Sweet Potato Quinoa Cakes

Makes 4 to 5 cakes

2 cups sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed

2 tsp + 1 Tbsp olive oil, divided

1 cup no salt added canned black beans, drained and rinsed

1 ½ cups cooked quinoa, cooled ¼ cup red onions, minced 3 Tbsp fresh cilantro, minced

2 tsp garlic, minced

2 tsp cumin

1 tsp chili powder ½ tsp smoked paprika

1/4 tsp each salt and freshly ground pepper

½ cup roasted red pepper hummus (or your favorite hummus)

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 F and line a small baking pan with parchment paper
- 2. In a bowl drizzle 2 tsp olive oil on sweet potato cubes. Toss to coat.
- 3. Spread potato cubes on pan. Roast potatoes for about 20 minutes, or until tender. Stir once, halfway through cooking time. Transfer to a large bowl, let cool slightly then mash with a fork.
- 4. Mash the beans with a fork, leaving them a bit lumpy.
- 5. Add beans to bowl with potatoes, along with quinoa, onions, cilantro, garlic, cumin, chili powder, paprika, salt and pepper. Mix until ingredients are well blended.
- 6. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour (important).
- 7. Form mixture into 3 ½ inch cakes (using about ½ cup mixture per cake).
- 8. Heat remaining 1 Tbsp olive oil in a 10-inch frying pan over medium-high heat.
- 9. Add cakes and cook for about 3 minutes per side, until outside is crispy and inside is heated through. Serve immediately with a dollop of hummus.

Recipe from: Yum & Yummer, Greta Podleski, 2017.

Michele Blanchet, Registered Dietitian

www.micheleblanchet.ca micheleblanchetdietitian@gmail.com