## Night shift or Long Hour Shifts Teachers, Nurses etc. Preparation Tips

- 1) **PREPARTION IS KEY:** Cut and bag veggies in individual servings for several days.
- 2) NEVER go longer than 3 hours without eating, period the end! There are times when a night shifter is transitioning to and from the night shift. Some times they stay up longer, sleep later, etc. Some days may be longer and some may be shorter. There have been times when they may eat 6 small meals/snacks one day and the next day due to the transition only 4. BUT they need to be eating EVERY 3 hours (protein and a low Glycemic carb!) Make that "ingrained" into the brain! DO NOT SKIP food for any reason!
- 3) "Stash & Run" Be sure to have "stash & run" snacks Nurses, healthcare providers, law enforcement, EMS, plant workers, teachers etc etc etc are famous for going all day not eating or hitting the "elimination station" (ie: the bathroom) in a 12 hour shift! Make sure you have a baggie with a few carrots, celery, cucumbers, red bell pepper, NO FAT cheese, cut up chicken etc prepared. This is a MUST DO. (YOU CAN EAT EVERY 3 HOURS!)
- 4) Carry a water bottle where ever you go. Never leave home without it!
- 5) You can stretch the **fruit** out and most usually do 1/2 servings (1/2 an apple 1/2 a banana etc). Helps you enjoy your fruit but don't have fruit by itself...ever. Always follow with a veggie when on detox and with protein when in Phase 2 or 3. Do not have fruit after dinner or at night. Especially if you are diabetic, it will give you elevated blood sugars in the morning.
- 6) Weighing & measuring always weigh and measure after you've slept.