

# EMPLOYEE WELLNESS NEWSLETTER

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## **MAY RECIPE**



# MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST TOAST BASKET

# Ingredients Serves 6

- 6 slices, whole wheat bread thin sliced
- 8 eggs, slightly beaten
- ½ cup diced tomatoes
- ½ cup diced sweet onion
- 1/2 cup chopped spinach leaves
- 2 ounces Lean Bacon, cooked crispy or Canadian Bacon, cooked and cut into half-inch pieces
- 2 oz unsalted butter or Extra Virgin Olive oil
- 1 oz shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 oz Chopped parsley leaves

### **MOVE MORE AT WORK**

Science shows that being more physically active has many benefits for your heart, brain and overall well-being. Take advantage of all your opportunities to sit less and move more while you work. Every minute you move adds up, so make it count!



- Make it a habit to take the stairs instead of the elevator, for at least a floor or two. Once it gets easier, add another floor.
- Stuck on a long call or need an energizing break?
   Stand up and do some basic strength and balance exercises, like squats, desk push-ups, wall sits, calf raises, tree pose and chair pose.
- Keep small hand weights or a resistance band at your desk for bicep curls, lateral raises, rows, and overhead presses. Watch demos online or work with a fitness trainer to make sure you're doing exercises correctly to avoid injury.
- Use a farther break room or restroom, maybe even on another floor – and take the stairs each time you go.
- Form a walking club to walk together at work and participate in local walking events as a team.
- If you drive to work, park farther away from the entrance.

#### **Preparation**

- 1. Roll each slice of bread with a rolling pin to flatten. Melt 1 oz of the butter or use the olive oil. Using a pastry brush, lightly moisten each side of the bread.
- 2. Place one slide of flattened bread into the cup of a muffin tin, pressing the center in and leaving the corners to form a basket. Place in oven or toaster oven at 350 degrees for about 1 minute, or until the bread begins to slightly crisp-up but not fully toasted. Remove from oven and set aside.
- 3. In a medium skillet, heat the remaining butter or olive oil. Saute the diced onions and tomatoes until onions become translucent in color. Add chopped spinach leaves. Stir well.
- 4. Add slightly beaten eggs to the vegetable mixture, allow eggs to begin the cooking process for about 1 minute. Stir the eggs and vegetables together to make a soft scramble.
- 5. Spoon egg mixture into each bread 'basket'. Sprinkle cheese on top. Return to oven and cook until cheese begins to melt (about 1 minute).
- 6. Remove from oven, sprinkle each with bacon and parsley leaves. Serve hot.

Recipe modified and adapted from Food Network Brunch Recipes.

#### **Tips for Success**

- Wear comfortable shoes and clothing you can move in or keep a pair of sneaks at your desk.
- Schedule physical activity breaks and reminders on your work calendar — and treat them like any other important appointment.
- Ask a coworker to be your "work out at work" partner. Remind and support each other to move more throughout the day. You'll help keep each other accountable and motivated!

#### Power Up!

While you're at it, add some intensity for even more health benefits. That means move faster or longer or with more effort so your body has to work a little harder.

Get more tips and motivation at heart.org/movemore

### **ACTIVITIES FOR A HEALTHY SPRING**

Now that we are past the spring equinox and the days are longer, take advantage of warmer weather and go outdoors! Invite a friend or your kids to join you in some of the activities below:

- · Take a hike
- Fly a kite
- Lie in a hammock
- Plant something green
- Visit a neighborhood park
- Create your own family scavenger hunt
- Walk the dog (or a friend's dog)
- Visit the local farmers market

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