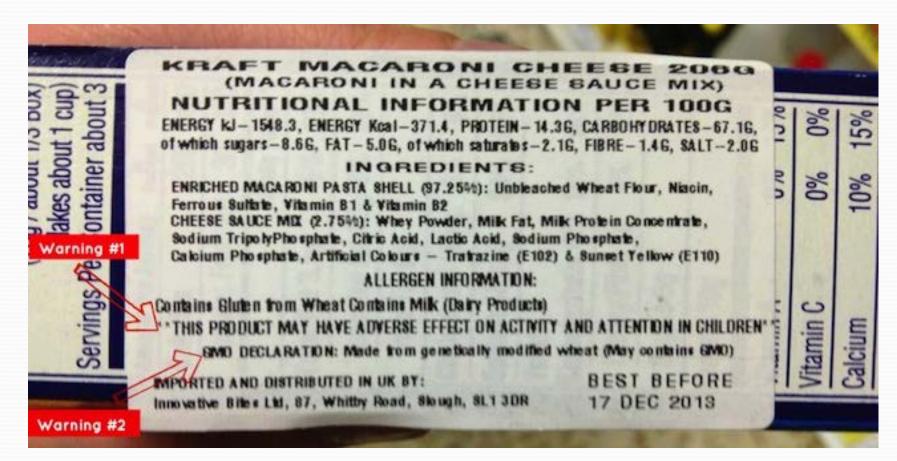
Optimal Nutrition for Growing Athletes

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• <u>Ingredients</u>







• Parents, get more of the scoop here





Eat REAL Foods!

- Pure
- Nutrient-rich
- Good fats
- Your body recognizes them as food and responds positively, keeping you healthy
- Healthy athletes are better athletes!

Hydration

- Extremely important for performance
- Dehydration causes
- Poor technical decision making
- Fatigue (more tired, faster)
- Slower mental processing
- Increases risk for injury

How to Hydrate

- WATER!!
- Coconut water
- Herbal teas
- Homemade Sports Drink Recipe
- Natural Sports Drinks like Recharge











Hydration

- Natural sports drinks or homemade during games only
- Mostly water when off of the field
- More fluids on game days, especially during and after
- Don't wait to hydrate!
- Hydration should be a habit.

Balanced Eating

- 80/20 Rule
- Protein and Fat with all meals and snacks
 - Proteins: Meat, fish, eggs, nuts, seeds, beans
 - Healthy Fat Sources: butter, coconut oil/milk, avocado, nuts, fatty fish (tuna, salmon, sardines), good quality bacon/sausage, eggs
- Top Picks for Healthy Carbs
 - Sweet potatoes, squashes, veggies, fruit, white rice.

Homemade Sweet Potato Fries Recipe

- In moderation:
 - Breads, flours and tortillas
 - Sprouted is best!
 - Grains are not necessarily necessary for good health

Balanced Eating

 On game day, get carb-rich and balanced meal 2 hours before playing

• After the game: have a carb-rich/balanced snack within 30

minutes for optimal energy reloading!















Caffeine

- Avoid on and off of the field
- Energy Drinks
- Resource on the Dangers of Energy Drinks

• Research shows energy drinks are ineffective at

improving performance



So...What kind of fuel is you kid playing on?

