# How to Make the Most of a Day

We can all admit that getting into a productive everyday routine can be challenging. When we are stuck going through the motions, we sometimes forget how to make the most of each day. We can become complacent and passive, but we need to redirect our focus. Listed below are five tips to make the most of each day.

## Wake Up Early

This might seem like a no brainer, but getting an earlier start will allow to you ease into your day. If you need an extra 10 minutes to get moving, try setting your alarm earlier. By getting an earlier start, you can get to the gym, read, enjoy your coffee at home or whatever you choose.

### Plan Ahead

One of the best ways to make the most of your day is to plan ahead! It is better to plan your day the night before, so you wake up with a strategy. You could also plan your day during the extra time you allow yourself when you wake up early. Your plan does not need to be an itinerary drilled down to the minute but an idea of what you would like to accomplish. These could be things such as picking out your clothes the night before, planning what you are making for dinner or scheduling a specific time to exercise, etc.

#### Eat Breakfast

Eating a healthy breakfast should be part of all our daily routines. Our bodies get energy from the food we eat, so it makes sense to start each day energizing our bodies. This will also allow improved concentration and performance in the classroom, at work or at the gym. When choosing what to eat, be sure to make healthy choices which could include eggs, veggies, wholewheat English muffin, oatmeal, etc.

#### **Exercise**

Be sure to move your body each day. Exercise releases endorphins, which make you happy. Being happy helps to make the most of your day! Along with happiness, exercise will give you an energy boost and can help reduce stress hormones too. No, you do not have to have daily strenuous exercise, just be sure to get up and move around.

### Smile

As small as this may seem, smiling plays a bigger part in our lives than we think. It is the easiest thing we can do to make the most of our day. When you wake up each morning with a smile, it will program your brain to think positively. If you forgot to wake up with a smile, simply smile at a stranger. This could make both your days.