

STAIRWAY TO HEALTH.

Wellness is determined by dozens of small choices we all make every day. For example, take the stairs – no, really, **TAKE THE STAIRS!** It's estimated that stair-climbing for just 2 minutes a day (6-8 flights) will **burn enough calories to**



the big number

7665

A two-minute stair climb every day for a year would burn about 7665 calories – 3 or 4 days' worth of eating!

prevent annual weight gain for the average

American. Other moderate activities we can choose to work into our daily lives include taking a daily **brisk walk** (at a 15-minute mile pace or so), **biking** at a leisurely rate (10 mph or less), actively **playing** with children, doing **light yard work** (or snow shoveling), **light weight lifting**, and similar common activities that are easy to do, quick, and healthy!

EAT BETTER. PLAY HARDER. LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.

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HELPING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FEEL WELL AND DO WELL!

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EAT BETTER

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

BANANA SLICES

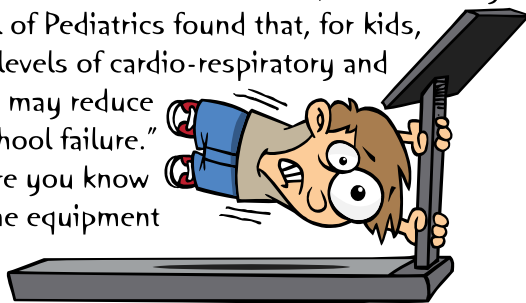
Banana slices are your BFF before any cardio workout! Banana raises your potassium, which is depleted when you sweat.



Pair the banana with wheat toast for a mix of complex and simple carbs to power your whole workout!

LEARN EASIER

Kids who do cardio do better in school, too! A study in the Journal of Pediatrics found that, for kids, "having high levels of cardio-respiratory and motor fitness may reduce the rate of school failure." Just make sure you know how to use the equipment before you begin!



PLAY HARDER



If you start climbing stairs during your day and like the way it makes you feel, the next "step" is to start using a stair machine like you'll find at most health clubs and gyms. A 165-lb person will burn about 330 calories in half an hour on a stair climber – do that 3 times a week and that's more than 50,000 calories a year!

LIVE HEALTHIER



Need another reason to take the stairs? Do it for the health of the Earth! Think of the energy it takes to move a person's weight up two or three flights in an elevator. When you take the steps – up or down or both – you help the planet, too, in your own small way. It's a win-win!

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Over the last several school years, we've been putting in place a number of changes to make our meals even more nutritious for our customers. For instance, the added emphasis on vegetables, fruits, and whole grains on our menus has helped increase the fiber content of our meals.



**DON'T GET!
Take at least
ONE
FRUIT
or
VEGGIE
and at least
THREE
items total
so your meal counts
as a complete lunch!**



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