#### Menu for Western Communities





The FNQLHSSC is happy to present you with this Nutrition Kit that we hope will be useful to you in providing healthy meals to children and families in your community.

This project is a follow-up to the recommendations of people working in the First Nations Head Start Programs and Child Care services/CPE from the different communities.

Last summer 2004, we conducted a survey throughout the communities, and based on the data collected, we initiated this project. All of the material was developed based on the eating habits and food supply found in the communities.

This kit contains:

- a calendar of menus;
- a recipe book; and,
- a practical handbook.

#### The calendar of menus:

This calendar is divided into 4 sections representing the four (4) seasons. Each season contains four (4) weeks of menus based on the eating habits and food supply within the four (4) regions, which are symbolized by the four (4) directions: North, South, East and West.

#### Communities have been divided up into the following groups:

- 1) The menu for the Northern communities applies to the Naskapi community and one Innu community: Matikemosh;
- 2) The menu for the Southern communities is adapted to the Mohawk, Abenaki and Huron-Wendat communities;
- 3) The menu for the Eastern communities applies to (7) Innu communities and also to the Mig'maq communities;
- 4) The menu for the Western communities applies to the Algonquin and Atikamekw communities and also to one Innu community: Mashteuiatsh.

#### The recipe book:

This book contains 104 recipes which have been adapted to the eating habits and food supplies depending on the season for each of the four (4) regions.

#### The practical handbook:

You will be provided with useful tips on:

- How to use the menus
- Calculating portions and adjusting recipes
- Purchasing foods
- Cleanliness and hygiene

- Preparing recipes
- Quantities and beverages to serve
- Precautions to take with game meat
- Table of food conservation periods
- List of resources

We hope that this material will contribute to increasing your wish to offer healthy foods to the children and families in your community, as well as helping them growing up healthy and decreasing the risks of developing chronic diseases such as diabetes.

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I need to eat different foods to help me grow up... and every week I try new foods!

# Eating well is important! · Week 1 - Spring

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
	Simmered moose (or other meat) with vegetables (#41)	Macaroni and vegetable soup (#14) Crispy chicken (#61)	Bean salad (#8) Penne (or other pasta)	Pork chops with tomatoes (#27)	Home-made breaded fish (#62)
Lunch	Molasses cookies (#86)	Boiled potatoes	in cheese sauce (#54)	Mashed potatoes (#63)	Boiled potatoes Beets
	(or commercial brands)	Turnip (#38)	Unsweetened applesauce	Corn niblets	Apple cookies
		Blueberry yogurt		Graham crackers	(#77) (or commercial oatmeal cookies)
Afternoon snock	Cream cheese spread 100% pure juice	Minigo or yogurt Tea biscuits Water	Bannock with raisins (#19) (or raisin bread) Milk	Whole-grain cereal Milk	Oatmeal muffins (#94) (or tea biscuits) Milk
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Bannock is good. But a little piece (about half a deck of cards) is enough or I won't be hungry for meat and vegetables.

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# Eating well is important! · Week 2 - Spring

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
	Noodles with pork (#43) Home-made fruit salad	Cubed moose (or other meat) with tomatoes (#72)	Cream of vegetable soup (#1) Rice with chicken (#67)	Steak (beef or other meat) Mashed potatoes	Corn salad (#10) Submarine
Lunch	(#100) (or canned in juice)	Boiled potatoes Green beans (#38) Bannock (#19)	Vanilla yogurt	(#63) Mixed vegetables (#38)	(ham, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, peppers) Fruit gelatine
		(or whole-wheat bun) Apple mousse (#91) (or unsweetened applesauce)		Whole-wheat bun Clementines (or other fruit)	(#89) (or fruit)
Afternoon snaek	Whole grain cereal Milk	Crackers and vegetable spread (#104) (or crackers and cheese) 100% pure juice	Carrot cookies (#75) (or commercial oatmeal cookies) Milk	Raisin bars (#75) (or commercial date bars) Milk	Pear graham squares (#82) Water for canned pears in juice, tea biscuits and milk)
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Don't get discouraged if I don't like new foods right away. I need to try a food at least 3 or 4 times before I get used to it!

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# Eating well is important! · Week 3 - Spring

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Lunch	Moose casserole (or other meat) and vegetables (#24) Bannock (#19) (or whole-wheat bun)	Vegetable soup with shells (#14) Ham and spinach gratin (#35)	Tomato juice Chicken pasta salad (#69) Vanilla cream (#83) (or minigo)	Garden salad (lettuce, cucumber) Fusilli with meat and vegetable sauce (#52)	Cream of broccoli soup (#1) (or commercial brands) Fish with mushrooms (#33)
	Canned pineapple in juice	Peach yogurt		Pieces of fresh fruit	Rice with vegetables (#66) Clementines (or another fruit)
Aftermoon snack	High-fibre cookies (#78) (or tea biscuits) Milk	Raisin bran muffins (#93) (or whole grain cereal) Milk	Banana smoothie (#90)	Raspberry yogurt Tea biscuits Water	Spice squares (#81) (or raisin bread) Milk
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At mealtime, serve me one tablespoon of each food for each year of my age...for example, if I'm 2, you can serve me 2 tbsp of vegetables, 2 tbsp of meat and 2 tbsp of rice.

But this is only a guide. Some children will eat less and others will eat more.

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# Eating well is important! · Week 4 - Spring

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Lunch	BBQ chicken (#59) Boiled potatoes Peas (#38) Pineapple pudding (#99) (or Graham crackers)	Cream of turnip soup (#1) Cheese quiche (#64) Unsweetened applesauce	Vegetable soup (#14) Mini-pizzas with tuna (#42) Rice pudding (#98) (or yogurt)	Blanched crudités (dip: optional) (#2) Moose and rice (or other meat) soup meal (#17) Bannock (#19) or whole wheat bun Raspberry yogurt	Shredded carrot salad (#6) Turkey burger (#23) Canned pears in juice
Afternoon snack	Strawberry yogurt Tea biscuits Water	Orange muffins (#92) (or whole grain cereal) Milk	Peach cookies (#88) (or commercial oatmeal cookies) Milk	Banana bread (#95) (or tea biscuits) Milk	Crackers and cheese 100% pure juice
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When I'm thirsty between meals, give me water. Don't always give me juice, it can give me cavities, an upset stomach and diarrhea. And drinking too much juice and milk reduces my appetite for other healthy foods. This can cause anemia and make me sick all the time!

# Eating well is important! · Week 1 - Summer

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snock	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Lunch	Egg salad sandwich buns (#56) Blanched crudités (dip: optional) (#2) Frozen yogurt pops (#102)	Spinach salad (#12) Spaghetti with meat and vegetable sauce (#52) Multicoloured melons (diced honeydew melon and cantaloup)	Cream of tomato soup Chicken with peaches (#58) Rice (#66) Fruit gelatine (#89) (or pieces of fruit)	Cucumber and tomato salad (#4) Home-made fish burger (#62) Banana smoothie (#90)	Meatloaf (#48) Mashed vegetables (#39) Peach graham squares (#82) (or Graham crackers)
Afternoon snock	Apple cookies (#77) (or whole grain cereal) Milk	Vanilla yogurt Tea biscuits Water	Crackers and vegetable spread (#104) (or crackers and cheese) 100% pure juice	Strawberry mousse (#91) (or Minigo) Tea biscuits Water	Ice cream cone Water
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Thank you for making home-made muffins and cookies. They are better for my health than storebought.

# Eating well is important! · Week 2 - Summer

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Lunch	Cream of cauliflower (#1) (or tomato juice) Home-made chicken strips (#62) Rainbow salad (#13) Banana popsicles (#97)	Fish fillet with garden vegetables (#34) Boiled potatoes Carrots (#38) Oatmeal cookies (#87) (or commercial brands)	Garden salad (lettuce/cucumber) Mini-pizzas with ham (#42) Home-made fruit salad (#100) (or canned in juice)	Sauteed pork and vegetables (#70) Rice (#66) Home-made frozen fruit pops (#103)	Blanched crudités (dip: optional) (#2) Meat-filled buns (#57) Vanilla cream (#83) (or yogurt)
Afternoon snack	Blueberry muffins (#94) (or whole-grain cereal) Milk	Ice cream bar (#101) Water	Strawberry bread (#94) (or commercial date bars) Milk	Pear cookies (#88) (or commercial oatmeal cookies) Milk	Ice cream cone Water
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Help! Don't have all the ingredients in the recipe? Don't worry, you can often replace one ingredient with another (check the recipe suggestions)



And you can still make the recipe without certain ingredients if the quantity is small!

# Eating well is important! · Week 3 - Summer

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Lunch	Summer stew (#21) Bannock (#19) (or whole wheat bun) Watermelon	Vol-au-vent with salmon (#73) Boiled potatoes Carrots (#38) Berry pudding (#99) (or tea biscuits)	Cream of carrot soup (#1) Baguette with chicken (#18) Home-made frozen fruit pops (#103)	Pineapple beef (#20) Rice (#66) Green beans (#38) Raspberry yogurt	Cucumber and tomato salad (#4) Mushroom quiche (#64) Fresh fruit pieces
Afternoon snack	Banana bread (#95) (or Graham crackers) Milk	lce cream bar (#101) Water	Strawberry muffins (#94) (or raisin bread) Milk	Crackers and vegetable spread (#104) (or crackers and cheese) 100% pure juice	Molasses cookies (#86) for commercial brands) Milk
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Pop (Pepsi, Coke, 7-up, etc.) is too sugary for me! It gives me cavities and reduces my appetite for other foods that are good for my health!

> Don't give me juice or pop just because I have trouble digesting milk. Ask the nutritionist for advice on what I should drink.

# Eating well is important! · Week 4 - Summer

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Lunch	Ham Macaroni and vegetables salad (#9) Strawberry banana cup	Blanched crudités (and dip: optional) (#2) Fusilli (or other pasta) with chicken (#55) Fruit smoothie (#90)	Shepherd's pie (#51) Fruit gelatine (#89) (or fruit)	Oven-roasted fish Rice (#66) Peas (#38) Frozen fruit pops (#103)	Tomato juice Vegetable omelette (#45) Strawberry pudding (#99) (or Graham crackers)
Alitermoon snack	lce cream bar (#101) Water	Bannock with blueberries (#19) (or raisin bread) Milk	Raspberry muffins (#94) (or commercial oatmeal cookies) Milk	Whole grain cereal Milk	Topped banana (#74) Milk
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Chicken burgers and fish sticks from the grocery store, french fries, hot dogs, chips... I like them, but they're not really very good for my health. Only give me these foods on special occasions like birthdays.

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### Eating well is important! · Week 1 · Autumn

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Lunch	Tomato juice Spaghetti with meat and vegetable sauce (#52) Canned pineapple in juice	Blanched crudités (dip: optional) (#2) Moose and rice soup (or beef) (#17) Bannock (#19) (or whole-wheat bun) Unsweetened applesauce	Chicken noodle soup (#14) Chicken cacciatore (#60) Mashed potatoes (#63) Mixed vegetables (#38) Minigo	Shredded carrot salad (#6) Spinach quiche (#64) Blueberry yogurt	Tomato soup with stars (#14) Salmon loaf (#47) Boiled potatoes Turnip (#38) Homemade fruit salad (#100) (or canned in juice)
Aftermoon snack	Carrot bread (#94) (or commercial molasses cookies) Milk	Topped banana (#74) Water	Crackers and vegetable spread (#104) (or crackers and cheese) 100% pure juice	Oatmeal cookies (#87) (or commercial brands) Milk	Graham crackers Milk

If you give me at least
2 kinds of vegetables at lunch
(ex.: vegetable soup, crudités,
2 sorts of vegetables on my plate, etc.), it's likely I'll eat a least 1!

### Eating well is important! · Week 2 · Autumn

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Lunch	Simmered moose (or other meat) with vegetables (#41) Tea biscuits	Oven-roasted fish Boiled potatoes Squash (#38) Date bars (#75) (or commercial date bars)	Vegetable soup with shells (#14) Pineapple ham (#36) Mashed potatoes (#63) Green beans (#38) Minigo	Chili (#25) Bannock (#19) (or whole wheat bread) Canned pears in juice	Crispy chicken (#61) Rice (#66) Corn niblets Berry yogurt
Afternoon snack	Bannock with raisins (#19) (or raisin bread) Milk	Whole grain cereal Milk	Oatmeal muffins (#94) (or commercial oatmeal cookies) Milk	Banana smoothie (#90)	Apple bread (#94) (or unsweetened applesauce and tea biscuits) Milk
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Always serve meat well cooked, otherwise I could get sick. Meat should never be pink or red inside.

### Eating well is important! · Week 3 · Autumn

Fresh fruit Urkey burger (#23) (or other meat) Beet salad (#5) Raspberry yogurt	Fresh fruit BBQ pork chops (#26) Boiled potatoes Coleslaw (#7) Whole-wheat bun	Fresh fruit Home-made breaded fish (#62) Rice (#66) Broccoli (#38)	Fresh fruit Blanched crudités (dip: optional) (#2) Moose (or other meat) and vegetable casserole	Fresh fruit Chicken vol-au-vent (#73) Mashed potatoes (#63) Carrots (#38)
(or other meat) Beet salad (#5)	(#26) Boiled potatoes Coleslaw (#7)	breaded fish (#62) Rice (#66)	(dip: optional) (#2) Moose (or other meat) and vegetable	(#73) Mashed potatoes (#63)
	Coleslaw (#7)	Rice (#66)	Moose (or other meat) and vegetable	
Raspberry yogurt			and vegetable	Carrots (#38)
	Whole-wheat bun	DIOCCOII (#30)	CUSSEIDIE	
		Pineapple mousse	(#24)	Vanilla yogurt
	Canned peaches in juice	(#91) (or canned pineapple in juice)	Bannock (#19) (or whole-wheat bun)	
			Baked apples (#96) (or pieces of apple)	
Aolasses cookies (#86) commercial brands) Milk	Orange muffins (#92) (or whole grain cereal) Milk	Pieces of fruit and cheese Water	High-fibre cookies (#78) (or tea biscuits) Milk	Cream cheese spread 100% pure juice
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Did you know that fruit cocktails, punches and drinks are not made with real juice? A container of real juice says "100% pure juice" on it.

### Eating well is important! · Week 4 · Autumn

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
	Cream of vegetable soup (#1)	Cubed moose (or other meat) with tomatoes	Bean salad (#8) Macaroni and cheese	Vegetable barley soup (#14)	Fish with mushrooms (#33)
	Rice with chicken (#67)	(#72)	(#54)	Ham omelette (#45)	Rice (#66)
Lunch	Home-made fruit salad (#100)	Mashed vegetables (#39)	Clementines (or other fruit)	Raisin bars	Peas (#38)
	(or canned in juice)	Broccoli and cauliflower (#38) Peach yogurt		(#75) (or Graham crackers)	Pear pieces
Afternoon snack	Crackers and cheese 100% pure juice	Banana bread (#94) (or whole grain cereal) Milk	Strawberry yogurt Tea biscuits Water	Carrot cookies (#76) (or commercial oatmeal cookies) Milk	Apple muffins (#94) (or tea biscuits) Milk
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Too much work? Did you think of buying frozen vegetables? They're pre-cut and peeled and cook very quickly.

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### Eating well is important! · Week 1 · Winter

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Lunch	Vegetable soup (#14) Noodles with moose (or other meat) (#43) Canned pineapple in juice	Salmon meatpie (#50) Mixed vegetables (#38) Fruit gelatine (#89) (or fruit)	Chicken with peaches (#58) Rice (#66) Green beans (#38) Blueberry yogurt	Minestrone soup (#16) Cheese quiche (#64) Canned pears in juice	Meatloaf (#48) Mashed potatoes (#63) Turnip (#38) Bannock (#19) (or whole-wheat bun) Pieces of fruit
Afternoon snack	Peach smoothie (#90)	Minigo or yogurt 100% pure juice	Raisin bran muffins (#93) (or whole-grain cereal) Milk	Crackers and cheese 100% pure juice	Molasses squares (#79) (or commercial molasses cookies) Milk
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Never leave meat, fish or seafood, eggs, milk and milk products out at room temperature. Put them in the refrigerator right away or they could make me very sick when I eat them!

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### Eating well is important! · Week 2 · Winter

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
	Tomato rice soup (#14)	Coleslaw (#7)	Tomato juice	Blanched crudités (dip: optional)	Cream of carrot soup (#1)
	BBQ chicken (#59)	Lasagna (#37)	Shepherd's pie (#51)	(#2)	Garnished hamburger
	Boiled potatoes	Berry yogurt	Tea biscuits	Fusilli	(beef or another ground meat)
Lunch	Peas (#38)	Anz		(or other pasta) with tuna	tomatoes, lettuce
	Fresh fruit	5002		(#44)	Canned peaches
	92			Unsweetened applesauce	in juice
Afiernoon	Pear cookies	High-fibre cookies	Carrot muffins	Pieces of fruit	Vanilla yogurt
snack	(#88) (or commercial oatmeal cookies) Milk	(#78) (or Graham crackers) Milk	(#94) (or whole grain cereal) Milk	and cheese Water	100% pure juice
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Yes, I like cakes, pies, candies, and chocolate cookies. But did you know I like yogurt and fruit just as much and they are good for my health, give me energy and don't give me cavities?

# Eating well is important! • Week 3 - Winter

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
	Tomato juice	Lemon parsley fish fillet (#33)	Chicken potpie (#49)	Beet salad (#5)	Blanched crudités (dip: optional)
	Moose and macaroni		Boiled potatoes	Shells	(#2)
	soup (or other meat) (#17)	Rice (#66) Green beans (#38)	Raspberry yogurt	(or other pasta) with meat and vegetable sauce	Pineapple beef (#20)
Lunch		182		(#52)	Vermicelli
	Bannock (#19) (or whole-wheat bun)	Home-made fruit salad		Peach graham	(or other pasta)
	Minigo or fruit	(#100) (or canned in juice)		squares (#82) (or canned peaches in juice)	Strawberry yogurt
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Atternoon	Topped banana (#74)	Orange muffins (#92)	Crackers and vegetable spread	Bannock with raisins (#19)	Spice squares (#81)
snock	Water	(or tea biscuits) Milk	(#104) (or crackers and cheese) 100% pure juice	(or raisin bread) Milk	(or whole grain cereal) Milk
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Don't worry, following a menu and preparing meals is not so complicated. You'll get used to it.

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# Eating well is important! · Week 4 - Winter

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning snack	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Lunch	Tomato juice Vegetarian croquette (#29) (or meatball) Boiled potatoes Carrots (#38) Date squares (#80) (or commercial date cookies)	Cabbage soup (#7) Mini-pizzas with ham (#42) Clementines (or other fruit)	Blanched crudités (dip: optional) (#2) Macaroni with meat (#40) Oatmeal cookies (#87) (or commercial brands)	Meatballs and gravy (#22) Mashed vegetables (#39) Whole-wheat bun Peach yogurt	Sauteed chicken and vegetables (#70) Rice (#66) Canned pineapple in juice
Afternoon snack	Yogurt Tea biscuits Water	High-fibre cookies (#78) (or Graham crackers) Milk	Whole grain cereal Milk	Pieces of fruit and cheese Water	Banana bread (#95) (or tea biscuits) Milk
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