



# Watertown Area PACH Newsletter

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## Shopping for Health and Budget



### PRODUCE

#### Health:

- MyPlate calls for fruits and vegetables, fill half your plate

#### Budget:

- Farmers markets and local stands often have the best prices
- Watch local papers for grocery store sales
- Use in-season items to get the best value
- Do not buy too much produce unless you can use it before it spoils

### GRAINS

#### Health:

- Regular oatmeal is one of the healthiest choices, it is a whole grain and has no added salt, fat or sugar.
- Always buy 100% whole grain bread.
- Rice is a very inexpensive option that is also low in calorie density when cooked.

#### Budget:

- Stock up on items when on sale
- Freeze breads

### PROTEIN

#### Health:

- Choose lean, cook lean, and use portion control

#### Budget:

- Remember to check for sale items!
- Use smaller quantities
- The cheapest protein item is also one of the healthiest and is high in fiber– BEANS!
- If you have some time, consider cooking and freezing larger batches of dried beans.

- **Focus on Fruits**
- ♦ **Vary your Vegetables**
- ♦ **Make half your Grains whole**
- ♦ **Go Lean with Protein**
- ♦ **Get your Calcium rich foods with Dairy**

### RECIPE FROM THE DIETITIAN:

Teach your children how to make this healthy snack!!



#### Ants on a Log

#### WHAT YOU

#### NEED:

- 4 pre-cut celery sticks
- Peanut Butter
- Raisins
- Small Bowl
- Spoon

#### HOW TO MAKE

1. Wash your hands
2. Wash the celery
3. Put some raisins in a small bowl.
4. Spread the peanut butter on the celery with a spoon,.
5. Push raisins into peanut butter.

#### HEALTH BENEFITS!

**Celery**– is a vegetable and has Vitamin A to help your eyes

**Raisins**– a fruit, and adds fiber that helps with digestion.

**Peanut Butter**– has protein which builds muscle to make you strong

### Quick 5 Checklist to Save:

1. **Look for store brands.**
2. **On sale? Stock up!**
3. **Compare unit pricing.**
4. **Stick to your list.**
5. **Purchase less meat, convenience items, soda, cookies, crackers, chips, & bakery items.**