# Bite2Go® Tri-Cities Elementary 2023-2024 Academic Year Important Updates



#### **Distribution:**

Elementary school pickups are on the <u>first Wednesday of each month</u>. Volunteer drivers pick up Bite2Go kits at Second Harvest, located at 5825 Burlington Loop, Pasco, and deliver them to their designated school. The first pickup is scheduled for <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Sept. 13</u>.

#### **Driver FAQs:**

#### What if the pickup time/day doesn't work for my volunteer driver?

We prefer the monthly pickup date to be the first Wednesday of each month. Second Harvest will assign an appointment time if a time preference is not specified in advance.

To make your time request, please contact Christine Garcia at (509) 545-0787, ext. 200 or email: <a href="mailto:christine.garcia@2-harvest.org">christine.garcia@2-harvest.org</a>.

## What type of vehicle will my volunteer driver need for the Bite2Go kit pickup?

Each school has a different kit amount based on student needs. Volunteer drivers should make sure their vehicle is clean and can accommodate the school's monthly kit allocation. Currently, the distribution boxes contain a maximum of eight kits, and they may be difficult to fit into some vehicles.

## What if I missed a pickup or my volunteer driver is going to be late?

If you've forgotten a scheduled pickup, Second Harvest will likely give you a call or email reminder. If you know you'll miss a pickup or be late, it is helpful for our warehouse team to know about your changes. A quick email or call is greatly appreciated.

## **School FAQs:**

#### Do I need to return the containers/bags/boxes the Bite2Go Kits come in?

The collapsible containers or large plastic bags must be returned each month with your pickup driver when picking up the next month's order. Recycling them back into use keeps our costs down. If the kits were packaged into boxes, returning the boxes is optional.

## What If I have excess Bite2Go kits at the end of the month?

It is essential that the kits are distributed in a first-in, first-out (FIFO) manner. If all the weekend meal kits are not given out for the month, make sure the remaining kits are the first to be distributed the following month. Bite2Go kits may not be exchanged or returned.

#### How to respond to a concern about an item with an "expired" best-by date?

It happens occasionally. Sometimes our purchased items have mixed product dates on the same pallet. Does that mean the food is bad? Absolutely not! Manufacturers generally apply date labels at their own discretion of the date up to which they expect the food to retain its freshest quality and flavor. The Bite2Go kits contain shelf-stable products; if the package is clean and undamaged you should feel confident in dispensing it. Take the opportunity to educate the concerned party about using the <u>FoodKeeper App</u> to quickly learn how long foods retain freshness after their "best-by" dates.

#### What if a child's diet is not compatible with the Bite2Go kit?

Kit contents cannot be customized. It is up to parents to read food package labels and assess pertinent food allergies, dietary restrictions, etc. We do not recommend the school representative make any changes to the Bite2Go weekend meal kits.

# Bite2Go® Tri-Cities Program Calendar 2023-2024 Academic Year



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## SEPTEMBER 2023

Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

13 - First Distribution

FEBRUARY 2024						
Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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7 - Distribution

19 - Presidents Day

## OCTOBER 2023

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4 - Distribution

MARCH 2024							
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6 - Distribution

## NOVEMBER 2023

Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	18	29	30		

1 - Distribution

10 - Veterans Day

23-24 - Thanksgiving Break

#### **APRIL 2024**

Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

1-5 - Spring Break

10 - Distribution

## DECEMBER 2023

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Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa			
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6 - Distribution

12/21 - 1/2 - Kennewick Winter Break

12/21 - 1/5 - Pasco Winter Break

12/18 - 1/1 - Richland Winter Break

## **MAY 2024**

Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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1 - Distribution

24 - Second Harvest Closed

27 - Memorial Day

29 - Distribution

## **JANUARY 2024**



12/21 - 1/2 - Kennewick Winter Break

12/21 - 1/5 - Pasco Winter Break

12/18 - 1/1 - Richland Winter Break

10 - Distribution

15 - MLK Day

## JUNE 2024

Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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12 - Last day of school -Kennewick & Richland

13 - Last day of school - Pasco