



The 6th Annual Granville-Vance Weight Loss Challenge

Week one! Here we go!

Hello Captains and Teammates!

We hope you have gotten off to a great start with your challenge despite the unusual weather! We hope many of you managed to get out to Gwen Hernandez' KICK-OFF ZUMBA class that she offered last night at HIX GYM in Oxford - Thank you Gwen!

We certainly appreciate her willingness to offer the class for free and Oxford Parks and Rec for sharing their space :-) Please remember to check out the class schedule and partner list to see if there are other opportunities that could support you in your efforts. I know several co-workers checked out the free class at the YMCA at lunchtime today and if you **DO** take advantage of anything, please remember to thank the facility you attended for their support of our challenge (they are listed below, and the activity calendar and partner list is can be accessed here and the facility details here).

- Henderson Family YMCA
- Henderson Vance Recreation Center
- Studio Mainstreet
- Oxford Parks and Recreation Department
- BodyWorx
- The Road to Fitness
- Starting Fresh Nutrition

Of course, whether you visit one of our partners or not, remember that **exercise is a key piece of staying healthy**, and we all ought to be trying to get **150 or more minutes a week** of activity, whatever we do, and wherever we do it!

In the meantime, I will try to send a message out at least once week, and Heather will be posting on her blog twice a week <u>The Road to Better Health...</u> We hope this will give you enough information to keep you on track!

To get you started, we hope the *Rate Your Plate* handout (<u>English here</u> <u>Spanish here</u>) will help you ponder your current habits and determine if there are some areas that could improve. It's pretty straightforward - the more things on the list that you do "most days",

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the better it is for you! All you need to do is pick a few areas to work on and try to increase your frequency $\blacksquare \textcircled{0}$

Please let us know if you have any questions, and captains, please **be sure to share the information from this message** with your teammates that do not have email. We want everyone to have the best possible chance to succeed at his/her goal.

On behalf of your Weight Loss Challenge Team, I wish you a great week-end and ask you to remember to **Eat Smart** and **Move More**! $\blacksquare \textcircled{0} \textcircled{0} \textcircled{0} \textcircled{0}$

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