CHICKEN AND PEANUT LO MEIN

ingredients:

- 8 ounces dry whole-wheat spaghetti
- 1 Tablespoon canola oil, divided
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into 1" pieces
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-inch piece fresh ginger root, peeled and minced
- 1 large onion (red or white, or 1 bunch scallions), sliced
- 4 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1 bunch broccoli, chopped
- 2 ribs celery, sliced

- 4-ounce package shiitake mushrooms, sliced
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 3 Tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 3/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- Juice of 1 lime
- Sriracha (optional)
- 1 Tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/4 cup unsalted peanuts, chopped

directions:

- 1. Heat water for spaghetti in a large stock pot and cook spaghetti according to package directions (minus salt and oil).
- 2. Heat 1 teaspoon canola oil in a large sauté pan. Add chicken and sauté until browned and cooked through. Remove from pan and set aside.
- In same pan, heat remaining 2 teaspoons oil and sauté garlic, ginger and onion until fragrant. Add carrots and sauté for 3-5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add broccoli and celery; sauté 3-5 minutes. Add mushrooms; sauté 3-5 minutes. Cook until broccoli is crisp-tender and bright green.
- 4. To prepare sauce, mix sesame oil with soy sauce, chicken broth, black pepper, lime juice, Sriracha (optional), cornstarch and brown sugar.
- Add cooked chicken and sauce to vegetables and bring to a boil. Cook just until sauce is thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in cooked noodles, top with peanuts and serve.

COOK'S NOTE: To make this a vegetarian recipe, replace the chicken with a 14-ounce package of firm tofu sliced into 6 pieces (press out extra liquid with paper towel) OR a 10-ounce package shelled edamame, and replace the chicken broth with vegetable broth.

Yield: 4 servings

Nutrition Information Per Serving:

440 Calories
14 grams Fat
2 grams Saturated Fat
75 mg Cholesterol
460 mg Sodium
47 grams Carbohydrates
12 grams Sugar
9 grams Fiber
34 grams Protein

Food exchanges: 2 starch, 3 vegetable, 3 1/2 meat



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