

A close-up photograph of a white ceramic bowl filled with a multi-grain pasta dish. The dish includes penne-style pasta, chunks of cooked chicken, bright green broccoli florets, and melted orange cheddar cheese. The bowl is resting on a white and green striped cloth. In the background, a blurred yellow object is visible.

1ST PLACE WINNER
Whole Grains

This multi-grain pasta dish is bright and fun with fresh broccoli, chicken, and melted cheese that is sure to please.



Chic' Penne

WINOGRAD K-8 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Greeley, Colorado

Our Story

Students who have a passion for food and who enjoy a challenge were handpicked by their food science teacher. Once the team was formed, they began to strategize, and the recipe creation began at a very basic level. With the help of pictures, the team discussed all the foods eligible for the competition. Using a chalkboard, they wrote down what each team member liked to eat and began to form the basic dishes they wanted to try. After a couple of test runs, the team was ready to try out their recipe creation on the Winograd students. Their creation, Chic' Penne, was an instant hit with kids.

Not found at your local fast food restaurant, Chic' Penne has a little hint of black pepper and is anything but ordinary. By combining the best ingredients, this recipe produces a dish that not only looks good, but tastes good too!

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Meal Components: Meat/Meat Alternate-Dark Green Vegetable-Grains

Main Dishes D-53r

Ingredients	50 Servings		100 Servings		Directions Process #2: Same Day Service
	Weight	Measure	Weight	Measure	
Water		3 gal		6 gal	1. Heat water to a rolling boil.
Penne pasta, multi-grain, dry	6 lb	1 gal 3 ½ qt	12 lb	3 gal 3 qt	2. Slowly add pasta. Stir constantly, until water boils again. Cook about 8 minutes or until al dente; stir occasionally. DO NOT OVERCOOK. Drain well.
Granulated garlic		2 Tbsp 2 tsp	3 ½ oz	¼ cup 1 ½ Tbsp	3. Toss cooked pasta with garlic. For 50 servings, add 1 Tbsp 1 tsp (reserve remaining garlic for step 5). For 100 servings, add 2 Tbsp 2 tsp garlic (reserve remaining garlic for step 5). 4. Transfer pasta to steam table pan (12" x 20" x 2 ½"). For 50 servings, use 2 pans. For 100 servings, use 4 pans.
*Fresh broccoli florets, chopped 1"	3 lb 2 oz	1 gal 1 ½ qt	6 lb 4 oz	2 gal 3 qt	5. Cook broccoli for 5 minutes in boiling water. Drain broccoli and toss with remaining garlic.
Frozen, cooked diced chicken, thawed, ½" pieces	2 lb	1 qt 2 ½ cups	4 lb	3 qt 1 cup	6. Add broccoli and chicken to pasta. Mix well.
Low-sodium chicken broth		1 cup		2 cups	7. Sauce: Combine broth, salt, pepper, and milk. Bring to a boil, stir constantly. For 50 servings, use 2 qt milk (reserve remaining milk for step 8). For 100 servings, use 1 gal 2 cups milk (reserve remaining milk for step 8).
Salt		2 Tbsp		¼ cup	
Ground black pepper		1 Tbsp 1 tsp		2 Tbsp 2 tsp	
Nonfat milk		2 qt 3 cups		1 gal 1 ½ qt	
Enriched all-purpose flour		½ cup	2 ½ oz	1 cup	8. Combine remaining milk with flour and add to broth mixture. Reduce heat to low. Stir constantly for 5 minutes until sauce thickens.
Reduced-fat cheddar cheese, shredded	1 lb	1 qt	2 lb	2 qt	9. Add cheese. Continue to stir until cheese melts.

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Low-fat mozzarella cheese, low moisture, part-skim, shredded	1 lb	1 qt	2 lb	2 qt	
					10. Divide cheese sauce evenly and pour over pasta mixture.
					11. Cover with foil and bake: Conventional oven: 350 °F for 8 minutes Convection oven: 350 °F for 4 minutes Critical Control Point: Heat to 165 °F or higher for at least 15 seconds.
					12. Critical Control Point: Hold for hot service at 135 °F or higher.
					13. Portion two 6 fl oz spoodles (1 ½ cups).

Notes

*See Marketing Guide for purchasing information on foods that will change during preparation or when a variation of the ingredient is available.

For a creamier sauce, use an equal quantity of fat-free half and half in place of milk.

Serving	Yield	Volume
1 ½ cups (two 6 fl oz spoodles) provides 1 oz equivalent meat/meat alternate, ½ cup dark green vegetable, and 1 ¾ oz equivalent grains.	50 Servings: about 27 lb 8 oz	50 Servings: 2 steam table pans
	100 Servings: about 55 lb	100 Servings: 4 steam table pans

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Marketing Guide

Food as Purchased for	50 servings	100 servings
Broccoli	3 lb 2 oz	6 lb 4 oz

Nutrients Per Serving

Calories	299.26	Saturated Fat	2.16 g	Iron	2.32 mg
Protein	18.64 g	Cholesterol	25.88 mg	Calcium	230.49 mg
Carbohydrate	44.43 g	Vitamin A	618.36 IU	Sodium	417.56 mg
Total Fat	5.50 g		(77.54 RAE)	Dietary Fiber	5.53 g
		Vitamin C	17.23 mg		