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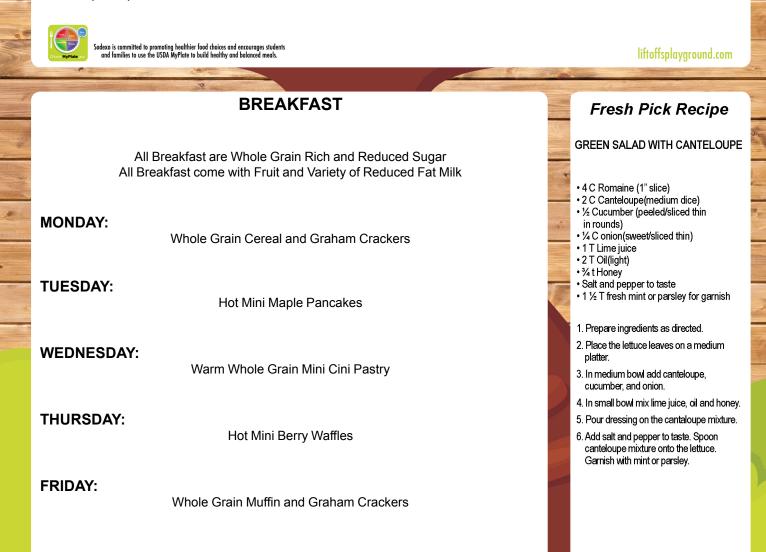
## **Sports Drinks and Kids**

Pre-adolescent children can become dehydrated faster than adults or teenagers for several reasons:

- 1) Children do not tolerate temperature extremes well.
- 2) Children sweat less.
- 3) Children get hotter during exercise.
- Children have a lower cardiac output (they pump less blood through the heart over a period of time compared to adults).

All of these factors increase the risk of dehydration in children. Therefore, fluids play a critical role in maintaining the health and optimal performance of active children. Children who are active during an average school day or who engage in activity less than one hour can typically re-hydrate easily with water. Children who are vigorously active for more than one hour and/or who sweat profusely may benefit from a sports beverage to help replace lost minerals and calories.

Many kids like sports drinks because of the flavor, however you can also make your own healthy version of a sports drink by mixing together 50/50 your child's favorite 100% juice with water. Be sure not to add more than 50% as juice or the child may complain of stomach cramps.





Happy June 2018... comments, questions or concerns with the Breakfast and/or Lunch Program do not hesitate to call Jacqueline Wagner-

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