Snicker-Doodle Cheesecake Bars

INGREDIENTS

FOR THE CHEESECAKE LAYER

- 2 blocks cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 c. xes sweetener or gentle sweet
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- pinch of mineral salt

FOR THE SNICKER-DOODLE LAYER

- 1 c baking blend
- 1 c oat fiber
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. mineral salt
- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 3/4 c. xes sweetener or gentle sweet
- 1 tsp black strap molasses
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 Tbsp sweet blend mixed with 1/2 tsp cinnamon, for sprinkling

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350° and grease a 9"-x-13" baking pan with cooking spray.
- 2. Prepare cheesecake layer: In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and gentle sweet until fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla, and salt and beat until combined.
- 3. Prepare snicker-doodle layer: In a medium bowl, whisk together baking blend, oat fiber, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. In a large bowl, beat butter, gentle sweet, and molasses with a hand mixer until pale and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add eggs and vanilla and mix until just combined. Gradually add the dry mixture and mix on low until just combined.
- 4. Press about two-thirds of the snicker-doodle dough into an even layer in the bottom of the pan and sprinkle with half of the cinnamon/gentle sweet mixture.
- 5. Pour cheesecake batter on top and smooth with a rubber spatula.
- 6. Break up the remaining snicker-doodle dough into small clumps and sprinkle over the cheesecake layer, then sprinkle with more cinnamon sugar.
- 7. Bake until the edges are set and the center of the cheesecake mixture is only slightly jiggly about 30 minutes.
- 8. Let cool completely before slicing into squares.