# Your Health Matters Nutritious Eating 

The Supermarket \&
Food Cost Comparison

Bonus! Healthy Cooking Tips

> 7: Meal Planning and Healthy Cooking

## The Supermarket

## More than 40,000 food choices!



## MEAT \& SEAFOOD



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Typical Store Layout

## Always make a list

## Save time and money!



# Navigating Tips 


$>$ Work the edges
$>$ Look high and low
$>$ Learn the lingo

# Label Claims 

## Learn the lingo!

| Wording | Means |
| :--- | :--- |
| "Whole grain" versus | Entire grain kernel used (good choice!) versus |
| "Multigrain" | More than one type of grain used in product |
| "Light" or "Lite" | Fat reduced by $\leq 50 \%$ |
| "Calorie Free" | Less than 5 calories/svg |
| "Fat Free" | Less than $.5 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{sat} \mathrm{fat/svg}$ |
| "Sugar Free" | Less than .5 g sugars/svg |
| "Excellent Source of" | $\geq 20 \%$ DV/svg |
| "Good Source of" | $10-19 \%$ DV/svg |
| "Organic" | $\geq 70 \%$ certified organic ingredients |
| "Made with" | Ingredients can be listed on side panel |

## Navigating Tips



## $>$ More Packaging $=$ Less Nutrition

 $>$ Order of ingredients is most to least $>$ Fewer Ingredients $=$ Healthier Food
## Shopping Tips

$>$ Fresh is best
> Choose seasonal produce
$>$ Visit your local Farmer's Market

## Fill your pantry and fridge...



## ....with a variety of fresh foods!

# "Eating healthy costs more, doesn't it?" 

Food Cost Comparisons

## You could eat this one unhealthy meal...

## 1,100 calories



## Or this healthy breakfast, lunch and snack...



## 1,080 calories


for the same amount of calories!

## Meal at McDonald's for Family of 5

| Food | Calories | Cost |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quarter Pounder with Cheese <br> Fries <br> Soda | $\begin{aligned} & 510 \\ & 500 \\ & 310 \end{aligned}$ | \$5.13 |
| Crispy Chicken Sandwich Fries Soda | $\begin{aligned} & 530 \\ & 500 \\ & 310 \end{aligned}$ | \$5.49 |
| Happy Meal Cheeseburger Fries Chocolate Milk | $\begin{aligned} & 300 \\ & 203 \\ & 170 \end{aligned}$ | \$2.79 |
| 6 Chicken Nugget Meal Fries $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{C}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 280 \\ & 230 \\ & 160 \end{aligned}$ | \$3.79 |
| Hamburger Happy Meal Fries Milk | $\begin{aligned} & 250 \\ & 230 \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | \$2.29 |
| Total | 4610 | \$19.49 |



## Meal at Home for Family of 5

| Food | Cost |
| :--- | :---: |
| Whole Wheat Spaghetti | $\$ 1.29$ |
| Marinara Sauce | $\$ 1.89$ |
| 1 lb. 96\% Lean Hamburger <br> Meat | $\$ 4.00$ |
| Salad (1/2 head lettuce + <br> light Ranch dressing) | $\$ 1.79$ |
| Total Cost | $\$ 8.97$ |
| Calories/Serving | 450 |



## Cost and Calorie Comparison



Three times/week $=\$ 58.47$
Average calories/meal $=922$


Three times/week $=\$ 24.56$ Average calories $/$ meal $=423$

By eating at home, you save $\$ 33.01$ and 1497 calories per week!

## Cost and Calorie Comparison



More calories in less food More dollars spent Poor nutrition


Less calories in more food More dollars saved Better nutrition

Eating healthy home-cooked meals saves you money and calories!


## Benefits of family meals

* Eat more healthy foods - get more nutrients
* Decreased risk for unhealthy weight
* Decreased risk for substance abuse
* Strengthens family ties; pass on traditions
* Form positive attitudes about food and eating
* Do better in school
* Happier life



## Activity: Plan Your Plate




For the next four weeks, cook at home one more
time per week than you typically do.

## Start a new

 family tradition... Meatless Monday, Fruit for dessert, Kids Night in the Kitchen one night per week.

## Meal Planning Key Point Recap


$>$ Eating healthy does not have to cost more.
$>$ Navigate your supermarket wisely.
> Plan your shopping to save time, money and calories!
$>$ Enjoy fruits and vegetables at all meals.

## Healthy Cooking Tips



## Avoid Cooking Methods with Added Fat

## Basted Breaded Fried



## Healthy Cooking Methods

## $\checkmark$ Baked <br> $\checkmark$ Boiled $\checkmark$ Grilled $\checkmark$ Steamed



## Make your food tasty!

## Spice it up!


fruity!


## Be creative!

## Eat a rainbow every day



## Switch to Conclusion PowerPoint

