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The *Sip Smart! BC*[™] update is a partnership between the BC Pediatric Society and the B.C. Government.

The *Sip Smart! BC*[™] Program teaches children in Grades 4-6 about sugary drinks!

Why is *Sip Smart! BC*[™] important to you and your children?

- ☉ **Sugary drinks are everywhere.** Fruit juice, pop, fruit “punch”, sport drinks and many other drinks have high amounts of sugar. Too much sugar is not good for your child’s health.
- ☉ **The extra calories in sugary drinks can add up quickly.** This can lead to an unhealthy weight, putting your child at higher risk of high blood pressure, heart disease and type 2 diabetes.
- ☉ **Healthy foods and drinks build a body that is just right for your child.**
 - Healthy children learn better.
 - Healthy children perform better at school and socially.
 - Healthy children have more energy to be physically active.

Healthy drink choices will help build and maintain a healthy body today, and build a strong body that is fit for a lifetime. Help your child to ***Sip Smart!***

Tips for making the healthy choice, the easy choice!

- ☉ **Keep a jug of chilled water in the refrigerator** — especially in the summer!
- ☉ **To help your child drink less sugar,**
 - Buy smaller sizes of sugary drinks.
 - Pour smaller servings.
- ☉ **Serve drinks from the “Choose Most” list below more often.**

Choose Most
Water
Plain milk/
unsweetened fortified plant-based beverage

Choose Sometimes
Reduced sugar flavoured milk/
fortified plant-based beverage

Choose Least or Not at All
100% juice (vegetable, fruit or combination)
Sweetened milk/fortified plant-based beverage
Fruit drinks
Pop or diet pop, sports drinks and energy drinks
Regular flavored milk/fortified plant-based beverage
Other sugary drinks
(For example; iced tea, slushy, bubble tea,
vitamin-enhanced water, store-bought smoothie)

Water is always a great choice!

