

# Bearpower

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FRUITS VEGGIES Mix of berries or melons Carrot, celery or jicama sticks Apple, pear, peach, or mango Colorful sweet pepper slices Dried fruit Pea pods, cherry tomatoes, broccoli Frozen fruits (no sugar added) Frozen veggies (no sugar added) WHOLE GRAIN PROTEIN Chicken/turkey/tuna Whole grain tortilla, bread, or crackers Hard-boiled eggs Popcorn Black or other beans, hummus Brown or wild rice (cooked) ☐ Yogurt/cottage cheese/ natural cheese Whole grain pasta or guinoa (cooked)

Nuts or nut butter

Back-to-school means a fresh notebook, new things to learn, and a great chance to revitalize the lunchbox. Try this simple strategy to pack a flavorful punch at lunch.

MILK

or

WATER

Always offer milk or water with

meals instead of a sugary

drink (like soda, fruit drinks,

sweetened teas)

**MIX-AND-MATCH MEALS** are quick and simple, and will give your kids the power they need to play, learn and grow.

#### SELECT 1 OR MORE FOODS FROM AT LEAST 3 OF THESE CATEGORIES:

1 fruit + 1 veggie + 1 protein + 1 whole grain

Add water or milk to drink

Let your kids have fun picking and checking off their own mixand-match lunch combos. To make these lunches even more fun use lots of color and shapes. When food is fun, kids tend to eat better and try more.

# **Keep IT SAFE & COLD!**

3-4 HOUR RULE: after 3-4 hours at room temp, throw it out!

- Freeze yogurt and add it to the lunch bag in the morning.
- Use frozen fruit and veggies (like berries, cherries, mango, grapes, peas, corn)

Oatmeal or whole grain cereal

- Freeze fruit (like berries) into ice cubes
- Use ice packs specially made for lunch bags
- Uncut fruits and veggies are safe at room temp; once it's cut, keep it cold!

for fun recipes, tips, and activities visit FaceBook.com/BearPower4KIDS

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#### Join BearPower for some fall family fun!

Mark your calendar, gather the family, and join us. Events are free and open to all ages.

# Bearpower MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, September 19th, 6:30 – 9pm White Bear Area YMCA

Lawn games, tasty treats and a screening of "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2"

# Bearpower Homecoming 6.24K Walk/Run

Saturday, September 27th, 8am White Bear Lake High School - South Campus

Get moving with us! Show your BearPower spirit in the 6.24K (3.87 miles) and/or 1 mile walk/run. We will have music, games and refreshments. All ages and abilities welcome.

Register at www.whitebearregistration.org

# FOOD, FAMILY AND FUN

Saturday, October 25th, 9-11am Normandy Park Education Center

Join other families with young children to eat, play and talk about the successes and challenges you face in feeding your family. Enjoy a tasty breakfast together then children will play while the adults talk nutrition: picky eaters, snack ideas, and more. Best for families with children 0-6 years, but all are welcome.

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