



# September 2022

**DOWNTOWN OAKLAND SENIOR CENTER**  
 To reserve a lunch, call or email 24 hours in advance.  
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Same low rate since 2014!  
**Senior Rate: \$3.75 donation per meal**  
 Any additional contribution is greatly appreciated.  
 No registered senior will be refused a meal due to lack of funds. **Guests under 60: \$10 flat fee.**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1% Milk served each meal  <i>Menu subject to change without notice.</i>	<b>KEY</b> + Vitamin C Source * Vitamin A Source < > High Sodium Day WW = Whole Wheat 🌱 = Vegetarian Day		1 Chicken Gumbo w/Okra Red Beans Brown Rice Fruit+ 	2 Southwestern Baked Cod SW Side Salad Carrots* Brown Rice Pilaf Fruit+ Dessert: Pudding
<b>HOLIDAY 5</b> <i>No Lunch Served</i> 	<b>6</b> Meatball Sub w/marinara sauce Italian Cut Green Beans Spinach Medley Salad* Fruit+	<b>7</b> Cod w/Coconut Curry Sauce Cilantro Lime Coleslaw Seasoned Cauliflower+ Brown Rice Pilaf Fruit	8 🌱 Pasta w/ Marinara Sauce Brussels Sprouts+ House Salad Garlic Bread Fruit	<b>HOLIDAY 9</b> <i>Site Closed</i> Box lunch available for pick up on 9/8 CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY 
<b>12</b> Chicken Veggie Fajitas+ Black Beans Soft WW Tortillas Fruit Dessert: Brownie	<b>13</b> Imitation Crab & Egg Salad over Romaine* w/Tomato Black Bean Lentil Soup++ WW Bread Fruit	<b>14</b> Albondigas Soup+* Tossed Vegetable Salad* Steamed Corn Tortilla Chips Fruit 	<b>15</b> BBQ Chicken Sandwich on WW Bun with Lettuce, Tomato, & Onion Broccoli Cranberry Salad+ Fruit	<b>16</b> 🌱 Pesto Tortellini Primavera+* Tomato Soup Garlic bread Fruit 
🌱 <b>19</b> Veggie Chili over Baked Potato+ Broccoli+ Cornbread Fruit 	<b>20</b> Turkey Soft Tacos+ w/Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes & Onions Pinto Beans WW Tortilla, Fruit	🌱 <b>21</b> Veggie Burger on WW Bun with Lettuce, Tomato, & Onion Chickpea Carrot Salad* Fruit+	<b>22</b> Cod w/Lemon Yogurt Sauce SW Side Salad Peas and Carrots* Brown rice Fruit+	<b>23</b> Asian Chicken Salad+ Ginger Sweet Potato Soup* WW Roll Fruit
<b>26</b> Chicken Salad w/ Raisins over Romaine, Tomato & Cucumber Lemony Mushroom and Orzo Soup WW Crackers, Fruit+	🌱 <b>27</b> Moroccan Chickpeas Baked Sweet Potatoes*+ House Salad Couscous Fruit 	<b>28</b> Baked Cod with Melted Leeks Sauce* Roasted Cauliflower+ Brussel Sprouts+ Brown Rice Fruit	<b>29</b> Ginger Beef Bowl Carrots* Brown Rice Fruit+ 	<b>30</b> Ground Turkey Lasagna+ Vegetable Medley Salad* WW Roll Fruit

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**For reservations, contact sites directly. For other inquiries, call our Main kitchen (510) 785-1997 Program manager, Becky Bruno: BBruno@SpectrumCS.org**



# Nutrition Education



## Incorporate whole grains daily

It is recommended to make at least half of your grains whole grains every day.

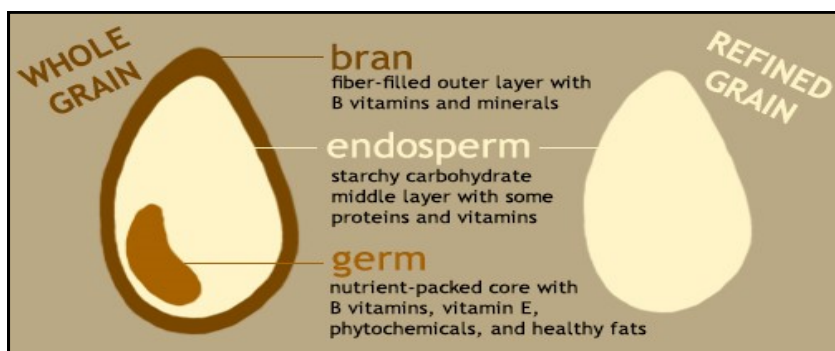
- Start your day with fiber-rich oatmeal, whole wheat cereal, or whole grain toast
- Swap out white rice for brown rice
- Choose whole grain breads over refined breads
- Snack on whole grain products like whole grain crackers or popcorn

## Whole Grains

Breads, rice, cereal, and pasta are all made from grains. However, **not all grains are created equal** as some grains are whole and others are refined. This can be confusing for most especially when trying to shop healthy at the grocery store.

### What is a whole grain?

Whole grains contain the whole kernel of the grain which includes 3 parts: the bran, the germ and the endosperm. Refined grains only contain the endosperm.



### What are the benefits of whole grains?

Whole grains provide a variety of vitamins, minerals, and fiber. Many important nutrients are missing when grains are not whole. Eating a diet rich in whole grains may reduce the risks of heart disease, some cancers, diabetes, and can help with bowel movements.

### What foods are whole grains?

Oats, barley, brown rice, quinoa, buckwheat, corn, and wheat berries are examples of whole grains. **When shopping for whole grains be sure to read the nutrition facts labels. A food is only considered 100% whole grain if the only grain ingredient listed is a “whole” grain (not enriched).**

Don't be misled by labels that say “multi grain” or “bran” as they may not be 100% whole grain. Please refer to the nutrition facts label to verify. Also, don't be misled by the colors of grains. Not all “brown” colored grains are whole grains.

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