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PANDA EXPRESS ADDS BACON TO ORANGE CHICKEN AND PAIRS KALE WITH SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS TO SHOWCASE MENU VARIETY

Orange Chicken with Bacon and Shiitake Kale Chicken Breast Offers Best of Both Woks

ROSEMEAD, California. – Panda Express, America’s favorite Chinese restaurant, is embracing two of today’s most popular food trends to showcase the same-plate variety available to its guests every day with the introduction of Orange Chicken with Bacon and Shiitake Kale Chicken Breast. The new entrées, which appeal to those seeking both indulgent and healthful choices, are available at Panda Express locations nationwide for a limited time.

“At Panda, guests really can have the best of both woks,” said Andy Kao, executive chef at Panda Express. “Whether it’s a light and savory entrée like our Shiitake Kale Chicken Breast, or a sweet and robust dish like Orange Chicken with Bacon, Panda offers menu choices that will fuel your body and feed your soul.”

For guests craving a healthier option, Panda’s new Shiitake Kale Chicken Breast is crafted with premium ingredients that include chicken breast, fresh shiitake mushrooms, kale and broccoli tossed in a sizzling wok and dressed with a savory house sauce. This hearty and satisfying dish is only 170 calories, qualifying it to join Panda’s Wok Smart™ menu featuring items less than 250 calories. Panda’s introduction of Shiitake Kale Chicken Breast represents the first time a fast casual Chinese restaurant is offering kale, the nutrient-rich super food, nationwide.

Also new to the Panda menu is Orange Chicken with Bacon, adding thick-cut applewood smoked bacon to Panda’s most popular entrée. This limited time option is a must-try for guests looking to experience a bold and distinctly American-Chinese flavor combination. Panda’s original Orange Chicken recipe remains on the menu.

“Providing not one, but two delicious new entrees is our way of demonstrating the variety of fresh, delicious menu choices available every day at Panda to satisfy everyone in the family,” added Kao.

With the release of its latest menu offerings, Panda Express also is launching a new brand campaign that celebrates the simple pleasures created by combining the great taste of Panda’s American-Chinese menu with the welcoming experience of dining at Panda. “Panda Anda You” will highlight the family-owned restaurant’s belief that happiness is created when good food AND good people come together.

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About Panda Express

Panda Express, America's favorite Chinese restaurant, is best known for its wide variety of original recipes including their famous Orange Chicken, SweetFire Chicken Breast®, Award-Winning Honey Walnut Shrimp™ and Shanghai Angus Steak™. Family owned since 1983 and now with more than 1,700 locations throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, Canada and Mexico, Panda Express is part of the Panda Restaurant Group, the world leader in Asian dining experiences that also includes Panda Inn and Hibachi-San. For more information, visit www.pandaexpress.com, or become a fan on Facebook.

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