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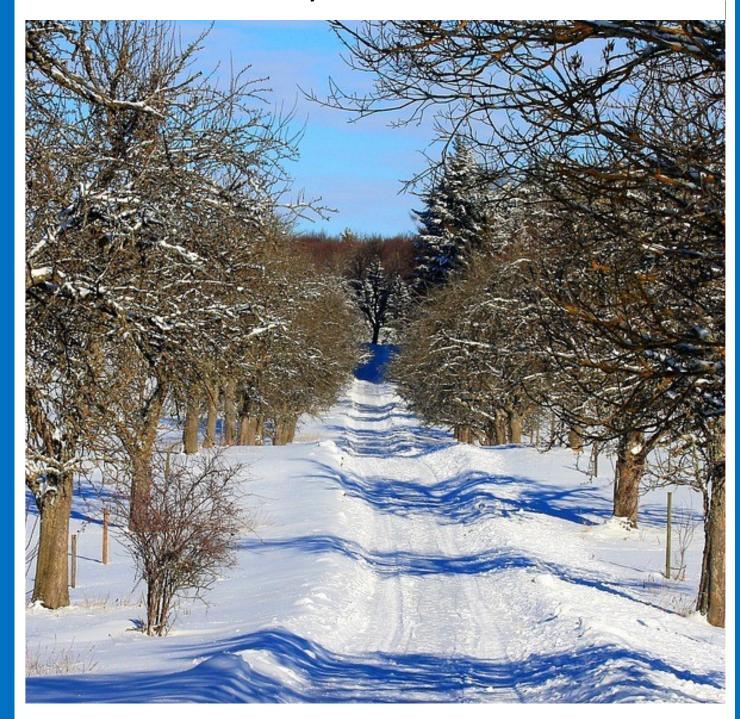
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How to Boost Cognition with Diet & Exercise

Please follow advice of your medical professional and speak with them before changing diet, exercise, or supplements. This is for informational use only.

Cognitive health is affected by genetics, age, environment, diet, and physical lifestyle, among other influences. Some factors are out of our control, but diet and exercise are within reach. Here are several approaches to diet and exercise to improve cognition.

When it comes to diets, several approaches may achieve better brain health. One is the **Mediterranean Diet** which includes fish, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans, nuts and olive oil. It aids heart and brain health, red meat ought be limited, and herbs -not salt- should flavor food.

A second is the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension Diet, or the **DASH Diet**. It focuses on vegetables, fruits, and low-fat or fat-free dairy products. It includes whole grains, fish, poultry, beans, seeds, nuts, and vegetable oils. It encourages limited sodium, sweets, and red meat.

Another is the Mediterranean-DASH Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay Diet, or the **MIND Diet**, combining Mediterranean and DASH parameters, to promote a healthy mind. It emphasizes berries over other fruits, recommends fish at least once per week, and promotes leafy vegetables along with other vegetables.

A common thread through each diet is that sugar should be avoided as much as possible. Multiple studies have found a correlation between a diet high in refined sugars and impaired brain function, as well as a worsening of mood disorder symptoms like depression.



A study of 16,000 older women over 15 years found those who consumed at least 1/2 cup of blueberries or strawberries weekly had slower cognitive decline.

10 foods on the brain health "yes" list

include fish (salmon and trout especially), blueberries, cruciferous vegetables (broccoli, spinach, kale, Brussel sprouts, collard greens, cauliflower, arugula), nuts (especially walnuts), avocados, beans and lentils, eggs, seeds, whole grains (like brown rice, whole-wheat bread, quinoa, and oats), and coffee and tea.

Regular exercise may be beneficial in helping to lower Alzheimer's and vascular dementia risk. Several studies have found a link between physical activity and reduced risk of cognitive decline.

Exercise can help prevent things that can lead to memory loss, like diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, and stroke. It may increase blood and oxygen flow in the brain benefiting brain cells, may reduce stress hormones, and may reduce inflammation.

A diverse menu of physical activities may bring the best results, including walking regularly, tai chi, aerobic exercise, resistance training, balance and coordination exercises, weightlifting, and dancing.

We hope these ideas inspire you as they have us. Help others boost cognition and share these tips with friends and family!

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Special Moments



Resident Birthdays: Becky: Jan. 13th Lynne: Jan. 26th Jack: Jan. 27th

Employee Birthdays: Claudia: Jan. 1st Mary: 16th Christine: 26th



Those born in January are Capricorn (Jan. 1-19) or Aquarius (Jan. 20-31). Their birthstone is garnet which symbolizes love and was discovered in Ancient Egypt. Their birth flowers are Carnations and Snow Drops. Carnations are among few flowers that can bloom in the cold!

January 2021 Highlights

January observes Healthy Weight Week, Bath Safety Month, and Mentoring Month. It celebrates hot tea, oatmeal, soup, pizza, and fresh squeezed juice, as well as taking part in beloved hobbies!

01 New Year's Day; Bloody Mary Day 02 Cream Puff Day; Science Fiction Day 03 Chocolate Cherry Day 04 Spaghetti Day; Trivia Day; Braille Day 05 Whipped Cream Day; Bird Day 06 Bean Day; Tech Day; Shortbread Day 07 Bobblehead Day; Tempura Day 08 Argyle Day; English Toffee Day 09 Apricot Day; Balloon Day **10 Bittersweet Chocolate Day** 11 Milk Day; Vision Board Day 12 Pharmacist Day; Marzipan Day 13 Rubber Duck Day; Sticker Day 14 Dress Your Pet Day; Pastrami Day 15 Hat Day; Bagel & Lox Day 16 Fig Newton Day; Intl. Spicy Food Day

17 Hot Buttered Rum Day
18 Winnie the Pooh Day; Thesaurus Day
19 Popcorn Day; Tin Can Day
20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Cheese Day
21 Granola Bar Day; Squirrel Lovers Day
22 Blonde Brownie Day; Library Fix Up Day
23 Pie Day; Handwriting Day
24 Compliment Day; Peanut Butter Day
25 Opposite Day; Irish Coffee Day
26 Green Juice Day; Peanut Brittle Day
27 Bubble Wrap Day; Chocolate Cake Day
28 Kazoo Day; Blueberry Pancake Day
29 Corn Chip Day; Puzzle Day
30 Croissant Day
31 Inspire with Art Day; Backwards Day;

Regarding Covid-19: Resident and staff safety and comfort remains our number one priority during the Coronavirus cases that have happened nationwide. It is important to communicate our plans to mitigate risk in our community. We are following mandated health guidelines. All activities are subject to cancellation per those current guidelines. To read our measures taken, and our current visitor policy, please visit our website.

yanilla extract; 3 1/2 cups of flour; 1/4 tsp. salt; 7 oz. of semisweet chocolate chopped

Preheat oven to 350. Mix butter + 1 cup sugar with mixer until combined. Add vanilla. In medium bowl sift flour with salt and add to the butter and flour. Mix on low until dough comes together. Dust a surface with flour and put dough on it. Shape into flat circle. Wrap in plastic and chill for 30 min. Roll dough 1/2" thick and cut with 3 by 1" rectangle cutter. Put cookies on ungreased baking sheet and top with extra sugar. Bake 20-25 min until edges start to brown. Cool to room temp.

Jan. 6 is **Shortbread Day** and here's a recipe for it

(modified from a Food Network version)!

Hot Chocolate Day



Staff Spotlight: Kelley

Kelley has worked at Farmington Square for a little over seven months. She started out as a caregiver and recently transitioned over to the life enrichment department. She was born in New Jersey, but grew up in Tennessee. She enjoys reading, drawing, playing with her dog Milo, listening to indie pop, and visiting her family in Tennessee. Her favorite movies are Eternal Sunshine of the **Spotless Mind and Edward** Scissorhands. Her favorite holiday is Christmas and favorite color is green. She is described as sweet, kind, generous, quiet, patient, caring, helpful, creative, and loving. Kelley, you are an invaluable member of this team and we are so happy you are here. The residents know they can count of you to provide the best care possible. Thank you for everything you do!



Resident Spotlight: Ginny

This month, our resident spotlight shines on Ginny. She is from Portland, Oregon. She worked as a telephone receptionist for Meier & Frank, as well as JC Penney. She loves singing (she used to be part of the singing group "Sweet Adaline's"); animals (especially dogs); traveling, listening to music (Hawaiian, 50s, Elvis, and Debbie Reynolds); watching Disney & Shirley Temple movies; playing card games and bingo; looking at photo albums; and helping with flower arrangements! She is described as outgoing, very sweet, funny, affectionate, sassy, strong willed, and adorable. Ginny, you are a ray of sunshine! You

Ginny, you are a ray of sunshine! You are always so appreciative of the care and love you receive. We love you Ginny!

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3:00 Casino Games* (All)

3:30 Card Games* (All)

6:00 B-I-N-G-O Night!* (B)

4:00 Exercise Fun: Music & Movement* (A)

3:00 Casino Games* (All)

3:30 Word Games* (All)

6:00 Penny Ante (B)

4:00 Exercise Fun: Balloon Ball (A

5:15 Exercise Fun: Balloon Ball (B)

3:00 Pretty Nails & Manicures (All)

4:00 Exercise Fun: Balloon Ball (A)

5:15 Exercise Fun: Balloon Ball (B)

6:00 Yahtzee Night* (B)

3:30 Resident Focus Visits (All)

6:00 Shake Loose a Memory (B)

4:00 Exercise Fun: Music & Movement* (A)

5:15 Exercise Fun: Music & Movement* (B)

3:00 Sensory Games* (All)

6:00 Board Game Night* (B)

4:00 Exercise Fun: Music & Movement* (A)

5:15 Exercise Fun: Music & Movement* (B)

3:30 Cribbage (C)

2:30 Card Games* (All)

3:00 Pretty Nails & Manicures (All)

4:00 Exercise Fun: Balloon Ball (A)

6:00 Movie Night & Popcorn* (All)

5:30 Exercise Fun: Balloon Volleyball (B)

4:00 Exercise Fun: Balloon Ball (A)

5:15 Exercise Fun: Balloon Ball (B)

6:00 Card Game Night* (B)