Grilled Strawberry Kebabs with Lemon-Mint Sauce

**INGREDIENTS**

**FAMILY-SIZE SERVES 4-6**
- 24 ripe medium strawberries, hulled (about 1 & 1/2 pounds)
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 4 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 1/4 cup loosely packed mint leaves, torn
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice

**SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE # PORTIONS: 24**
- 4.75 lbs. of strawberries
- 1/2 cup mint leaves, fresh, chopped
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup honey or maple syrup

**RECIPE VARIATIONS FOR FOOD SERVICE:**
- Skip the skewers & grill, marinate the strawberries in the sauce & serve on a salad or with a protein in a taco

**DIRECTIONS**

01 **Special equipment:** Eight 10-inch wooden skewers, soaked in water at least 15 minutes

02 Preheat a grill or grill pan to medium-high and scrape it clean with a grill brush.

03 While the grill preheats, thread the strawberries onto the skewers, piercing each strawberry with 2 skewers and making a total of 4 kebabs with 6 strawberries on each (double-skewering the strawberries will make them easier to turn). In a cup, combine the oil and 2 tablespoons of the maple syrup. Brush the syrup mixture over the strawberries.

04 In a small bowl, combine the mint, lemon zest and juice and remaining 2 tablespoons of maple syrup.

05 Grill the strawberries until they are softened and have grill marks, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Serve the strawberries drizzled with the lemon-mint sauce.

**PORTION SIZE:** ½ cup

½ cup = ½ cup Fruit

**Fun Fact:** On average, each strawberry has 200 seeds!