

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	HAPPY NEW YEAR	Beef Nachos Mini Corn Dogs Roasted Carrots Egg Chef Salad	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Peas Egg Chef Salad	Turkey Sausage Pancake Wrap Tater Tots Egg Chef Salad	Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup Turkey Hoagie Green Beans Egg Chef Salad
	Hot Dog Cheeseburger Baked Fries Nacho Bean Salad	Chicken Quesadilla Chicken Tenders Black Beans Nacho Bean Salad	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Nacho Bean Salad	Chicken & Waffle Sandwich Chicken Patty Potato Smiles Nacho Bean Salad	Mac & Cheese Pulled Pork Sandwich Rainbow Veggies Nacho Bean Salad
·	DAY	Beef & Bean Rice Bowl Chicken Nuggets Pinto Beans Romaine & Cheese Salad	Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Carrots Romaine & Cheese Salad	French Toast Turkey Sausage Veggie Sausage Tater Tots Romaine & Cheese Salad	Country Chicken Bowl With Mashed Potatoes Pizza Crunchers Corn Romaine & Cheese Salad
	Chicken Tenders Pizza Max Sticks Baked Fries Popcorn Chicken Salad	Pork Carnitas Tacos Cheese Quesadilla Green Beans Popcorn Chicken Salad	Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Corn Popcorn Chicken Salad	Pancake Bites Turkey Sausage Veggie Sausage Potato Smiles Popcorn Chicken Salad	26 Ham & Cheese Hoagie Chicken Patty Sandwich Roasted Carrots Popcorn Chicken Salad
	<b>29</b> Popcorn Chicken Fish Sticks Baked Fries	<b>30</b> Penne Alfredo With Chicken <i>Green Beans</i>	Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Mixed Veggies	Offered Daily: - Pretzel Pack (WG pretzel string cheese & yogurt)	

Apple, Yogurt &

**Cheese Plate** 

Sun butter & Jelly Sandwich

Deli Sandwiches (with or without meat)

Apple, Yogurt &

**Cheese Plate** 

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# DARK DELIGHTS

Foods that are black in color pack an abundance of flavor as well as anthocyanins and minerals. These minerals include iron, which helps red blood cells to deliver oxygen to other cells, and our body's most essential and abundant mineral, calcium. Examples of deeply achromatic produce include black-eyed peas, black rice, black sesame seeds, black pepper, black lentils, and black tea. As a general rule, the darker the color—the more antioxidants they contain!

## DISCOVER: **BLACK BEANS**

Look out for the savory goodness of black beans this month. In season during the warmer months, these hearty legumes are packed with protein and fiber as well as key vitamins and minerals.



**RAISINS**: Hearty dose of fiber, iron, & antioxidants Peak Season: Aug.-Oct.

### **BLACK QUINOA:**

Bursting with protein, fiber, & quercetin
Peak Season: Oct.-Nov.





BLACK OLIVES: Packedwith calcium, iron,& potassiumPeak Season: Sep.-Nov.

## CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH: GROW YOUR OWN BEAN SPROUTS

With a plastic zip-top baggie, one paper towel, a bit of water, and a few bean seeds, you can grow your own bean sprouts!



STEP 1: Fold up your paper towel, dampen it with water, and slide it into your plastic baggie.

STEP 2: Grab a few dry beans from your pantry (like pinto, black, lentil, or navy beans).

STEP 3: Add 5-7 beans onto the damp paper towel in your plastic baggie and seal it up.

STEP 4: Lay the baggie of seeds flat and watch them grow for the next few weeks.



ACE'S
RECIPE OF THE
MONTH:

## **QUINOA BLACK BEAN BURGERS\***

Serves 5

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

1 (15 oz) can of black beans, rinsed and drained

1/4 cup of quinoa

1/2 cup of water

1/2 cup of bread crumbs

1/4 cup of minced bell peppers

2 tablespoons of minced onion

1  $^{1/2}$  teaspoons of minced garlic

1 1/2 teaspoons of ground cumin

1/2 teaspoon of salt

1 teaspoon of hot pepper sauce (like Frank's Red Hot)

1 egg

A drizzle of olive oil for pan

#### PREPARATION:

- Bring the quinoa and water to a boil in a saucepan. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until the quinoa is tender and the water has been absorbed, about 15 to 20 minutes.
- 2. Roughly mash the black beans with a fork leaving some whole black beans in a paste-like mixture.
- Mix the quinoa, bread crumbs, bell pepper, onion, garlic, cumin, salt, hot pepper sauce, and egg into the black beans using your hands and form 5 patties.
- 4. Bake them at 375°F on a lightly oiled baking sheet, for 10 minutes on each side.

\*DO NOT attempt to chop or cook without adult supervision.