

Food and Nutrition Division I National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program

POWERFUL PETE

One day the farmer was harvesting sweet potatoes on the Sweet Potato Healthyville farm when suddenly a storm rolled in. Lightening struck in the sweet potato field and all of the sweet potatoes were cooked except one! Powerful Pete the Sweet Potato jumped up and looked around with electric eyes and realized he could see for miles around. His powerful eyes would even shoot vitamin A into the ground to make the healthiest sweet potatoes for kids to eat!

POWERFUL PETE'S FAUGRITE ACTIVITIES Ice Skating and Hockey

WORD SEARCH

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WHAT TO KNOW

Sweet potatoes are an excellent source of vitamin A, which is great for vision and healthy growth. Sweet potatoes are also very good sources of vitamin C, copper, and vitamins B5 and B6. Unlike other potatoes, sweet potatoes are red-orange vegetables and are the only potatoes that provide vitamin A. They are also high in beta carotene.

FUN FACTS

The potato was the first vegetable to be grown in outer space.

Although the orange variety is the most common in the US, sweet potatoes also come in white, yellow, pink and purple varieties.

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SUPER VISION

JOKE OF THE MONTH

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Q: What do you get when you cross a potato with an elephant?

A: mashed potato