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3 February 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

DONATION OF UNWANTED EDIBLE FOOD ITEMS FOR FOOD BANK SINGAPORE

Punggol Green Primary school would like to thank all parents for showing your support in our efforts towards waste minimisation and reducing food waste last year. It is indeed heartening to see students and parents donating their unwanted food items to the Food Bank boxes, instead of discarding them.

Food waste is uneaten food that is discarded. In Singapore, 788 600 000kg of food waste was generated in 2015. That is equivalent to about 140kg of food waste per person. Food waste in Singapore has risen over 50% in the recent decade. There are about 868 million people in the world who do not have access to enough food. Yet, people are wasting food by throwing them away! Something must be done to curb this massive problem.

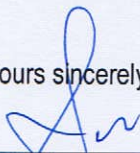
Punggol Green Primary School will continue to adopt the Food Bank Donation boxes this year. The Food Bank Singapore is a charity which strives to bridge the gap in the market by collecting surplus food from donors and providing it to people in need of food. Manufacturers, retailers, distributors and consumers are potential donors who donate their surplus food items to The Food Bank Singapore. It is the first Food Bank in Singapore that is dedicated to fighting hunger and reducing food wastage in Singapore. Whenever we talk about food donation, the first thing that comes into people's mind is to purchase food items to donate. This is not what The Food Bank Singapore is encouraging. Consumers like us often buy a surplus of food items and store them at home. Most of the time, these become uneaten or unused. What the Food Bank Singapore will do is to collect those non-perishable food items which are uneaten or unopened with **at least 4 weeks of shelf-life** and donate them to a list of 130 beneficiaries in Singapore.

You may start donating your unwanted edible food items from home and place them in the Food Bank Donation boxes at the parents waiting area outside the General Office. As this is the Chinese New Year period, you may donate your uneaten New Year goodies too. These donation boxes will be a permanent feature in our school. Therefore, you may constantly donate your items anytime throughout the year. Items that are most needed and can be donated are shown behind this letter. You may also visit <http://www.foodbank.sg/> for more information regarding Food Bank Singapore.

We can also do our part to reduce food waste in our daily lives. How? Well... simply with careful planning. Make a meal plan of the week's meals and buy only the food items you need. Monitor the food items in your refrigerator before you buy new items. Most importantly, be disciplined to finish all the food on your plate and also encourage your family and friends to do the same.

Once again, I appeal to everyone to support our cause in reducing food waste and to provide food for the underprivileged. Every little bit counts. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Seah Lay Tin
Principal

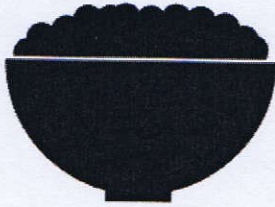
FOOD DRIVE MOST NEEDED ITEMS

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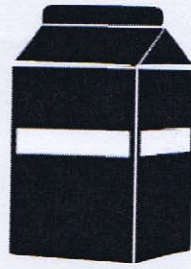
The Food Bank Singapore Ltd
新加坡食物银行

We accept all types of non-perishable food items that are unopened, unused and with at least 4 weeks of shelf life.

These are the following food that are in greatest demand:



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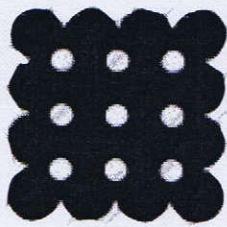
BEVERAGES

UHT OR POWDERED MILK, MILO,
TEA, COFFEE



NOODLES

RICE VERMICELLI, INSTANT
NOODLES, CUP NOODLES, PASTA



BISCUITS

CREAM CRACKERS, SWEETS,
CHOCOLATE, CHIPS



CANNED FOOD

CANNED SARDINE, MUSHROOMS,
TUNA, CHICKEN, FRUITS, SOUP



COOKING OIL



SAUCES

TOMATO SAUCE, CHILI SAUCE, SOY
SAUCE, OYSTER SAUCE



SEASONINGS

SALT, SUGAR



SPREADS

KAYA, FRUIT JAMS, PEANUT BUTTER

We do not accept: Rusty/unlabelled cans, perishable items, opened/used items, expired items.

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