

Nutrition Byte

Great Grains!

Did you know September is Whole Grains Month? Examples of grain foods are bread, cereal, rice, pasta, oatmeal, pancakes and tortillas. These foods give our bodies and brains energy we need to move and think.

Whole grains give us protein, iron, Vitamin E, B vitamins, magnesium, fiber and antioxidants. They also may reduce the risk of obesity, heart disease, cancer and diabetes. Try making at least half the grains you eat whole grains. This will help you get all the benefits grains offer.

What is a whole grain? Whole grains are the entire seed of a plant. This seed, or kernel, is made up of three key edible parts – the bran, the germ, and the endosperm. To be certain that a product is a whole grain, look for the following on the food label:

- Whole grain (name of grain)
- Whole wheat
- Stoneground whole (grain)
- Brown rice
- Oats, oatmeal
- Wheatberries

Have you ever tried amaranth, quinoa, sorghum, or spelt? There is a whole world of whole grains out there to discover! Learn more at <https://www.myplate.gov>. www.schoolnutrition.org.

Elementary Menus for September 2021

		Wednesday, September 1	Thursday, September 2	Friday, September 3
		Pizza Cheese Stick Marinara Salad Corn Fruit Milk <small>Birthday Cupcake —June July, August, September</small>	Chicken Nuggets Biscuit Roasted Broccoli Maple Roasted Sweet Potato Fruit Milk	School Pizza Baby Carrots w Dip Salad Fruit Cookie Milk
Monday, September 6	Tuesday, September 7	Wednesday, September 8	Thursday, September 9	Friday, September 10
	Chicken Sandwich Bush's Baked Beans Potato Wedges Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Biscuit Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Fruit Milk	Chicken Quesadilla Bush's Pinto Beans Corn Salsa Fruit Milk	French Bread Pizza Baby Carrots w Dip Salad Marinara Fruit Cookie Milk
Monday, September 13	Tuesday, September 14	Wednesday, September 15	Thursday, September 16	Friday, September 17
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Monday, September 20	Tuesday, September 21	Wednesday, September 22	Thursday, September 23	Friday, September 24
Hamburger Bush's Baked Beans Potato Wedges Fruit Milk	Chicken Tenders Waffle Tater Tots Green Beans Fruit Milk	Pizza Cheese Stick Marinara Salad Corn Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Biscuit Roasted Broccoli Maple Roasted Sweet Potato Fruit Milk	School Pizza Baby Carrots w Dip Salad Fruit Cookie Milk
Monday, September 27	Tuesday, September 28	Wednesday, September 29	Thursday, September 30	
Chicken Sandwich Bush's Baked Beans Potato Wedges Fruit Milk	Beef Bites and Rice Roasted Broccoli Sweet Carrots Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Biscuit Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Fruit Milk	Chicken Quesadilla Bush's Pinto Beans Corn Salsa Fruit Milk	French Bread Pizza Baby Carrots w Dip Salad Marinara Fruit Cookie Milk

