

PANDA EXPRESS OFFERS AMERICAN CHINESE ORIGINAL GENERAL TSO'S CHICKEN FOR LIMITED TIME

Trusted Source for Chinese Inspired, American Crafted RecipesCelebrates Most Popular American Chinese

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ROSEMEAD, California (Aug. 10, 2016) – <u>Panda Express</u>, America's favorite Chinese kitchen, honors iconic Chinese inspired, American crafted cuisinewith the launch of General Tso's Chicken, a limited time offer available at all locations now through Dec. 27. Known to differ from kitchen to kitchen, Panda Expressis celebrating the true spirit of this popular American Chinese favorite by pioneering a unique recipe that pays homage to the original, which was first served in the U.S. in the 1970s.

Panda's highly anticipated version of General Tso's Chicken is made with all-white meat chicken, freshly prepared green beans, red and yellow bell peppers, and onions, then tossed in a sweet, spicy and tangy sauce. Like each of Panda Express' menu items, this new dish will delight guests by providing them with an elevated and delicious version of a familiar American Chinese comfort food.

"As authors of American Chinese cuisine, it seems only natural for Panda to offer a deliciously craftedtake on an iconic American Chinese original, General Tso's Chicken," said Andrea Cherng, chief marketing officer of Panda Restaurant Group. "Our culinary focus is to build on the foundation paved by classics like General Tso's Chicken and our Original Orange Chicken™ and continuously introduce dishes rooted in Chinese cuisine that become celebrated as new American favorites."

Panda Express revealed the addition of General Tso's Chicken today at the Glendale Galleria in Glendale, California – home of the restaurant's first location. The exciting event featured a 13-foot-tall Chinese takeout container that welcomed guests inside to taste Panda's version of General Tso and view art highlighting the inspiring story of American Chinese cuisine created by Los Angelesartist Steven Wong.

On Aug. 20, Panda Express will also host a culture-driven panel at Los Angeles' Chinatown Summer Nights titled "Beyond the (Takeout) Box: The Culture, Community and Comfort behind American Chinese Food." The insightful discussionwill be moderated by journalist, filmmaker and entrepreneur Jennifer 8. Lee, and fueled with commentary from influencers including award-winning journalist Lisa Ling, author of "American Born Chinese" Gene Luen Yang and Andrea Cherng. It will be followed by acooking demonstration to continue celebrating the countless variations of General Tso's Chicken— not only showing how the dish varies from coast to coast, but also how it empowers chefs to create something unique based on their own Chinese inspired flavor preferences and memories.

Panda Express invites guests to try the new General Tso's Chicken at any of its 1,900 locations. The classic American Chinese dish can also be ordered online at www.PandaExpress.com/Order or through the restaurant's mobile app.

About Panda Express

Panda Express, America's favorite Chinese kitchen, is best known for its wide variety of original recipes including its Original Orange Chicken™, SweetFire Chicken Breast®, award-winning Honey Walnut Shrimp™ and Shanghai Angus Steak™. Founded in 1983 and now with more than 1,900 locations throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, Canada, Mexico, Dubai, Saudi Arabia and Korea, Panda Express is part of the family owned and operated Panda Restaurant Group, the world leader in Asian dining experiences that also includes Panda Inn and Hibachi-San. For more information, visit PandaExpress.com, or follow on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

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