



MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

All reimbursable meals include choice of entrée, fruit, vegetable, and milk (1%, skim, or flavored skim)

Seasonal Garden Bar includes seasonal fruit, vegetables, and garden salad. Monday: Baby Carrots

Monday: Baby Carrots Tuesday: Cucumber Slices Wednesday: Bean Salad Thursday: Broccoli Florets Friday: Corn Niblets Must select at least 3 of the 5 offered components: Meat/Meat Alternative; Grain; Veggie; Fruit; Milk ONE SELECTION MUST BE A 1/2 CUP OF FRUIT OR VEGGIE!

1.Grilled Cheese Sandwich 2.Cheese Pizza

3.Chef's Salad w/Flatbread 4.Turkey Club Sandwich

Mixed Vegetables

4

1.Baked Penne w/Garlic bread 2.Pepperoni Pizza

> 3.EZ Pizza Bento 4. Italian Sub

Seasoned Carrots

5

1.Beef Nachos 2.Sausage Pizza

3.EZ Pizza Bento 4.Italian Sub

Green Peas

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1.Philly Cheesesteak 2.Meatlovers Pizza

3.EZ Pizza Bento 3.Italian Sub

Sautéed Peppers & Onions

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1.All American Cheeseburger 2.Pepperoni Pizza

3.Crispy Chicken Salad w/dinner roll 4.Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Crispy French Fries

12

1 Grilled Cheese Pretzel Sandwich 2.Pepperoni Pizza

3.Crispy Chicken Salad w/roll 4.Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Green Beans

13

1.Homestyle Mac & Cheese 2.Sausage Pizza

3. Crispy Chicken Salad w/Roll 4.Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Roasted Carrots

14

1.Chicken Tenders & Waffle 2.Cheese Pizza

3. Crispy Chicken Salad w/Roll 4. Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Steamed Broccoli

15

1.Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich w/ LTO on side 2.Pepperoni Pizza

3.Crispy Chicken Salad w/Roll
4. Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Roasted sweet Potatoes

18

Mac & Cheese with Breadsticks
 2.Pepperoni Pizza

3.Turkey & Cheese Sandwich 4.Deli Stackers Bento

Mixed Vegetables

19

1.Chicken Patty Sandwich 2.Cheese Pizza

3.Turkey & Cheese Sandwich 4.Deli Stackers Bento

Sofrito Black Beans

20

1.Breakfast for Lunch
 Pancakes with (2)Turkey sausage
 2. Margherita Pizza

3.Turkey & Cheese Sandwich 4.Deli Stackers Bento

Tater Tots

21

 Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/ mashed potato & Corn
 Cheese Pizza

3.Turkey & Cheese Sandwich 4.Deli Stackers Bento

Sweet Golden Corn

22

1.Beefy Cheesy Pasta 2. French Bread Pizza

3.Turkey & Cheese Sandwich 4 Deli Stackers Bento

Roasted Broccoli

25

1.Vegetable Potstickers 2.Cheese Pizza

3.Chicken Caesar Salad 4.Chicken Caesar Wrap

Sweet Potato Fries

26

1.Taco Tuesday: Soft Beef taco w/ Spanish Rice 2.Cheese Pizza

> 3.Chicken Caesar Salad 4. Chicken Caesar Wrap

> > Golden Corn

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1.Chicken Tenders w/soft Pretzel 2.Cheese Pizza

> 3.Chicken Caesar Salad 4. Chicken Caesar wrap

> > Tater Tots

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THANKSGIVING RECESS

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

The Role of Nutrition and Stress

Nutrition and stress often go hand-in-hand, with some people tending to overeat when stressed and others limiting their food intake due to an upset stomach or indigestion. Certain foods increase the physical stress on your body by making digestion more difficult, or by denying the brain essential nutrients. With a sensible diet, it's possible to reduce the effects of stress, avoid some common problems and protect your health. Nutrients such as Vitamins B and C, calcium, magnesium and zinc can be depleted by stress. To help your body better manage stress and avoid nutrient depletion, you should always aim to eat breakfast, plan

meals in advance, pack healthy snacks, minimize caffeine from tea, coffee and sodas and fill up on hydrating water. For added calcium, consume yogurts, smoothies and even calcium-fortified orange juice. B vitamins can be obtained by eating wholesome grains and vitamin C, and magnesium can be found in many fruits and vegetables. Giving your body nutrition it needs is a positive step you can take every day toward combating stress. With the correct nutrition, you are better prepared to face the challenges of the day.

Refresh Your Mind Every Monday

Not all stress is the same. Some of the stress that we face in life can be more detrimental to our well-being, and some types of stress can actually be healthy for us. Good stress, or eustress, can be beneficial and is actually necessary for our overall wellbeing. This is the type of "positive" stress that keeps us excited about life. The excitement of a roller-coaster ride, a scary movie or a fun challenge are all examples of eustress. On the other hand, bad stress, or distress, can be detrimental to our health if it becomes chronic and sustained over time. Persistent stress has been shown to cause cardiovascular risks, digestive disorders and decreased immune response as well as sleep loss and mood disorders.

Realizing the magnitude of stress in our country, a team of researchers who created The Mondays Campaign developed a new initiative called DeStress Monday. This program helps people put a positive start on each week while reducing stress throughout the week. DeStress Monday provides helpful, evidence-based stress reduction tools and resources distributed through their website, social media and weekly newsletters. Have a happy week and check out these free destressing resources for yourself, your friends and colleagues at: https://www.destressmonday.org/#.

Our foodservice facility prepares and serves some products which may contain ingredients identified as food allergens. For more information on food allergies, go to http://www.foodallergy.org/.

Fresh Pick Recipe

APPLE AND CARROT SAUTÉ

- 1 ½ Tbsp olive oil
- 1/4 c onion (small dice)
- 1/2 c celery (sliced thin)
- 2 c carrots (1" slices)
- 1 c plus 2 Tbsp water (divided)
- 1 ½ c apples (unpeeled/tart/large dice)
- 1 Tbsp honey
- 2 Tbsp orange juice
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 Tbsp parsley (sliced)
- Prepare ingredients as directed.
- In medium saucepan sauté onions and celery in the olive oil for 2 minutes until tender
- Add 1 C water and the carrots to the pan and simmer until carrots are crisp but tender.
- Drain any remaining water. Add apples, honey and orange juice to the carrots and sauté for 5 minutes.
- 5. Combine the cornstarch with the remaining 2 T water and add to the pan.
- 6. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Bring to a medium boil and then simmer for 2 minutes. Gamish with parsley and serve.