







GOOD NEWS

FALL, 2017

AHEM....

Just trying to get your attention again. Please remember to always rinse the pans after you've finished with your meals. That's it-just a quick rinse to get rid of all the bits and pieces that critters find so delicious.

Bugs (or worse!) seem to love our food, too. But our drivers would rather not give them a ride back to the kitchen.

Chicken Change-Up

We've been talking to poultry farms for the past few weeks, trying to decide on the chicken that meets everyone's needs —the children who eat it, the centers that serve it, and our kitchen staff who cook it.

We even sampled a boneless chicken, which is becoming very popular in the food industry. However, we couldn't live with the "possible small bones" that could be found in the meat. That's just not for kids.

And yes—we would love to go organic, but it's cost-prohibitive for our customers....and their customers.

The extra cost of organic chicken would be passed on to parents, and it's a substantial increase.

In the end,, we've chosen Perdue. They have a "no antibiotics ever," pledge, and they're locally headquartered and family-owned.



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Mixin' Up the Menu a Little

After our annual survey, we usually make some menu changes based on customer input. Here's what we did:

Improved—broccoli salad (you can choose which ingredients, and how much, to put in the salad)

New—chicken with buttermilk gravy

NEW VEGGIE-ONLY ENTREES

We're always thinking of our little vegetarians—they need to mix up the menu sometimes too. So, we have two new delish dishes to fill their bellies:

French lentils with thyme Picadillo

Never heard of picadillo? Think lentils, brown rice, onions, carrots, celery, potatoes, olives and seasoning. YUM!



New broccoli salad with fresh broccoli, romaine lettuce, homemade ranch dressing, and a little cheddar cheese.

LOCAL APPLES!

Every fall we are so happy to see fresh, local apples come through the door. Tons of them—literally. The most recent batch was from Crescent Orchards in West Virginia. More to come!



Picnic Made Perfect

With the heat of summer subsiding, and the kiddos back in school, it's time to load the buses and head outside for picnics.

Whether it's a park or a pumpkin patch, make sure your picnic is perfect by ordering your lunches in time.

It's best to order online through our new customer area. Here's the info we need:

- 1. Date of the picnic (when you will be *eating* the food)
- 2. Date you want the food delivered (day *before* the picnic, or day *of* the picnic)

Closing Policies - Yours & Ours

We have a form asking you to tell us which days your center/school will be closed during the year. If you check the box labeled "other" for your snow closing policy, it is <u>your</u> responsibility to let us know when you're closed—no later than 7:00am.



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Our Policy

Good Food Company follows the federal government's closing schedule for weather. If they're closed for bad weather, so are we. We'll send out emails to alert you as soon as possible, but in general please follow the federal government's notices. (We will remain open if the government closes for budgetary reasons.)

Never Too Soon to Talk Turkey



By November 6, we need to know how many extra meals you need.

It may seem early in the year to be talking holidays, but let's face it...time will fly by.

Our annual Thanksgiving lunch is always popular with kids, teachers, and parents.—this year it's on Friday, November 17. We love this tradition, and to make it run smoothly we ask you to let us know how many extra meals you will need no later than November 6. We have to thaw a crazy amount of turkeys!

You can order after November 6, and we'll put you on a waiting list. We make extra meals, but can never know our final count until Thursday, November 16.

Our Holiday Closings

Good Food will be closed for business on these days:

- November 23 & 24
- December 24