritional content of meals served, student participation rates in school meal programs - any sales of non-nutritious foods and beverages . meal programs; and feedback from food service personnel, school administrators, the school health council, parents/guardians, students, and other appropriate persons.

Copies of BUSD Wellness Policy are available upon request.


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## 30 Soft Tacos - Beans \& Rice, Salsa /

 Pizza - Pepperoni or Cheese
## $3]$ Meatball/veggie Marinara Sub w/ Cheese / Lemon Chicken/ Veggie Salad on Toasted Sub, Lettuce, Celery Sticks \& House Ranch Dressing



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"Italiano Classico" by Karen Honaker www.karenhonaker.com


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# APPLE,GRA <br> CABBAGE SALAD 

## Ingredients

1 small Savoy Cabbage (the wrinkly one)
1/3 cup Grapes (preferably To-kay variety)
2 Tbsp Cider Vinegar
1 Tbsp Lemon Juice
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1/4 cup Olive Oil
2 Tbsp Plain Yogurt
2 Apples (crisp variety such as Sierra Beauty, Granny Smith or Fuji)

## Method

1 Tear off tough outer leaves of the cabbage. Cut cabbage in half and cut out the core. Slice the halves crosswise into fine strips. Cut the grapes in half lengthwise.

2 To prepare the dressing, mix the vinegar with the lemon juice, half of the salt, and pepper.
3 Whisk, in the olive oil followed by the yogurt.
4 Wash quarter, peel, and core the apples. Slice the quarters lengthwise fairly thin and cut these slices lengthwise into julienne (thin strips). toss the cabbage, apples and grapes with the dressing.

5 Let the salad sit for 5 minutes before serving.

Yield: 6 servings

"Buy the Bag" by Karen Honaker www.karenhonaker.com

## SUNDAY

MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY




## 1. Warm Florentine Wrap - Chicken/Veg,

 Spinach \& Potato / Mac and Cheese, Fresh Veg

13 Burrito - Arugula Salad, Salsa / Bbq Chicken or Tofu, Garlic Bread Styx


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## Squash

## L A T K E S

Kathy Russell, LeConte Elementary School

## Ingredients

4 cups Winter Squash, peeled and grated (Butternut, Kabocha, Pumpkin, and Spaghetti are all possible varieties)

1 Small Onion, peeled and grated
2 Eggs, lightly beaten
2 Tbsp Cornstarch
1 tsp Baking Soda
$1 / 4$ tsp Thyme
$1 / 4$ tsp Salt
$1 / 4$ tsp Pepper
3 Tbsp Canola Oil

## Method

1 Squeeze and drain squash and onions
2 In a large bowl, make latke batter by mixing together squash, onions, eggs, cornstarch, baking soda, thyme, salt and pepper.
3 Use your hands to form batter into $3^{\prime \prime}$ patties.
4 In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Fry patties on each side until golden brown and crispy.

5 Remove latkes from pan and place on a paper towel-lined plate to drain excess oil.
6 Repeat steps 3-5 until batter is used up.
7 Can be served with a tablespoon of applesauce, sourcream or yogurt per latke.

Yield: 8 Servings, 2 latkes per serving


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IRISH SODA

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## Ingredients

6 oz Whole Wheat Flour (or $3 / 4$ cup)
2 oz White Flour (or $1 / 4$ cup)
2 oz Steel Cut Oatmeal (or $1 / 4$ cup)
1 oz Wheat Germ (or 2 Tbsp)
1 tsp Baking Soda
1 tsp Salt
1 tsp Sugar
1 large Egg
$10 \mathrm{fl} \mathrm{oz} / 275 \mathrm{ml}$ Buttermilk (or 1 1/4 cup)
1/2 cup Raisins

## Method

1 Preheat oven to $375^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$
2 Mix dry ingredients in large bowl.
3 Whisk egg in the buttermilk.
4 Using well method mix the wet ingredients into the dry.
5 Place dough into buttered bread tin.
6 Make a deep cross on top.
7 Prick the four corners (to let the fairies out!).
8 Bake in pre-heated oven for 50-60 minutes.

Yield: 1 loaf

MONDAY

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$16 \begin{gathered}\text { Pizaa - Pepperonio or } \\ \text { Cheese } / \text { Chicken or }\end{gathered}$ Egg Salad Sandwich


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Citrus-
JICAMA STUFFED LETTUCE LEAF

## Salad

## Ingredients

3 pieces of citrus fruit (Tangerines, Tangelos, Mandarins or Oranges)
1/2 cup of Orange Juice
1 small Jicama, peeled and cut into thin slices
3 large Radishes, sliced thin (optional)
Mint, cut into small pieces
1 head of Butter Lettuce

## Method

1 In a large bowl, toss jicama and orange juice.
2 Add citrus slices and radishes.
3 Mix in chopped mint
4 Separate butter lettuce leaves so they resemble small bowls, serve salad on top of lettuce leaves.

## Yield: 6


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| STAFF |
| DEVELOPMENT DAY |

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## 1 1) Hamburger/Veg

 Patty - Cole Slaw / French Toast - Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Fruit Compote
$31 \begin{aligned} & \text { Pizza - Pepperoni } \\ & \text { or Cheese / Chicken }\end{aligned}$ Creole Style - Sub, Celery Sticks, Ranch Dressing

## ] Warm Florentine Wrap - Chicken/Veg, Spinach \& Potato / Cheddar, Chicken \& Chorizo Pasta/ Cheddar, Veggie (seitan) Pasta <br> Salad Bar w/ Citrus Tasting

## 18 Quesadilla - Corn w/

 - Maro Lime Sauce, Fresh VegSalad Bar w/ Citrus Tasting


## Pesto or Veggie Pesto



Buffalo Chicken or Veggie Wrap / Roast Chicken/Tofu w/ Garlic Bread Crumbs, Vital Vittles Roll
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## SHREDDED

## Gak Ohay

SALAD

## Ingredients

2lbs Bok Choy, shredded
1/4 cup Red Wine Vinegar
2 tsp Soy Sauce
2 cloves Garlic, minced
1 slice (quarter size) Ginger, sliced
1 Tbsp Sesame Oil
1/2 cup Olive oil, pure
1 tsp Honey
1 Tbsp Sesame Seeds

## Method

1 Mix in a stainless steel pot, vinegar, soy sauce, garlic, ginger, and sugar. Bring to a boil and turn off the heat. Allow to cool on the stove to infuse ginger and dissolve sugar.
2 Bring a pot of water to boil. Plunge bok choy into the water and remove immediately. Let cool on a plate (spread out to facilitate cooling).
3 Add Sesame and olive oils to soy sauce mixture when it has cooled and toss with bok choy. Serve immediately.

4 Garnish with sesame seeds.

## Yield: 8



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## PARSNIP \& C A R R O T Pickles

## Ingredients

3/4 cup Olive Oil
1/4 tsp Black Mustard Seeds
1/4 tsp Cumin Seeds
1/4 tsp Fenugreek Seeds
2 small dried Red Chilies (1 whole, 1 crumbled)
1 small Onion, coarsely chopped
1 tsp grated peeled fresh Ginger
1 tsp minced Garlic
Kosher Salt
5 mixed orange and yellow Carrots, peeled and cut into $2 \times 1 / 4$-inch sticks
5 Parsnips, peeled and cut into $2 \times 1 / 4$-inch sticks
1 1/2 tsp packed Light Brown Sugar
3 Tbsp Cider Vinegar
3 strips (2 inches long each) Lemon Zest
2 tsp Ground Coriander
2 tsp Chili Powder
1 tsp Powdered Mustard
$1 / 2$ tsp Ground Cumin

## Method

1 Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat Add black mustard seeds, cumin seeds and fenugreek seeds. When seeds pop, add chilies. Cook, stirring, 30 seconds. Add onion, ginger, and garlic; cook, stirring, until golden brown, about 5 minutes.
2 Bring a large pot of water to a boil; add salt. Add carrots; cook until just tender, 3 to 4 minutes, then add parsnips and repeat. Immediately plunge into an ice-water bath. Drain, and pat dry.
3 Toss together carrots, parsnips, onion mixture, sugar, vinegar, zest, coriander, chili powder, mustard, cumin, and 1 tablespoon salt. Transfer to an airtight container. Refrigerate at least 3 days. Carrots can be refrigerated up to 1 month.

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## Ingredients

1/4 cup dry or 1 each $150 z$ can Chickpeas (Garbanzos)
$1 / 4$ cup dry or 1 each $150 z$ can Kidney Beans 12 oz (about 3 cups) Green Beans, fresh
1 bunch Scallions, sliced
2 stalks Celery, small dice
1/2 cup Cider Vinegar
$1 / 2$ cup Olive (Veg) Oil
1 Tbsp Honey
$1 / 2$ tsp Dry Mustard
1 clove Garlic, minced
dash Ground Black Pepper
Salt to taste
1/2 cup leaves, Italian Parsley

## Method

1 If cooking your own chickpeas and kidney beans, cook them separately. Place in a sauce pan with 2 cups of cold water, bay leaf, sprinkle of dried thyme and a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil then down to a simmer and cook over very low heat until tender, add water if necessary.
2 Clean and Blanche string beans in salted boiling water.

3 If using canned chick peas and kidney beans, drain and rinse.

4 In a bowl, gently mix the garbanzo beans, kidney beans, green beans, green onions, and celery.
5 In a separate bowl, whisk together the vinegar, oil, honey, mustard, garlic and black pepper. Pour dressing over the salad, and toss gently to coat. Taste and adjust seasoning as required.
6 Cover, refrigerate at least 2 hours, and gently toss before serving.


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## SALAD WITH

Galsamic
VINAIGRETTE

## Ingredients

6 handfuls Mixed Greens
1 Carrot, peeled and sliced into coin shapes
4 Radishes, sliced into half moon shapes
1/2 Avocado, peeled and diced
2 Scallions, white parts and lower half of green parts sliced
1/4 cup Toasted Pumpkin Seeds or Sunflower Seeds
1/2 cup Raisins
1 Baguette, sliced

## Vinaigrette

1 1/2 Tbsp Balsamic Vinegar
1 tsp Dijon Mustard
1 clove crushed Garlic
$1 / 4$ tsp Salt
5 Tbsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil

## Method

1 Wash mixed greens in a large bowl of water and dry in a salad spinner. Discard any leaves that are yellow.

2 Put the carrot, radishes, avocado, pumpkin or sun flower seeds and into individual serving bowls.
3 In a separate bowl, whisk together vinegar and salt until the salt dissolves. Gradually whisk in the olive oil.

4 Pour the vinaigrette over the mixed greens and toss gently. Arrange the salad bar and slices of baguette, and allow guest to serve themselves.

## Yield: 6 Servings



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Summer
FRUIT SALAD
Ingredients
2 Peaches
2 Plums or other stone fruit
1 basket Strawberries, approx. 1 pint
1 cup Blackberries

## Topping

1 cup plain low-fat Yogurt
2 Tbsp Honey or Maple Syrup

## Method

Wash and cut fruit into slices or bite-sized pieces, combine fruit in bowl and add yogurt topping.

Yield: 8 servings
"Food for Thought" by Karen Honaker www.karenhonaker.com


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## M I D D L E S C H O O L <br> 

SAMPLE MONTH, TWO-WEEK CYCLES


*     *         * Salad Bar, $1 \%$ and Non-Fat Milk, and Fresh Fruit offered daily * * *

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