## Fall Foods!

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#### 4 ways to reduce breast cancer risk

- 1. Choose plant-based foods
  - Fruits, veggies, whole grains, beans
  - Avoid processed meats
  - Okay to include soy
- 2. Exercise regularly
  - Strengthens immune system
- 3. Limit alcohol
  - Raises estrogen levels & causes DNA damage
- 4. Maintain a healthy weight
  - Fat cells make more estrogen

Pcrm.org, Dr. Kristi Funk



#### What's in season?

- Apples
- Pears
- Greens
- Winter Squash
- Beets
- Sweet potatoes
- Turnips
- Parsnips
- Brussels Sprouts



#### Helpful tools

- Crockpot
- Pressure cooker
- Rice cooker
- Instant Pot
- Blender/Vitamix
- Chopper
- Sheet pan
- Grill basket
- Veggie peeler
- Eventlant knife



#### Benefits of eating apples & pears?

- Good source of soluble fiber (helps to lower cholesterol)
- Antioxidants
- Many ways to enjoy them:
  - Raw, snacks
  - Applesauce
  - Baked apples or pears
  - Apple/pear crisp/cobbler
  - Salads
  - Soups/stews
  - Add to oatmeal





## Winter Squash

Good source of fiber

Vitamins A & C

Antioxidants

Versatile

Cheap

Beautiful!



## Name that Squash







#### What to do with squash

- Roast it
- **■** Grill it
- Stuff it
- Chop it (and add to soups/stews)
- Puree it
- Scrape it (spaghetti)



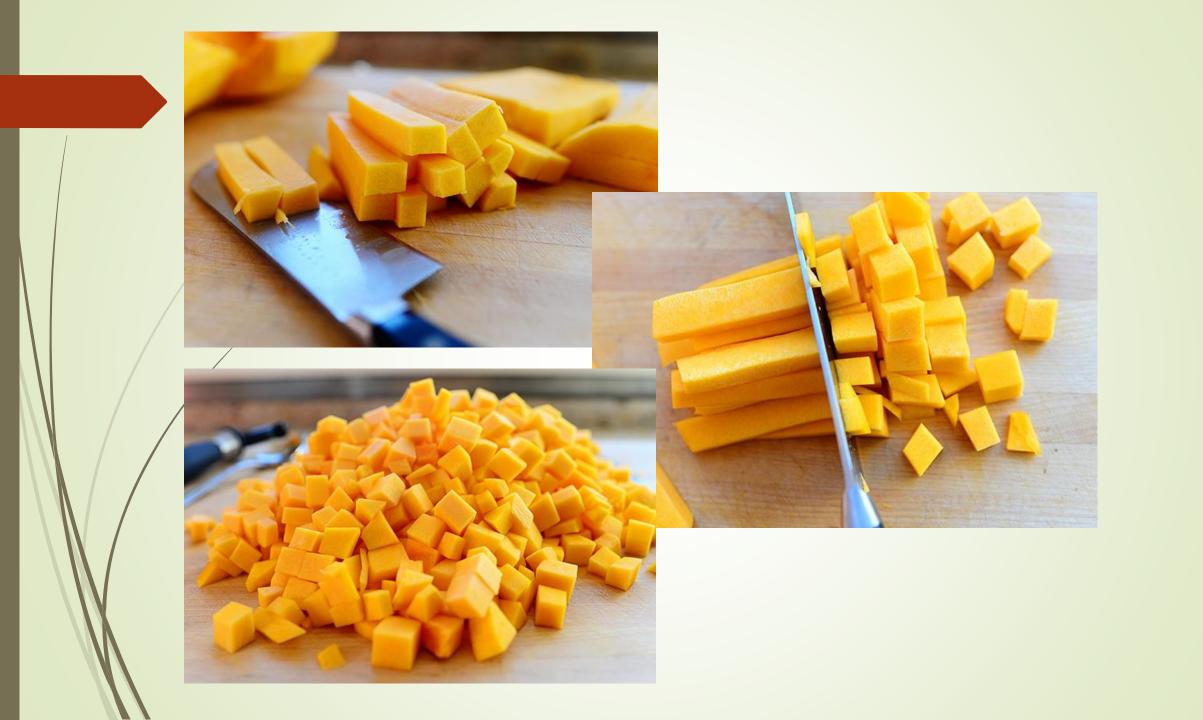












#### Go with Greens

- Greens may help with weight loss by increasing feeling of fullness and curbing desire for junk foods.
- Excellent source of folate, iron, Vitamins A & C, iron
- Spinach
- Collards
- Mustard greens
- Kale
- Chard
- Lettuce (darker the better)
- Watercress
- Beet



#### Beet it!



- Two veggies in one beets and greens
- Eat raw grate and make into a salad
- Roast
- Microwave
- Soups and stews
- Try red or golden beets or Chioggia



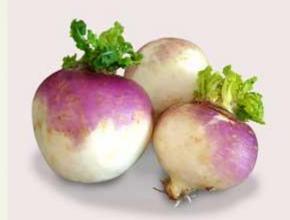
## **Brussels Sprouts**

- Cruciferous veggie family
- Strong cancer fighter
- Good source of Vitamin C & K
- Full of antioxidants
- Higher in fiber
- Roast
- **■** Grill
- Shred and put in salad



# Root veggies: turnip, rutabaga, parsnip, celeriac

- Rich in antioxidants, high in fiber, Vitamin C
- Turnips often have the greens, too
- Parsnips are great pureed



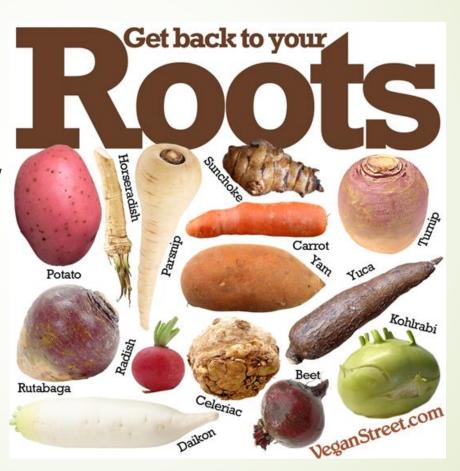






## What to do with root veggies

- Roast 'em
- Chop 'em
- Put in soup/stew
- Sautee 'em
- Puree 'em
- Grill 'em



#### 10 ways to eat more fall foods

- Make a baked apple for dessert: core an apple, fill center with a little sugar, raisins, cinnamon, whatever – then cover and microwave for 5 min.
- 2. Wilt greens: In a hot pan, add several handfuls of greens. Leave it be until the greens wilt. With a pair of tongs, turn over. Stir in some minced fresh garlic. Sprinkle with fresh lemon juice or a bit of apple cider vinegar. Season with salt and pepper.
- 3. Beet salad for one: peel a raw beet, grate it and add a little balsamic vinegar, mustard, salt/pepper, garlic.

#### More fall foods....

- 4. Make a soup: throw some greens and winter squash into any of your favorite soup recipes
- 5. Use spaghetti squash as your spaghetti noodles: top with your favorite sauce
- 6. Poach pears: I like it with red wine, a little sugar, cinnamon and pressure cook in the instant pot.
- 7. Stuff a winter squash: my favorite is acorn squash cut in half and bake face down in baking dish with a little water for 20 min at 400. While it is cooking, sauté a diced apple with dried apricots and some orange peel. Place in hollow of squash and cook another 30 min covered top with some chopped nuts.

#### And more...

- 8. Roast: cut up any root veggie or winter squash and place on cookie sheet – roast at 425 for about 20 min.
- 9. Make homemade applesauce.
- 10. Make a salad: top with any of your fall fruits and veggies



### Are you up for a challenge?

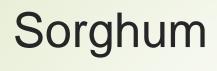
- Aim for 2 cups veggies at lunch and dinner daily
- Eat what is in season try a new fall fruit or veggie
- Buy local
- Choose organic when you can
- Support Farmers' Markets/CSAs
- The benefit:
  - Heart health
  - Weight loss
  - Better diabetes control
  - Great tasting foods!



#### Make a Fall Bucket List



- VISIT A PUMPKIN PATCH
- ♦ JUMP IN A BIG PILE OF LEAVES
- ♦ GO FOR A HAYRIDE
- ♦ COLLECT FALLEN LEAVES AND ACORNS
- ♦ TOAST PUMPKIN SEEDS
- ♦ PICK YOUR OWN APPLES
- ♦ VISIT A HAUNTED HOUSE
- ♦ ENJOY A CUP OF HOT COCOA OUTSIDE
- ♦ GO THROUGH A CORN MAZE
- ♦ WATCH A "FAMILY TRADITION" MOVIE
- ♦ STOMP ON CRUNCHY LEAVES
- ♦ CHOOSE A NEW THANKSGIVING RECIPE
- ♦ BAKE PIES, BREAD, COOKIES
- ♦ GIVE THANKS!



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