

Growing Healthy Habits



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Dear Parents,

Your 4th graders are beginning a new Food Sense SNAP-Ed nutrition curriculum. It's called **Growing Healthy Habits**. For the next 5 weeks they will be learning about the food system, MyPlate, the benefits of gardening, and will be doing a seed dissection. Please enjoy this yummy recipe to make at home as a family. To Learn more about the WSU Food Sense program go to www.growhappykids.org

Confetti Spaghetti Recipe

This healthy pasta salad is an example of a recipe containing fruits and vegetables from all five color groups. Remember that eating a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables is the best way to ensure you are getting a variety of vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients in your diet!

Serves 8

Ingredients:

- 1 box whole-wheat pasta such as rotini, cooked and chilled
- 1 red bell pepper, washed and cut into chunks
- 1 carrot, washed and shredded
- 1 cup cauliflower (about ½ a small head), washed and cut into small pieces
- 1 cup baby spinach, washed
- 1 cup purple cabbage, washed and shredded (about ¼ of a head)
- 3 Tablespoons reduced-fat Italian dressing (or 2 Tablespoons oil and 1 Tablespoon vinegar)
- 2 Tablespoons part-skim shredded mozzarella cheese (optional)

You will need:

- Mixing Bowl
- Serving Spoon

Directions:

1. Place pasta and vegetables in a large mixing bowl.
2. Add dressing.
3. Mix thoroughly.
4. Dish into individual bowls and top with cheese (if desired).
5. Serve!

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