FoodWise Nutrition

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Healthy Choices, Healthy Lives WHAT IS FOODWISE?

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FoodWlse caught up with Katherine Rakowski, Education and Agriculture Coordinator at the School District of Bayfield, about a creative event they are doing to celebrate school meals and culture called Around the World in 80 Trays!



Pictured above: Bayfield School lunchroom with flags from the countries that they will be featuring meals from.

This week-long culinary adventure serves to increase international flavors in USDA School Meal Programs.

Mark your calendars for the week of January 31 - February 4, 2022, as we honor cultures through food. **#WISchoolMealsRock**

For more information about culture and food, visit: https://www.nutrition.gov/topics/shopping-cooking-and-meal-planning/culture-and-food

IRON COUNTY MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The next Iron County Mobile Food Pantry takes place on Monday February 28 from 12:00-1:00 pm.

For more information, contact Extension Iron County office manager, Rebecca Holm at 715-561-2695 or email rebecca.holm@wisc.edu.



Pictured right: The December Iron County Mobile Food Pantry received some extra help from FoodWlse Coordinator Stephanie Bakker and FoodWlse Educator, Marisa Perlberg.

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EXTENSION IRON COUNTY COMMUNITY SNOWSHOES

Have you ever wanted to try snowshoeing but haven't had the opportunity?

Well, you're in luck! The Extension Iron County office has snowshoes available for families to use for FREE! Youth and adult sizes available.

They can be checked out by schools, and other organizations that would like to get out and enjoy the snow. For more information, contact:



Pictured above: FoodWIse
Educator, Deb Leonard leading
the Hurley Head Start class on
a snowshoe adventure at
Wolverine Ski Trails, Feb. 2019
(photo credit: Hurley Head Start
teacher, Linda Slining

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

VEGETABLE FRIED RICE

Looking for more ways to incorporate cabbage into what you eat? Try it in this healthy fried rice recipe. It's also a good way to use those frozen veggies



good way to use those frozen veggies up from your garden this summer.

INGREDIENTS

- 3 eggs (lightly beaten)
- 1 TBS oil (canola or vegetable)
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 3 cups brown rice, cooked (instant or regular)
- 2 cups frozen vegetables, thawed
- 1 TBS low sodium soy sauce
- Ground black pepper (optional)

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Spray a deep 12" skillet with cooking spray and place over medium heat.
- 2. Pour the lightly beaten eggs into skillet. Cook without stirring until eggs are completely cooked (2-3 minutes). Remove the eggs to a plate and cut into strips. Set aside.
- 3. Return the skillet to the burner and add the oil. Heat to medium high and add the onion and garlic. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is softened.
- 4. Stir in the rice, vegetables, and soy sauce. Heat through, stirring occasionally.
- 5. Add the egg strips and heat through. Sprinkle with pepper, if desired, before serving.

For more healthy recipes, visit: www.spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu

Cabbage is the Harvest of the Month!

Add cabbage to your favorite veggie soup, stew, or stir fry.

Make meals and memories together. It's a lesson kids will use for life.

Add cabbage to your favorite family meals:

CHOW DOWN ON CABBAGE

- **Select** Choose cabbage heads with compact leaves.
- **Store** Tightly wrap in plastic and refrigerate for up to 7 days.
- Prepare Carefully run a small knife around the core to remove it. Slice or chop the leaves.

Did you know?

Add raw cabbage to salad.

Green and red cabbage are the most common, but other types of cabbage include Napa (Chinese cabbage) and Savoy.

• Use cabbage leaves as a tortilla or wrap.



Nutritious, Delicious, Wisconsin! #WItarvestofthemonth





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