To build a healthy breakfast we must consider the 3 F's: FIBER, FRUIT, and FAT:

FIBER

- Helps us to feel full, keep our energy steady throughout the day, lower cholesterol, and go to the bathroom regularly
- The best sources of fiber include: "whole grains", fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, beans, and nuts
- <u>Choose breads, cereals, granola bars, and crackers with at least 3g of fiber per serving</u>, and <u>less than</u>
 7g of sugar per serving

Need some suggestions for healthful WHOLE grains?

- Cheerios, Regular or Multigrain
- Kix
- Wheat Thins or Triscuits

- Plain Oatmeal with fresh fruit
- Kashi Granola Bars
- Thomas' Whole Wheat Mini Bagel

FRUIT

- ALL fresh fruits are a great addition to any breakfast
- Have a variety of fruits and colors so you get all of the vitamins & minerals your body needs
- AVOID juice, even 100%, natural, homemade or organic juice! Juice is filled with sugar, excess
 calories, and provides minimal nutrients compared to the whole fruit that it came from—trade OJ for a
 filling, fresh orange

Some tips to add some fruity fun to breakfast daily:

- Add chopped banana or berries to hot and cold whole grain cereals
- Grab a fresh fruit like apple, pear, or banana to eat on your walk or bus to school
- Add fresh fruit to plain yogurt for a sweet parfait
- Substitute juice with its fresh, whole food source: orange instead of OJ, apple instead of AJ

FATS-- ADD heart healthy, LIMIT saturated

- ADD <u>heart healthy fats</u> such as canola oil, olive oil, peanut or almond butter, walnuts, avocado, and "non-hydrogenated" spreads when available.
- LIMIT butter, cheese, and fatty, high-sodium breakfast meats, like bacon and sausage.
- <u>Include "low fat", "fat free", or "skim" dairy products</u> such as: (Greek) yogurt, milk or lactaid, cream cheese and 2% milk string cheese or cheese slices- or lactose free if needed.

Some sandwich ideas for the deli:

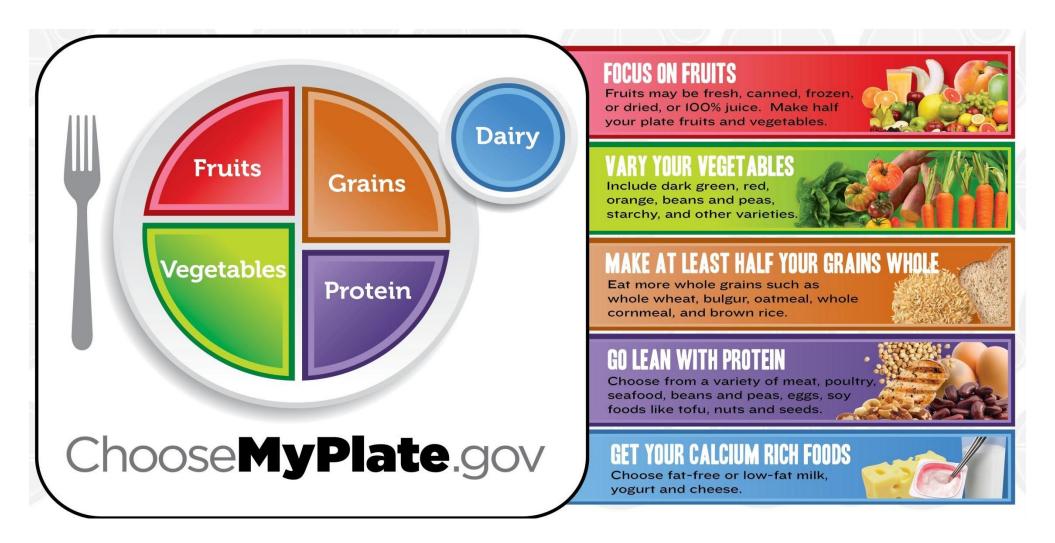
- When you want cheese choose egg whites and ask for ONE slice of cheese only
- Try a slice or two of turkey instead of bacon, sausage, pepperoni, or salami
- Substitute a buttered roll with peanut butter OR avocado (and tomato) on whole wheat bread

Call today to discuss & schedule a Nutrition visit: (718) 920-4664 x 0

CHAM, Children's Hospital 3415 Bainbridge Ave, 4th Fl

Scarsdale 1075 Central Park Ave. 301

Let ChooseMyPlate.gov guide your plate!



Call today to discuss & schedule a Nutrition visit: (718) 920-4664 x 0 CHAM, Children's Hospital 3415 Bainbridge Ave, 4th Fl Scarsdale 1075 Central Park Ave, 301