

## Carter G. Woodson K8 Lunch Menu

## December 2024

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## **Families Making the Connection**

## Celebrate the Healthy Way!

Schools have many reasons to celebrate – birthdays, holidays, team wins, good grades, etc.! Often those celebrations involve food – sugary drinks, cupcakes, donuts, cookies, ice cream, or candy. These types of foods don't offer nutrients to nourish students and help them focus and learn. Families can suggest and help with different strategies to celebrate and support health. Learn more at www.actionforhealthykids.org/activity/healthy-active-parties.

- Work with your school to find healthy ways to recognize special events or accomplishments. Try options that don't involve food or screens like time for reading, listening to music, or participating in active games, sports, or dancing.
- Offer water, 100% juice, and/or lowfat or fat free milk instead of sodas or other drinks that have sugar and caffeine.

\*Menu subject to change.

- Include nutritious options if you do have food for a party like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and/or lowfat or fat free dairy. Some ideas are whole grain tortilla chips with salsa, fruit with a yogurt dip, parfaits with fruit, yogurt, and whole grain cereal, veggies with lowfat dressing, or smoothies. Check to see if you can purchase nutritious, fun snacks from your School Nutrition Program for events.
- Read food labels to make smart choices. Be careful of any food allergens for students and staff.
- Make sure everyone can participate, celebrate, and have fun!

