

Fifth Grade Student Notebook

Name

















EVERYDAY FOODS

"Foods to eat almost anytime"

Everyday Foods are:

- * foods that have little or no fat.
- * foods that are not fried.
- * foods that have little or no fat when cooked or served.
- * water, diet pop, or other beverages that have little or no added sugar.

MILK, CHEESE, YOGURT

Milk

Fresh, canned, or dried

fat free - skim milk low fat - 1% milk fat free - skim chocolate milk low fat - 1% chocolate milk skim evaporated buttermilk



Cheese

string low-fat cottage cheese part-skim mozzarella farmer cheese processed cheese spread cheese labeled "low-fat"

Yogurt

low-fat yogurt low-fat frozen yogurt

MEAT, POULTRY, FISH, DRIED BEANS

Trimmed and cooked without added fat. Baked, boiled, broiled, grilled, microwaved.

Fish

all fish not fried tuna canned in water

Poultry

chicken without skin turkey without skin wild turkey

Dried Beans

black (turtle) dried lima tepary (white) tepart (brown) garbanzo (chick-peas)

navy pinto lentils split peas

Meat

beefmountain sheepbuffalomuttondeerhamgopherkidneylean ground beefhot dogs labeled "low-fat"luncheon meat labeled 'low-fat'

elk squirrel goat rabbit heart pork

FRUITS

Fresh, frozen, canned, or dried.

apples applesauce apricots bananas berries blackberries blueberries buffaloberries cantaloupe cherries chokecherries currants desert hackberry figs frozen fruit juice bars grapes grapefruit juneberries

kiwi Navajo melon oranges peaches pears pineapple plums pomegranate prickly pear prunes rose hips sandcherries strawberries watermelon wild bananas wild grapes wild strawberries

All juices made from fruits

BREADS, RICE, PASTA, CEREALS

CRACKERS, COOKIES, CAKES

air-popped popcorn alkaad (Puberty Cake) animal crackers cookies labeled "low-fat" Crackers Jacks fig bars ginger snaps graham crackers pretzels rice cakes saltine crackers vanilla wafers



RICE AND PASTA

brown, white, and wild rice macaroni noodles spaghetti

CEREALS



all cereals cornmeal mush (blue) cornmeal mush (yellow)

BREADS

ash bread kabubu bread corn tortillas flour tortillas sandwich buns kneel-down bread pancakes bagels waffles French toast wheat (pinole) yeast breads oven bread pita bread taco shells soba

VEGETABLES

Fresh, frozen, canned, or dried.

asparagus beets boiled potatoes broccoli cabbage carrots cauliflower celery chile





peas potatoes pumpkin spinach squash string beans sweet potatoes timpsila tomatoes

cholla buds corn cucumbers green beans hominy lettuce lima beans onions pangi (wild artichoke)





wax beans wild asparagus wild celery wild mushrooms wild onions wild spinach wild turnip zucchini

All juices and sauces made from vegetables

Pathways Nations Foods

Vegetables

agave asparagus bean (Lima) bean (Pinto) bean (String) beets boiled potatoes cabbage chile cholla buds corn cucumbers fried potatoes fried potatoes with cornbeef green beans panai (wild artichoke) pumpkin sauash tepary beans (white) tepary beans (brown) tomatoes wild asparagus wild celery wild mushrooms wild onions wild spinach wild turnips yucca blossoms



Grains & Cereals

alkaad (Puberty Cake) ash bread barley biscuits bread (corn) corncake cornmeal mush (blue) cornmeal mush (yellow) corn stew corn tortillas cracked corn Cracker Jacks flour tortillas frybread kabubu bread kneel-down bread macaroni popover soba sun-dried corn tamales wheat (pinole)





Nuts

acorns mesquite pods palo verde pods pinons squash seeds sunflower seeds walnuts

Beverages

atole (adoola) box elder tea cedar leaves tea chokecherry juice coffee creosote tea mesquite pod juice Mormon tea Navajo tea peppermint tea rose hip tea walnut pod juice water wild tea

Pathways Nations Foods

Fruits



Seasoning

rock salt

Four-Legged Animals

ach'ii' antelope backbone beef blood sausage bone marrow brains buffalo caterpillars cicadas deer elk goat gopher heart hooves

ierky june bugs kidney menudo mutton mountain sheep muskrat prairie dogs rabbit ribs spleen squirrel stew stomach taniga wakapape

Two-Legged Animals

chicken chicken eggs dove geese grouse pheasant quail wild bird eggs wild duck wild turkey



Fish

bass blue gill bullhead carp catfish northern pike sunfish trout

EVERYDAY Physical Activities

walking riding a bike tag swimming hoeing stacking wood herding sheep push ups skate boarding softball dancing aerobics hiking hide and seek

soccer

BREATHING HARD

WORKING MUSCLES

SWEATING

WARM FACE

FASTER HEARTBEAT

basketball frisbee running hackey sack kickball track and field volleyball lacrosse field hockey jump rope jogging riding horses roller skating roller blading sit ups climbing rocks

Poster

EVERYDAY SNACKS

Fruits & Vegetables

Fresh fruits 100% fruit juices Canned Fruits Dried fruits Frozen 100% fruit juice bars Fresh vegetables Vegetable juices

Milk, Yogurt & Cheese

String cheese Low fat yogurt Low fat dip Low fat - 1% milk Fat free - Skim milk Low fat - 1% chocolate milk Fat free - Skim chocolate milk Frozen low fat yogurt Low-fat ice cream

Breads, Rice, Pasta & Cereals

Pretzels Animal crackers Crackers labeled "low-fat" Graham crackers Fig bars Ginger snaps Vanilla wafers Cookies labeled "low-fat" Rice cakes Air-popped popcorn Chips labeled "low" or "non-fat" like potato, corn, and tortilla Granola bars labeled "low-fat" Cereals

Everyday Beverages

Water

Diet Pop

Sugar-free Koolaid

Low fat - 1% milk

Fat free - Skim Milk

Low fat - 1% chocolate milk

Fat free - Skim chocolate milk

100% Fruit Juice

Sparkling Water

Whole cottage cheese Ice cream Sour cream	American Swiss Cream cheese	Whole milk, 2% milk, and Cheese:	MILK AND CHEESE	Cookies Popcorn with added butter	CRACKERS, COOKIES & SNACKS Chips: potato, corn, and tortilla Crackers Cakes		Doughnuts D Muffins V Sweet Rolls V	Biscuits Croissants	BREADS Breads with a lot of added butter or margarine Fry bread		-				
	Cheddar Colby	1- 1/2 % milk		Rice and pasta with added butter, oil or cheese	SNACKS rtilla RICE AND PASTA		Deep fat fried vegetables, like French fries Vegetables with added fat	VEGETABLES	outter or margarine	BREADS, RICE, PASTA, & CEREALS	 foods that have added foods that have added pop and other bevera 	 foods that have a lot of fat in them. 	Sometimes Foods are:	"Foods to ea	SOMETIMES FOOI
Fried fish - sticks and fillets Fish - canned, packed in oil	FISH	Muskrat Canned Meat	Antelope Jerky	Sausage Spam Bacon	Ground meat not drained and rinsed Beef with fat not trimmed Pork and ribs with fat not trimmed Hot dogs Luncheon meat	MEAT		fressing	nnaise :e 1	SAUCES, DRESSINGS Gravv B	foods that have added fat when cooked and served. pop and other beverages that have a lot of sugar in them.	of fat in them.		"Foods to eat Sometimes"	IES FOODS
Nuts Peanut Butter Peanuts Pinon Sunflower seeds	NUTS & SEEDS	Dried beans with added fat	DRIED BEANS	EGGS	l and rinsed Fried Chicken Wild duck trimmed Dove Quail	POULTRY	MEAT, POULTRY, FISH, DRIED BEANS, NUTS, SEEDS & EGGS	Oil	Margarine Lard Bacon Grease	DRESSINGS AND SPREADS	∍d. n them.				

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Week 1 - Part A

DO YOU KNOW THE PATHWAYS NATION?

Activity Sheet

Directions: Match the cultural name of each Pathways Nation with its correct meaning. It is a challenge to see if you know the meaning of each cultural name. Good Luck!

Akimel O'odham means The People 1. 2. Dee' means **Burnt** Thighs Dine' means To Scatter 3. 4. Ndee' means The Desert People Oglala Lakota means The River People 5. The People Sicangu Lakota means 6. 7. The People Tohono O'odham means

Now, match each cultural name with its government name.

Akimel O'odham	Navajo Nation
Dine'	White Mountain Apache Tribe
Tohono O'odham	San Carlos Apache Tribe
Ndee'	Gila River Indian Community
Dee'	Tohono O'odham
Sicangu Lakota	Oglala Sioux Tribe
Oglala Lakota	Rosebud Sioux Tribe



Yellow Bead Trail



Activity Sheet 3





GUESS THE SERVING SIZE

Directions:

1) Write down the name of the food item at a station.

2) Either count or measure your guess for 1 serving size.

3) Then, check the Nutrition Facts on the food label for the actual size of 1 serving.

4) Finally, count or measure the size of 1 serving according to the Nutritional Facts.

5) After you have visited each station, answer the question at the bottom of this sheet.

Food Station #	Name of Food	My Guess of 1 Serving Size	Actual Serving Size (according to the Nutrition Facts)	My Guess was 🖌
1				 More than 1 Serving Less than 1 Serving
2				More than 1 ServingLess than 1 Serving
3				More than 1 ServingLess than 1 Serving
4				More than 1 ServingLess than 1 Serving
5				More than 1 ServingLess than 1 Serving

Which foods were the most difficult for you to guess the serving size? Why?

Week 3 - Part B

Activity Sheet

FOR OUR PATHWAYS GUESTS

Meals, Snacks and Fun

Directions: Choose a menu for each mealtime and then count the number of food groups in each meal. If there are none, put a zero by that food group. Finally, add up the total number of servings in each food group for the whole day.

Breakfast

Menu for Breakfast:

Total Number of Servings from each food group at breakfast:

- ___ Bread, Rice, Pasta, Cereals
- ____ Fruits
- _____ Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dried Beans
- ____ Vegetables
- ____ Milk, Cheese, Yogurt

Lunch

Menu for Lunch:

Total Number of Servings from each food group at lunch:

- ___ Bread, Rice, Pasta, Cereals
- ____ Fruits

Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dried Beans Vegetables

____ Milk, Cheese, Yogurt

Menu for Dinner:

Dinner

Total Number of Servings from each food group at dinner:

- ____ Bread, Rice, Pasta, Cereals
- ____ Fruits
- _____ Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dried Beans
 - ____ Vegetables
- ____ Milk, Cheese, Yogurt



Fill in the following:

The American Indian Game will be _____

Two exercise breaks to do are: _____

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Week 4 - Part B









Week 6 - Part A

Activity Sheet

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EXERCISE BREAKS AND AMERICAN INDIAN GAMES

Directions: Decide which group of Exercise Breaks or American Indian Games that your team would like to teach. Place a #1 by the first choice, a #2 by the second choice, and a #3 by the third choice.

Exercise Breaks

Ski Slalom Trunk Twists _____ Bottoms Up

> Jump Tucks Side Bends

_____ Chair Curl Ups

Arm Circles

Blast Off

____ Do the Twist

Heel Lifts

Foot Circles
_____ Jump Forward and Jog Back

Sit, Stand, and Move! Animal Walks

_____ Partner Stand Up

American Indian Games

____ The Wolf and the Hen

_____ Follow the Leader

_____ Hoop Toss

Heel Lifts

Approximate Time: 1-2 minutes

Preparation: Have students stand by their desks an arm's width apart.

Instructions:

- 1. Stand with your feet about 4 inches apart and your arms at your sides.
- 2. Lift your heels off the floor to stand on the balls of your feet. Hold for 2-3 seconds.
- 3. Lower heels slowly; repeat several times.

Foot Circles Approximate Time: 1-2 minutes Instructions: Standing on your right foot, or sitting at your desk, circle your left foot to the right several times and then to the left. Switch feet. Pretend you have a pencil between your toes and rotate your foot as if you are writing your name. Switch feet.

Jump Forward/ Jog Back

Approximate Time: 3-10 minutes

Preparation: Have students stand by their desks an arm's width apart.

Instructions:

- 1. With feet together, jump two steps forward.
- 2. Then turn and jog carefully back to starting point.
- 3. Repeat.



 Blast Off

 Approximate Time: 1-3 minutes

 Preparation: Have students stand by their desks an arm's width apart.

 Instructions:

 1. With feet together and knees bent, swing arms back and forth and jump up as high as you can!

 2. Repeat several times.

 "Ready, Set, 5...4...3...2...1 -- Blast Off!"

Do the Twist

Approximate Time: 3-10 minutes

Equipment: Optional: Boom Box, Music

Preparation: Have students stand by their desks.

Instructions:

1. With knees bent and arms out, twist the hips from side to side!

Approximate Time: 3-10 minutes

Sit, Stand, and Move!

Preparation: Space the desks apart so that each student can walk around his/her desk.

Instructions:

- 1. Sit at desk.
- 2. On command, stand up, walk around your desk, and sit back down.
- 3. Then repeat walking in the opposite direction around your desk.
- 4. Vary by having teacher or leader call out a movement to do around desk (hop, jump, skip, crawl, etc.).

Partner Stand-Up

Approximate Time: 3-5 minutes

Preparation: Have the students pair off by choice, or have them play Back to Back (exercise break) to find a partner.

Instructions:

- 1. Partners sit back to back with knees bent and elbows interlocked.
- 2. Try to stand up at the same time by pushing against each other's backs for support.

Animal Walks

Preparation: Clear a path around the boundaries of the room, or around the majority of the desks.

- **Instructions:** 1. Have one student at a time lead the class around the room performing an animal walk of his/her choice:
 - Crab Walk Hands and feet on the ground, while facing the ceiling. Move hands and feet like a crab.
 - Bear Walk- Hands and feet on the ground, facing the floor. Move right hand and right foot forward together; then left hand and left foot.

Cat Walk - Hands and feet on the ground, facing the floor. Move right hand and left foot forward together, then left hand and right foot.

Jump Tucks

Approximate Time: 1-3 minutes

Preparation: Have students stand by their desks.

Instructions:

- 1. From a standing position, jump straight up and raise your knees as high as you can. Be sure to land on both feet with knees slightly bent.
- 2. Repeat 5 to 10 times.

Side Bends

Approximate Time: 1-3 minutes

Instructions:

- 1. Stand with feet shoulder width apart.
- 2. Raise your right hand over head, and rest your left arm across the belly.
- 3. Gently stretch sideways, toward the left. Hold at least 10 seconds.
- 4. Switch hand positions and stretch to the right.

Chair Curl Ups

Approximate Time: 1-3 minutes

Preparation: Have students sit by their desks with enough room to straighten their legs. Have a partner hold the back of the chair to steady it.

Instructions:

- 1. Sit on the edge of your chair and hold onto the edges.
- 2. Extend both legs straight out to the floor.
- 3. Slowly curl your knees to your chest, and then extend them back out.

Week 6

Ski Slalom

Approximate Time: 3-5 minutes

Preparation: Have students stand by their desks and draw an imaginary line by their feet.

Instructions:

1. See how long you can jump side to side over your imaginary line. Pretend you are skiing!

Approximate Time: 1-2 minutes

Instructions:

- 1. Place feet shoulder width apart.
- 2. Raise your elbows up with your hands touching in front of chest.
- 3. Slowly twist your upper body at the waist from one side to the other.

Bottoms Up

Trunk Twists

Approximate Time: 3-5 minutes

Preparation: Have the students pair off by choice, or have them play Back to Back (exercise break) to find a partner.

Instructions:

- 1. Partners sit down facing each other, and place the bottoms of their feet together (knees are bent and arms are on the ground behind the body for support).
- 2. Push against your partner's feet and try to lift your bottom off the ground!

The Wolf and the Hen (Pueblo)

Instructions:

Divide class into groups of 6.

Each group chooses one player to be the "wolf" and another the "mother hen." The other 4 members line up behind mother hen as "chick."

The mother hen approaches the wolf with outstretched arms. The chicks follow behind her, each holding the chick in front at the waist.

Wolf peeks around the mother hen and describes the clothes of one of the chicks in line.

As the wolf approaches the mother hen, mother hen says, "How do you do, Mr. Wolf? What are you looking for?"

The wolf slyly replies, "How do you do? I am looking for a chick!"

Mother hen replies, "Well, what does your chick look like?"

Wolf then describes one of the chicks in line color of clothing, hair color, etc.

Mother hen replies, "Well, try and get your chick!"

Wolf tries to get the chick, but mother hen protects her flock with outstretched arms. Chicks move together to stay behind mother hen.

Tokelecon Kin (Follow the Leader)

Equipment:

4 cone for boundaries

Instructions:

Select 1 student to be the leader.

Rest of students follow single file, doing whatever movements the leader does.

You may want to write the basic locomotor skills on a card to give to the leader (walk, hop, skip, jump, side-slide, gallop, run, leap).

Switch leaders every 2-3 movements. You can signal a change of leaders by stopping the music, or by calling out "Change Leaders".

The student behind the leader becomes the leader, leader moves to the end of the line.

Stay together! Pretend our line is a long snake, don't break the snake!

Background of the Game:

Crooked Path was played by many Indian tribes throughout the United States and Canada.

Groups of boys, girls, and mixed groups of boys and girls would play this game. The leader would sign a simple song as he led the line of players. Simple steps and jumps or movements of birds or beasts and dance steps were sometimes imitated so the followers had a difficult time following the leader.

Source of Information:	Handbook of American Indian Games
	Allan and Paulette Macfarlan
	Dover Publications, Inc., NY
	Copyright 1958
Hoop Toss (Apache)

Equipment:

3 hula hoops

Instructions:

Divide students into 3 teams.

The object of the game is to move the hoop from one end of the line to the other end as quickly as possible. To do that pass the hoop over the head, body and legs and on to next player.

Line up shoulder to shoulder and join hands.

On "Go", the first person passes hoop over head, body, and legs then to the next player without releasing hands.

Continue until hoop reaches the other end of the line, then pass it back.

"How quickly can your group pass the hoop to the other end of the line and back?

Remember to keep your hands connected with your teammates!

Background of the Game:

Hoop games were played by nearly all young Indians in a variety of ways. One version was originated by the Plains Indians including the Lakota. Other versions were played by tribes in the Southwest and several others.

The Lakota game was played for fun by young boys. It was a way of mimicking certain movements of dancers. For example, they would twirl it around their ankles or their wrists. Equipment was abandoned hoops from ceremonial dances. These hoops could be made by flexible branches.

In the Southwest and other locations the Indian children would throw pine cones into a hoop as a test for accuracy.

Other variations of hoop games included tossing hoops over an upright pole, or devising games to play with other children like the one described on the opposite side of this page.

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White Bead Trail



Activity Sheet

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HOW MUCH FAT?

Directions: Find the Nutrition Facts for the following foods. Fill in the amount for one serving size and the total grams of fat per serving. Then decide if this food is an **Everyday Food** or a Sometimes Food. Write your decision.

Food	One Serving Size	Total Grams Fat/Serving (grams)	Is it an Everyday or Sometimes Food?
Apple (raw)		0 grams	
Apple snack pie		grams	
Dried Apple			
Potato (raw)			
French fries			
Potato chips			
Canned corn			
Popcorn			
Corn chips			



Week 7 – Part B

Activity Sheet

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Pathways Project

Group Members:

Write out the information you will show and tell about Pathways:

Name your show & tell: "_____

List the materials and supplies you will need:

Preparation – Explain the job each member of your group will need to do before the show & tell:

Presentation – Explain the job each member of your group will need to do during the show and tell:

Week 8 - Part A

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Activity Sheet



Man in the Maze



Directions: Fill in the blanks for the following words. These are the four stages of life represented on this "Man in the Maze".

Activity Sheet 12



Green Bead Trail

Student Choice

- 1 FORWARD LUNGES
- (2) ALTERNATE HEEL SLAP

(3) SIDE RUN

- 4 LINE PUSH-UPS
- (5) ABDOMINAL CURLS
- (6) BEAN BAG CHALLENGE

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Week 3

Story Sheet

Runner Carrying Words

Runner Carrying Words (Ya ti nayi ahé)¹ moved quickly to dodge the rocky areas on the trail. In just a few hours, a little wind had made the weather colder. It was important to think about getting the Pathways Message to the next school.

The clouds moved overhead and seemed to be traveling in the same direction. In a few minutes, white snow flakes began floating in the air. Soon the trail was empty of animals who took shelter from the storm. Runner Carrying Words ran toward the desert over the soft snow.

With good thoughts, Runner reflected on how much he had enjoyed the summer. How good and warm the summer had been!

The trail seemed smoother as he ran over the new snow. It blew into even the tiniest crevice. Grass would grow well by spring with thanks to this snowstorm.

Runner Carrying Words was from Dee'² (Deh), also known as the San Carlos Apache Tribe. This tribe was respected for its strong runners. In olden days, runners traveled at night to avoid being seen by enemies. Today, it is just as important to run to keep healthy and physically fit.

Using the muscles in his legs, Runner moved carefully uphill. He sipped from a water bag decorated with green, black, and yellow pony beads. Mostly, he thought about the message he carried, "Eat a Variety of Foods." His thoughts went back into olden days when his tribe traded with other tribes to obtain different food. The Dee' knew that it was always important to have enough different foods for the people to survive during the wintertime.

Yes, variety was important to the great-great grandparents. They knew that there was a balance in eating different foods. In this way, they took care of themselves to lead healthy lives.

- ¹ Ya ti nayi ahé (Ya ti nayi ahé) The name for a person who is a messenger and who runs while carrying the words.
- ² Dee' (Deh) The name that the San Carlos people call themselves, meaning "The People."

Week 5

Story Sheet

Deezbaa

eezbaa (Deez bah)¹ whose name means "She is going first on a raid" took the buckskin containing a Pathways Message. She was grateful and welcomed her friends who would travel alongside so she would not be left alone.

Her brother Hashke´ Dilwo´ii (Ash kee´ Dil we´i)² was called "Fleet Warrior." During the last three nights, he had sung songs for her journey. Everyone wished her well.

Today, she had been washed in a beautiful meal-basket filled with white cornmeal. This same basket served as a drum when it was turned upside down and tapped with a yucca drumstick by her brother. She felt refreshed and ready for her tasks.

Swiftly, Deezbaa tied her shoes and moved towards the highway. The sand was warm on the ground as she ran past cornfields and melon patches that were ripening.

She thought about the message of eating foods that are low in fat and remembered how Grandmother cooked delicious meat over the coals by an open fire. This meat had less fat. Wild tea was always served with the meat. Most of all, she remembered that eating healthy foods meant choosing low fat foods every day. This message was valuable beyond words to carry.

Deezbaa laughed as they passed a herd of sheep and goats grazing in the sagebrush. The goats stared with great curiosity at the runners while the sheep simply ignored any distraction. She loved these animals but needed to hurry along with the message of low fat foods to the next Pathways school.

¹ Atse Deezbaa (At-se Deez-baa) a given name for a girl that means 'she is going first on a raid'.

² Hashke Dilwoii (Ha-sh-ke Dil-woii) a given name for a boy that means 'Fleet Warrior'.

Week 6

Story Sheet

New Times

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C actus stood like a forest of trees as the young girl ran in between them. Without hesitation, she dodged left and right. She ran beneath the towering branches of the Ha:sañ (Haa-shan).¹ Shadows on the dry desert ground reflected how the heavy branches balanced both sides of the cactus trunk.

Without slowing, she flipped back her hair and focused her eyes into the distance. The desert was very flat and bordered by cool mountains. She saw dark canyons that were shady and inviting. These canyons held treasures of silver, gold, and copper.

Long ago, early prospectors came to build mines. They sought to find wealth beyond their dreams. Today, new people held dreams like the old prospectors. They built resorts and spas to help others to live healthier lives. This new way of living was the wealth that people sought here in the desert.

The O'odham village stood amidst the cultivated fields and cattle ranches. From behind these flat-roofed houses floated the music of a chicken scratch band. High notes drifted in the air and spread across the valley. The music was enticing and encouraged those who heard it to follow the sound. It reminded her that doing exercises with music made them more fun.

In the Pathways school, students did exercise breaks, ate low fat food, and drank low fat milk. She thought of the importance of healthy living. She was glad that the Pathways students were well on their journey to a good life.

Even the long ago prospectors would agree it is wealth beyond dreams to know how to have good health.

¹ Ha:sañ (Haa-shan) The O'odham word for the giant Saguaro. This cactus yields useful wood and bears an edible fruit that is harvested.

Week 7

Story Sheet

Runner

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Runner stood on top of the hill for just a moment, then put his hand over his eyes. He scanned the grassy slope to pick out the silvergreen color of where the timpsila (tin'-psila) (*wild turnips*) were growing. Turning, he called to his Grandmother and sister who were slowly coming up the hill. He pointed as he said, "There's timpsila over there".

Grandmother gave a shrill call which meant that she was delighted that there would be timpsila to eat all winter. These timpsila were easy to pull out of the soft ground. The skin was peeled and then it was braided into a rope-like strand and dried. Whenever making wastunkula or dried corn soup, Grandmother always added dried timpsila to the soup. This soup was delicious in the wintertime.

Runner liked eating the timpsila while they were fresh. They tasted crunchy like a ripe apple. Also, they smelled sweet and clean when they were peeled. He often ate most of those that he pulled from the earth.

The next day, Runner woke up early and prepared to leave. It was time for him to take the Pathways Message from the Lakota food service to another Pathways school. He knew that the message had something to do with eating more fruits and vegetables. Now, he left his village of Red Shirt and began walking towards the town of Mission.

As Runner walked, he thought of the poem that a young Lakota girl wrote about her grandmother and picking chokecherries.

(Read this poem on the back of the sheet)

Grandmother* by Genevieve Pipe on Head

Together, my grandmother and I pick chokecherries, stretching eager arms to reach the big berries at the top of the branch. Extended fingers grasp hold of the very ripe berries. The berries burst, staining my hands red. The branch is empty now, but from the filled basket, the skillful hands of my grandmother makes pudding for all her grandchildren. The little ones will enjoy the pudding as Grandmother proudly sits and smiles, dreaming of the next summer to gather more berries. Wiinter will come. Snow will fall. The branch will freeze. But in the warmth of Grandmother's house it will always seem like summer with the sweet warm smell of chokecherries in the air.

*Visions of Red Cloud, Red Cloud Indian School, 1993

Story Sheet

Week 8

O'odham Runner

he sun was rising as the O'odham runner crossed the Sacaton Mountains and saw the village of Blackwater in the distance. She trotted slowly through the thick patches of cactus that covered these hills. Picking her way through this maze of cactus, she avoided a certain cactus. This cactus threw its barbs at any movement close to it. Slowly, she ran into the dry desert and toward the Gila River.

As she ran, she remembered that the Pathways Messengers from the other nations were on their way to <u>Blackwater</u>. Runners from the Lakota Nations, the Navajo Nation, and the Apache tribes would be arriving as arranged for this day at noontime. It was exciting to think of meeting the other <u>r</u>unners. It would be fun to learn about the Pathways schools in distant places.

The sun was high in the sky. Pathways Messengers were running from all directions. The runners looked like small dots on the farthest hills. Each one ran effortlessly showing they were prepared for this last meeting. Around their wrists were bracelets of colored pony beads that were blue, green, white, yellow, and red. They wore these with great pride. The beads represented some of the four directions and the hard work in Pathways.

It was almost noontime. The people at <u>Blackwater strained their eyes</u> to find the runners. The runners came closer toward each other. Now, they could actually <u>see different homes in the village of Blackwater</u>. Turning toward the school, they could see people everywhere.

Without slowing their pace, the runners moved closer together. Each runner carried only two words of the whole message. None of them knew what was in the last message. In their travels, they remembered that the Pathways schools tried to tell students to be your best.

The prior messages that they had carried were to teach others to eat healthy foods and to be active every day. Now they had been given the final Pathways message.

They had dreamed of this day throughout their travels and <u>now</u> it was here. Happily, they arrived on time with their message.









Pony Bead Chart

