

# newsletter

## Paint Your Plate at Breakfast!

### Dear Parents,

#### The Paint Your Plate program is in full swing.

Each day children are having fun learning about the taste, smell, texture, feel, and sound of a new vegetable or fruit.

Breakfast gives children the energy and nutrients they need to start the day. It's also an easy time to add a serving or two of vegetables and fruit.



## Ideas for vegetables and fruit at breakfast:

- Offer colourful fresh fruit in season. Chop them the day before to save time.
- Top whole grain cereal with sliced bananas, kiwi, or fresh berries.
- Add fresh or frozen berries to pancake batter or top pancakes with sliced peaches.
- Top half a whole grain bagel with apple slices, a sprinkle of cinnamon, and a slice of cheddar cheese. Broil until the cheese melts.
- Serve up a breakfast smoothie. Blend yogurt, frozen berries, avocado, leafy greens (e.g., spinach, kale), and a small amount of milk.
- Add frozen or fresh chopped bell peppers, broccoli, spinach, mushrooms, or tomatoes to eggs and omelettes.
- Top half a whole grain English muffin with nut or seed spread and sliced strawberries and bananas. Use a tortilla instead for a tasty roll-up.



