

# Gaston Elementary 2024

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## MONDAY

NO SCHOOL

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## **TUESDAY**

### WEDNESDAY

# **THURSDAY**

# **FRIDAY**

### Breakfast:

Ultimate Breakfast Round (v) Lunch:

Choice of Burger: Cheeseburger, Hamburger, or Veggie Burger (v) Cheese Raviolis w/ WG Roll (v) Deli Stackables

Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

### Breakfast:

Pancake Bites (v) Lunch: Corn Dog

Orange Chicken over Brown Rice Fiesta Salad w/ Tortilla Chips Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

### Breakfast:

Yogurt & Graham Cracker Lunch: Crispy Chicken Burger Creamy Mac & Cheese Peachy Parfait (v) Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

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# Whole Wheat Bagel w/ Cream

Cheese (v) Lunch: Cheese (v) or Pepperoni Pizza Grilled Cheese Sandwich (v) Crispy Chicken Wrap Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

Breakfast Includes: Choice of entrée, choice of fruit(s), and low-fat or fat-free milk.

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### Breakfast:

French Toast Bites (v) Lunch: Crispy Chicken Nuggets w/ WG Roll Saucy Meatball Sub Chef Salad w/ WG Rolls Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

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Breakfast: Ultimate Breakfast Round (v) Lunch: Brunch for Lunch: French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage Turkey Soft Taco Italian Sub Sandwich Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

Yogurt w/ Graham Crackers (v) Lunch: Big City Bites Austin featuring Texas Chili w/ Tortilla Chips Hot Dog Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich (v) Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

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### Breakfast: Cherry Frudel (v)

Lunch: Cheesy Breadsticks w/ Marinara (v) Southwest-Style Nachos Pinwheel Party Box Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

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### Breakfast:

Freshly Baked Cinnamon Roll w/ Vanilla Icing (v) Lunch:

Cheese (v) or Pepperoni Pizza Homemade Beefy Sloppy Joe Chicken Caesar Salad w/ WG Rolls Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

Daily Breakfast Entrées: Choice of Entree, Variety of Whole Grain Cereals w/ Mozzarella String Cheese

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### NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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## Breakfast:

Biscuit w/ Grape Jelly (v) Lunch: Crispy Chicken Burger Chef Salad w/ WG Rolls Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich (v) Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

Ham & Cheese English Muffin Lunch: Pork Posole w/ Tortilla Chips

Breakfast:

Soft Pretzel w/ Cheese Sauce Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

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## Breakfast:

Mini Maple Waffles (v) Lunch: Corn Dog American Sandwich Strawberry Banana Parfait (v) Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

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#### Breakfast:

Fruity Muffin Squares (v) Lunch: Scratch Cheese (v) or Pepperoni Pizza Fish & Chips Ham & Cheese Sandwich Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

Lunch Includes: Choice of entrée, variety of inviting fruits and vegetables, and low-fat or fat-free milk.

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# Breakfast:

Mini Pancakes (v) Lunch: Choice of Burger: Cheeseburger, Hamburger, or Veggie Burger (v)

Turkey Tot'chos w/ WG Rolls Italian Stacker Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

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## Breakfast:

Yogurt w/ Graham Crackers (v) Lunch: Glazed Chicken Drumstick w/ WG

Rolls Turkey Soft Taco Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich (v) Served with Assorted Fruits &

Vegetables

# Breakfast:

Ultimate Breakfast Round (v) Lunch:

Big City Bites Austin featuring Texas Chili w/ Tortilla Chips Hot Dog Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

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## Breakfast:

Blueberry Bagel w/ Cream Cheese (v) Lunch: Crispy Chicken Burger Spaghetti w/ Meaty Marinara

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

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## Breakfast:

Mini Cinnis (v) Lunch: Chicken & Waffles Grilled Cheese Sandwich (v) Crispy Chicken Wrap Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

Vegetarian items marked with (v)

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Breakfast: Mini Maple Waffles (v) Lunch:

Cheesy Lasagna Roll Up w/ WG Roll (v) Teriyaki Chicken over Brown Rice

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Served with Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

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Breakfast: Apple Frudel (v)

Lunch: Crispy Chicken Burger Brunch for Lunch: Pancakes w/ Sausage Chef Salad w/ WG Rolls

Served with Assorted Fruits &

Vegetables

#### Breakfast: Pancake & Sausage on a Stick

Lunch: **BBQ Chicken Sandwich** Bean & Cheese Nachos (v) Italian Sub Sandwich Served with Assorted Fruits &

Vegetables



# **Make Family Meal Times a Priority**

Sometimes, a very simple act can have important, long-lasting benefits. According to parenting and health experts, that is exactly the case with family mealtimes. Eating and talking together helps to:

- Foster family unity
- Prevent behavior problems at home and school
- Enhance academic success
- Improve nutrition
- Promote healthy weight for kids

With that impressive list of benefits, it's worth making the time and effort to enjoy more family mealtimes each week. Look for easy ways to add just one family meal to the schedule. If evenings seem too hectic for family dinners, set aside time for a weekend breakfast or lunch. After a month or two of this new pattern, you can add another family meal each week. Before you know it, you will be eating together on most days.

Source: https://www.eatright.org/food/nutrition/eatingas-a-family/raise-healthy-eaters-in-the-new-year.



odexo is committed to promoting healthier food choices and encourages students and families to use the USDA MyPlate to build healthy and balanced meals.

www.liftoffsplayground.com

# **Planning Matters**

Typically, when a person is preparing for something important, they plan. Maybe they are preparing for a presentation, helping their child excel in a sport or gearing up for a special vacation. Typically, if we want it, we prepare to get it. However, when it comes to health and finances, planning is often left to chance. How often have you rushed into the grocery store without a plan? Without a meal plan and a grocery list, food items get thrown into the cart without consideration of the nutritional value, the impact on the waistline or understanding of how it will sustain energy levels. Its truly a missed opportunity to take control of your health, your energy and your wallet. Planning your life, and your nutrition plan, is one of the most powerful and effective ways to attain what you want. Nobody plans to fail; they simply fail to plan. There are several resources to help you better prepare for your next trip to the store. It could be as simple as selecting five meals you want to make and then writing down the ingredients. There are also online recipe resources that will build a grocery list as you select recipes you love. Another free resource is offered by the government website called ChooseMyPlate. For more information, visit https://www.choosemyplate.gov/budget-grocery-list.

food allergens. For more information on food allergies, go to http://www.foodallergy.org/.

# Fresh Pick Recipe

EGG WHITE OMELETTE WITH SPINACH OR CHARD (MAKES 1 OMELETTE)

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 2 cups spinach or chard leaves
- pepper (freshly milled)
- 3 egg whites, beaten with 1/2 teaspoon chopped marjoram or chives
- 1. In a small nonstick skillet, heat one teaspoon of oil.
- 2. Add the spinach or chard, and cook until it's wilted.
- 3. Season with salt and pepper, then move to a plate.
- 4. Add the second teaspoon of oil to the pan, then pour in the whites. Tilt the pan to spread them out, then cook over medium heat until they're set.
- 5. Season with a pinch of salt and pepper, arrange the spinach over 1/3 of the eggs, then gently prod the eggs over to make a rolled omelette.





Students who are reduce-priced eligible will receive student meals at no cost.

**BREAKFAST**:

PAID: ALL Grades \$2.75 LUNCH:

PAID: Pk-6th \$3.00 7th-12: \$3.75



