Welcome to the latest issue of our ChopChop Kids Club newsletter! (If you missed the last one, it’s here.) This week we’re celebrating both the official start of summer and Father’s Day, which is this Sunday, June 21. We know not every family has a father, and that’s okay! You can make our burger recipe with or for any father figures or other special people in your life. However you celebrate, we hope you can use some of our ideas to make it a fun day for your family.

Note: If you’re too young to cook solo, get help from another adult (even your dad—he’ll still appreciate it!), and if you are old enough not to need one, let it be a surprise!
Chicky Chickpea Burgers

BY KENJI LÓPEZ-ALT

Here’s how Kenji describes how he got the idea for these burgers: “A few years back, my friend Einat Admony, chef at New York’s Taïm Falafel, showed me how to make gondi, an Iranian dumpling made from a combination of chickpeas and chicken, simmered in broth. I loved the unique texture and wondered how it would taste in the form of a burger. The answer: delicious! The fact that adding chickpeas turns four burgers into six is just the icing on the cake (or, in this case, the pickle on the burger).”

KITCHEN GEAR
Sharp knife (adult needed)
Cutting board
Can opener
Colander
Measuring cups
Measuring spoons
Medium-sized bowl
Potato masher or fork
Large nonstick or cast-iron skillet
Heatproof spatula
Instant-read thermometer (if you have one)
Tongs

INGREDIENTS
1 (15-ounce) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
1 pound lean ground chicken or turkey
¼ cup finely chopped onion (any kind you like)
½ teaspoon kosher salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
4–6 slices cheese (any kind you like, optional)
4–6 toasted buns
Lettuce, sliced tomatoes, and any other toppings you like

INSTRUCTIONS
Wash your hands with soap and water, then gather all your equipment and ingredients and put them on the counter.

1. Put the chickpeas in the bowl and mash with the potato masher (or fork) until chunky, with no whole chickpeas remaining. Add the chicken, onion, salt, and pepper. Mix until the mixture is homogeneous (that means it looks the same all the way through). Divide the mixture (it will be sticky) in the bowl into 4 to 6 even portions.

2. Wet your hands, then pick up one portion of the chickpea mixture and form it into a patty about ½ inch wider than your buns. Press the center of the patty to form a slight indentation; this will help keep the patty flat as it cooks. Repeat to form the remaining patties, then wash and dry your hands.

3. Put the skillet on the stove, turn the heat to medium, and add the oil. When the oil is hot, add the patties and cook until well browned on the first side, about 4 minutes. Using the spatula, flip the patties and cook until the second side is browned and the center of each patty registers at least 165°F on the thermometer, another 3 to 4 minutes. (If you don’t have a thermometer, carefully cut into a burger and peek inside: if it’s still pink, cook it a little longer.) If you’re using cheese, place a slice on top of each patty during the last minute of cooking.

4. Put a patty on each bun and add whatever toppings you like (Kenji added roasted red peppers and lettuce to his). Serve right away.
OR ELSE

To cook these burgers on a grill, preheat the grill over medium heat with the lid closed. Using a crumpled paper towel held with a pair of tongs, rub the grill grates with oil, then follow the rest of step 3.

HOW TO FREEZE BURGERS

After forming the patties, put them in a single layer in a resealable plastic bag, press out as much air as possible, and seal the bag. They will keep in the freezer for up to 3 months. When it comes time to use the frozen patties, don’t thaw them at room temperature. Instead, either thaw them in a microwave or let them thaw overnight in the refrigerator.

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Word Fun: A Know-Your-Dad Story

Fill in the blanks to help write a fun story about your dad.

Here’s a story about my dad. My dad’s name is ____________. I think he’s ___ years old.

When he wakes up in the morning, my dad likes to eat ____________ and drink ____________.

On the weekdays, my dad ____________. On the weekends, my dad ____________.

My three favorite things that we do together are ____________, ____________, and _____________. My dad loves it when I ____________.

If my dad and I could spend the day doing anything together, we would ____________.

The thing I love most about my dad is ____________.

Happy Father’s Day, Dad!

EDIBLE MUSIC FOR DAD

Does your dad love music? Make him a Father’s Day food-themed playlist—and put it on while you cook together.

- “Strawberry Fields Forever” by The Beatles
- “Cake by the Ocean” by DNCE
- “Vegetables” by The Beach Boys
- “Watermelon Sugar” by Harry Stiles
- “Chicken Fried” by Zac Brown Band
- “Salad Days” by Mac DeMarco

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FATHER FIGURES: MATH

Father’s Day became an official holiday in the United States in 1972. Mother’s Day was made an official holiday in 1914. Use your subtraction skills to figure out how many years there were between these two holidays becoming official.

ART ACTIVITY: DRAW A PORTRAIT OF YOUR DAD

A portrait is a photograph, painting, or drawing of a person. Get creative and make your dad a piece of art for Father’s Day. Have your dad dress up in his favorite outfit and sit in a chair or on the couch. Then use colored pencils, crayons, markers, paint, or whatever you have to draw a portrait of your dad. Maybe it will look just like him or maybe it will be abstract. However it turns out, it will be a great present. (Make sure you sign and date it!)

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

What do you call your father? Dad? Pop? Daddy? Around the world there are many different words for “father.” Some examples are padre in Spanish, abba in Hebrew, père in French, tatay in Tagalog, and pai in Brazilian Portuguese. Do some research and learn how to say “father” in 10 other languages. Then, share them with your family.

GET MOVING: HOP WITH POP

Have you ever read the Dr. Seuss book Hop on Pop? We don’t want you to jump on your dad, but a great way to get moving this week is to hop with him. Do some jumping jacks, play jump rope, or just hop around like a frog. It’s fun to get moving together.

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Ohio’s SNAP-Ed and EFNEP Programs

SNAP-Ed
Ohio’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education is a nutrition education program serving low-income adults and youth throughout Ohio. It is a partnership between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Ohio State University Extension. Its goal is to improve the likelihood that families and individuals who receive food assistance benefits (SNAP benefits) make healthy food choices and choose active lifestyles consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate.

SNAP-Ed programming focuses on Diet Quality including promotion of Physical Activity, Food Safety, and Food Resource Management. The dissemination of nutrition education is mainly achieved by classes which are scheduled throughout Ohio and in 88 counties.

Participants learn to select fruits and vegetables, whole grain, and low-fat dairy products for a healthy diet; to use limited resources to plan, purchase and prepare food for the family; to be physically active every day; and to store and handle food so it is safe to eat. In FY18, SNAP-Ed reached 436,272 adult and youth participants.

EFNEP
The Ohio Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program serves limited resource adults who care for children in their homes as well as limited-income youth. The program utilizes interactive discussions and activities to guide participants through a series of community based workshops aimed at improving diet quality, food safety and physical activity. Adult participants also gain skills in food preparation and managing their food budgets. Youth programming is conducted in classrooms, after school programs or camps, and summer food feeding sites. During FY18, Ohio EFNEP reached 2,840 adult and 7,228 youth participants, with a total reach of 10,128 family members. The program is free and offered in 18 Ohio counties.

Celebrating Your Plate
The Celebrate Your Plate site helps you budget for, plan, and create healthy, tasty meals. You’ll find recipes, shopping tips, cooking tips, and even tips on growing your own food. Plus, you can comment on recipes and read comments from others. Celebrate Your Plate is out and about in communities around Ohio – just look for the Celebrate Your Plate logo!

Family and Consumer Sciences
Ohio State University Extension Family and Consumer Sciences is an outreach arm of The Ohio State University. It is designed to translate research into education for Ohioans to help improve the quality of their lives and the environment in which they live. OSU Extension is jointly funded by federal, state, and county governments and private grants. Programs emphasize “empowerment through education.”

About
SNAP-Ed and EFNEP are equal opportunity programs. For more information about Ohio SNAP-Ed, explore go.osu.edu/snap-ed. For details regarding Ohio EFNEP in your area, visit efnp.osu.edu. Discover tips, wholesome recipes and more at CelebrateYourPlate.org

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