The Ultimate Wellness Challenge is a year-long program that challenges America’s youth, their families and schools to incorporate healthy food choices and physical activity into their daily lives. The program consists of a series of theme-based challenges spaced throughout the school year to engage and recognize students — and the adults who support them — for their efforts to make better food choices and move more.

Research shows that good nutrition and physical activity contribute to improved academic performance, attendance rates, behavior — and ultimately lifelong health and well-being. Sound nutrition and physical activity also help children and youth maintain a healthy weight, a goal worth pursuing given the alarming epidemic in childhood obesity.

Game On! The Ultimate Wellness Challenge provides step-by-step, easy-to-implement strategies and resources to help schools support children’s health as part of the everyday school culture and environment.

STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS:

GET INVOLVED, HAVE FUN — AND TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

- Supports school wellness policies and practices
- Fun for kids and the adults who support them
- Easy to implement
- Draws on existing free and low-cost resources from government agencies and other leading organizations
- Reinforces good health messages throughout the school day and the school year
- Adaptable for use in elementary, middle and high schools
- Invites school staff, families and community members to get involved
- Flexible enough to fit your school’s calendar, resources and needs


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