Working on Wellness

#### SCS WELLNESS MONTHLY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



#### • Wellness Book Bingo

Crossword Puzzle

#### What's Up with Wellness

- <u>Take Ten Session</u> 25 Wellness Points: 30 seconds to mindfulness | Phil Boissiere | TEDxNaperville
- <u>Wellness Challenge</u> 25 Wellness Points: Step Into Spring Track how many minutes you intentionally walk each day! Page 2
- <u>Crossword Puzzle</u> 25 Wellness Points: Page 8 or online! Complete the puzzle, click print then save as PDF or screenshot to submit online.
- <u>Wellness Book Bingo</u> 100 Wellness Points: Throughout the 2024/2025 school year, read books on the board to complete a bingo! Page 7
- Open Way Yoga Online Class Library
- SCS Wellness Facebook Group: Click to join!

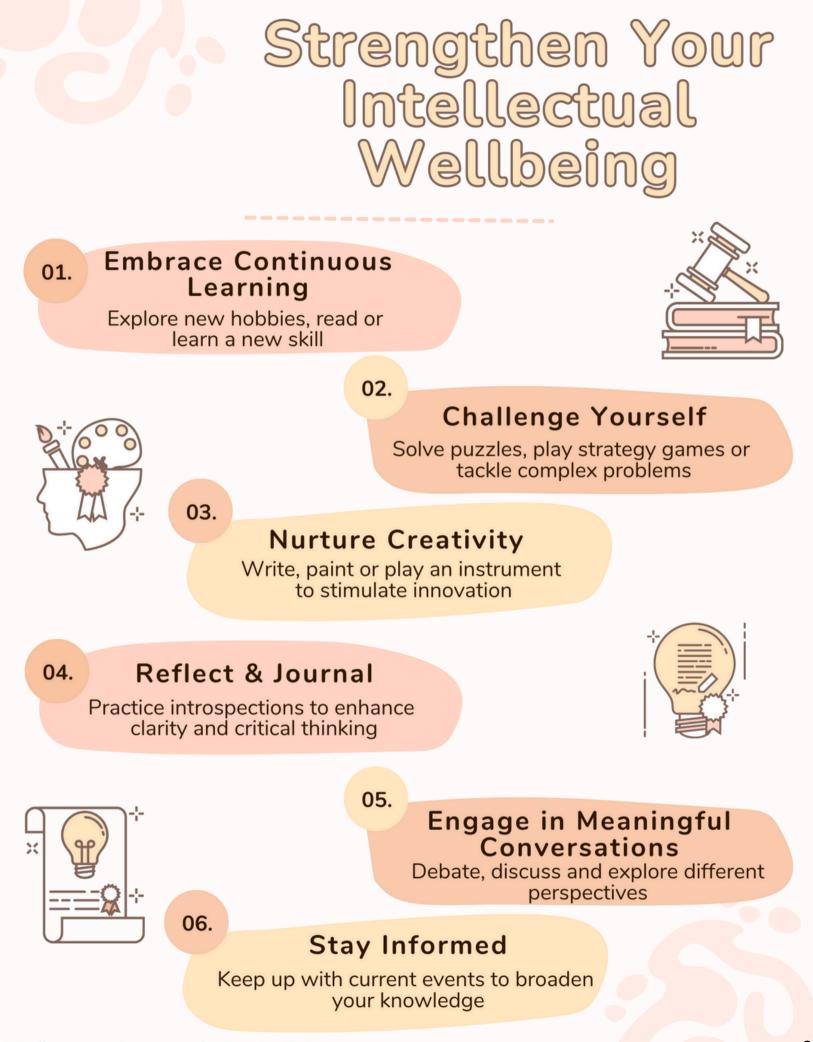
<u>Submit your April wellness activities</u> by Tuesday, May 6th to be entered to win the monthly prizes! You can earn up to 3 entries each month by completing the Take Ten Session, Wellness Challenge and Crossword Puzzle.

All wellness activities can be found on the SCS Wellness website

**STEP INTO SPRING** WALKING CHALLENGE



TRACK HOW MANY MINUTES YOU INTENTIONALLY WALK EACH DAY. AIM FOR 30 MINUTES!



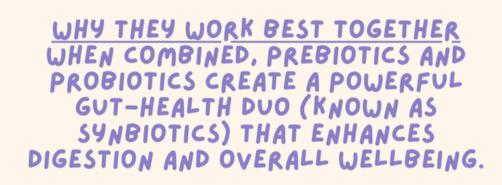
## Probiotics vs Prebiotics

Your gut is home to trillions of bacteria that impact digestion, immunity, and overall health. Supporting this ecosystem is key —and that's where prebiotics and probiotics come in!

#### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

<u>PROBIOTICS</u> - LIVE "GOOD" BACTERIA THAT SUPPORT DIGESTION AND RESTORE GUT BALANCE. FOUND IN YOGURT, KEFIR, SAUERKRAUT, AND SUPPLEMENTS.

Y <u>PREBIOTICS</u> - NON-DIGESTIBLE FIBERS THAT FEED PROBIOTICS AND HELP THEM THRIVE. FOUND IN BANANAS, GARLIC, ONIONS, ASPARAGUS, AND WHOLE GRAINS.



TIP: BALANCE IS KEY! TOO MUCH OF EITHER CAN CAUSE DISCOMFORT, SO FIND WHAT WORKS FOR YOUR BODY. ALWAYS CHECK WITH A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER BEFORE STARTING SUPPLEMENTS.

GIVE YOUR GUT THE CARE IT DESERVES—FUEL IT WITH THE RIGHT FOODS AND FEEL THE DIFFERENCE!

https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/nutrition-and-healthyeating/expert-answers/probiotics/faq-20058065@reallygreatsite

### **Eco-Friendly Swaps**

Sustainable living involves making choices today that will positively impact the planet tomorrow. Eco-friendly choices can help reduce environmental pollution, decrease energy consumption, and conserve natural resources. Showing appreciation for the environment can even promote feelings of gratitude and happiness, as well as improve personal well-being! Check out how making small swaps in the kitchen alone can have a big impact on the environment



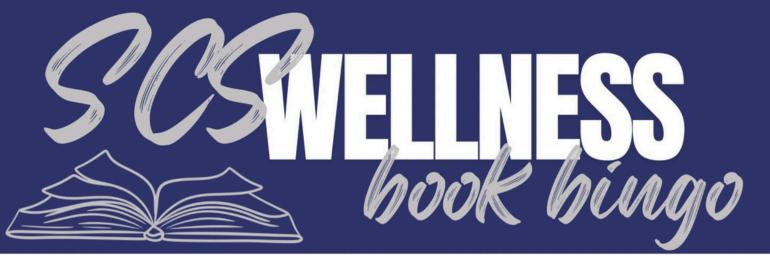
#### Wellable

# GRANOLA

- 1/2 CUP MAPLE SYRUP
- 1/2 CUP AVOCADO OIL
- 6 CUPS ROLLED OATS
- ½ TBSP CINNAMON
- 1/4 CUP COCONUT SUGAR
- 1 TSP SALT
- ½ CUP PUMPKIN SEEDS (OPTIONAL)

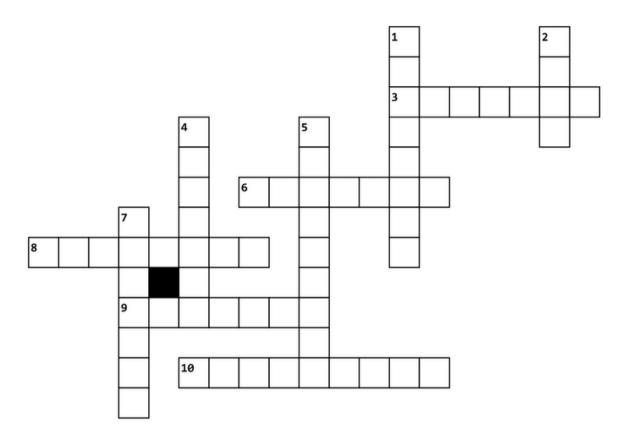
Mix oil and maple syrup in a bowl until it's thick. Add remaining ingredients, mix well and pour onto a large baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Spread mixture evenly and bake at 250 degrees for 90 minutes, stirring it every 30 minutes. Store in an airtight container.

> ENJOY WITH: SMOOTHIE BOWLS YOGURT PARFAITS TRAIL MIX FRUIT MILK OR ON ITS OWN



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#### April Wellness Puzzle



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**3.** Solve a puzzle, play a strategy game or tackle a \_\_\_\_\_ problem to challenge yourself.

**6.** Debate, discuss and \_\_\_\_\_\_ different perspectives while engaging in meaningful conversations with others to strengthen your intellectual wellbeing.

**8.** Sustainable living involves making choices today that will positively impact the planet

#### Down

**1.** Your gut is home to trillions of \_\_\_\_\_\_ that impact digestion, immunity, and overall health.

**2.** Prebiotics are non-digestible fibers that \_\_\_\_\_ probiotics and help them thrive. They are found in bananas, garlic, onions, asparagus, and whole grains.

**4.** Eco-friendly choices can help reduce environmental pollution, decrease energy consumption and conserve \_\_\_\_\_\_ resources.

**5.** Showing appreciation for the environment can even promote feelings of gratitude and

\_\_\_\_\_, as well as improve personal wellbeing.

 Embrace continuous learning by exploring new \_\_\_\_\_, reading or learning a new skill.

**<sup>9.</sup>** Probiotics are live "good" bacteria that support digestion and restore gut \_\_\_\_\_. They are found in yogurt, kefir, sauerkraut, and supplements.

**<sup>10.</sup>** When combined, prebiotics and probiotics create a powerful gut-health duo (known as synbiotics) that enhances \_\_\_\_\_\_ and overall wellbeing.