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**Panda Express Launches Wok Smart™ Symbol to Highlight Healthier
Eating Options**

Over 18 menu items under 250 calories per serving

ROSEMEAD, CA (July 8, 2009) – Panda Express launches its Wok Smart™ concept today to educate guests about the wide variety of healthy eating options available on its menu. Wok Smart™ identifies the 18 sides, entrees and appetizers that are 250 less per serving. Each of Panda Express' 1263 units nation wide will feature the Wok Smart™ symbol on menu slats alongside the entrees, nutritional brochures and on the website.

“Wok Smart™ items have always been a part of the Panda Express menu choices. Our entrees feature nutritious and vitamin-packed vegetables such as broccoli, string beans and button mushrooms,” said Glenn Lunde, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer. “We want to help our calorie-conscious guests take the guess-work out of planning their meals at Panda Express

A 2-entrée plate of Mix Veggies, String Bean, Chicken Breast and Mushroom Chicken is 580 calories, which is 29% of a daily 2000 calories diet and contains the 5 daily recommended servings of vegetables. More information on the Wok Smart™ menu items and sample meals can be found on www.pandaexpress.com

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Launching Wok Smart™ is also timely given the recent menu labeling legislations across the country requiring chain restaurants to display nutritional information. In California, where there are over 460 Panda Express restaurants, Senate Bill 120 by Senator Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima) implemented on July 1, 2009 requires all restaurants with more than 20 units in the State to publish its calorie and nutritional content. In compliance with the new law, Panda Express is publishing a brochure with the information in addition to the implementing the Wok Smart™ symbol.

“I applaud Panda Express for going above and beyond the legislation and making it easier for consumers to select more nutritious menu items,” said California Senator Alex Padilla, author of SB 1420. “I believe this is just the beginning. As customers come to expect nutritional information, more restaurants will see the benefit of providing healthier food options,” Padilla added.

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