NO BONES ABOUT IT.

Touch the tip of your nose – that’s what bones feel like without calcium. Bones that don’t get enough calcium are weaker and more likely to break. Calcium also plays a key role in muscle contraction, among other important functions in your body. But 85% of girls and 60% of boys ages 9-18 don’t get the minimum amount of calcium they need – 1300 mg a day. Part of the problem is that many kids drink more soda than milk, but low-fat dairy products – cheese, milk, yogurt – are some of the best sources of calcium, along with spinach and calcium-fortified products like cereal and orange juice. People with dairy allergies or who can’t tolerate milk can take calcium supplements. But, make no bones about it, you need calcium for good health!

the big number

290

An 8-ounce carton of milk contains 290 mg of calcium. That’s 290 more than a can of soda.

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LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.

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EAT BETTER

Try lots of different fruits, veggies, and whole grains for a healthy diet. You’re bound to find a few you really like!

PUMPKIN

The bright orange color tells us that pumpkin is loaded with beta-carotene, an important illness-fighting substance. Whether it’s pureed or cooked in soups, breads, pies, or cookies, pumpkin is both delicious and good for you!

PLAY HARDER

Raking leaves is great exercise and it can be a lot of fun, too. Especially if you take a good running jump into the pile when you’re done!

LEARN EASIER

It’s never good to watch TV while doing your homework, but listening to tunes as background noise can be OK. Studies have shown that listening to music (especially when it’s instrumental music) can actually help many people learn better. How about you?

LIVE HEALTHIER

Halloween doesn’t have to mean the end of healthy eating – if parents and kids work together to keep the candy from taking over. Start by making sure kids eat a good, healthy meal or snack before trick-or-treating, so they’re not as tempted to dig in as they go. Then, keep the candy out of sight the day after Halloween, and ration out pieces as treats. A small portion of candy after a meal instead of dessert is perfectly OK, and it’s better for your teeth to eat your candy with other food rather than little by little through the day.

Supply & demand.

We’re trying to continue to operate as close to our pre-pandemic level as possible. But you may well work in or visit your local restaurants, so you know that food service businesses in general are facing unprecedented supply chain and labor challenges. And we’re no different. Sometimes we may have to substitute an item at the last minute to give you the best, freshest options available that day. We thank all of you in advance for your on-going understanding of this situation!

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