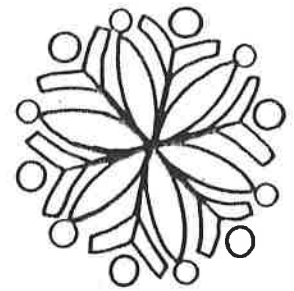


THE CHEETAH CHATTER

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Dear Giese Families,

Welcome to the Holiday Edition of the 2016 - 2017 *Cheetah Chatter*. We are entering December and our winter break will be December 22-January 2. ***All children will return to school on Tuesday, January 3.***

In order to plan ahead, I wanted to make you aware that there is a 2-hour Early Release scheduled for Friday, January 20. Your child will be released at 12:45am on this day.

I want to thank our Giese Families for another successful fundraiser. The amount of O&H Kringles that we sold was awesome!! All proceeds will be used for new gym equipment.

The month of January will find all of our Giese Cheetahs (K-5) the NWEA MAP assessment during this period. Your child takes this assessment 3x a year. This is the Winter testing cycle. It is extremely important that all of our students give their best effort. The data from these assessments will help drive our instruction for the remainder of the school year.

A very special thank you to Ms. Baker for an amazing Winter Holiday concert. Every one of our children looked amazing and sounded great. Thank you Ms. Baker for all of the hard work that you put into this event.

I would like to take a moment and wish each and every Giese Family the best! Enjoy this time of the year with your family. As I am learning all too well, our children grow up way too fast! ☺ Also, take a moment and let those who are important to you know how you feel.

In the interest of practicing what I preach, I would like to take a moment and let the following groups of people know how important they are to me:

- My Family: for putting up with me through the ups and downs of this job
- The Giese Staff: better people I could NEVER hope for
- The Giese PTA: it is truly amazing what 3 people are able to do for a school
- The Giese Families: With your support, anything is possible
- The Giese Cheetahs: for putting a smile on my face every morning that bell rings

Thank you for your time and continued commitment to Giese Elementary...the best kept secret in RUSD!

Respectfully,

Thomas Hyland
Directing Principal - Giese Elementary
"The BEST kept secret in RUSD!"
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Kindergarten

Hope you have a restful and joyous holiday vacation.

LEARNING: The children in kindergarten have worked hard learning many new skills in reading, math, and writing. We enjoy seeing them have proud moments when they learn something new and try something difficult. Your efforts to make school important to you and your child shows in their positive attitude toward their learning and behavior. Continue to turn in your homework and reading logs.

THANK YOU: A big thanks to all the families who helped us with the Polar Express Family Day. We appreciated and enjoyed having the extra adult help to make the afternoon a success. We enjoyed seeing the movie and comparing it to the book. Please take time to read books to your child and talk about the characters, the setting, and the parts of the story (beginning, middle, and end.) Also don't forget anytime you read to your child or your child reads to you can be added to the reading log sheets (including Great America.)

WEATHER: Just a reminder to label your child's belongings, especially since we get lots of clothing that is similar (i.e. black gloves, black hats, black snow pants, etc.) In the classroom, the temperature fluctuates, so multiple layers to put on or take off help make the day comfortable. Also, during the winter months we have recess daily as long as the temperature and/ or wind chill is higher than 10 degrees. Recess is about 15 minutes, so please make sure your child is prepared with boots and snow pants, especially when snow is on the ground. Also a change of clothes including socks in your child's backpack can be helpful if your child gets wet from the snow or other accidents.

FUNDRAISER: We are working on a fundraiser to help offset the cost of our field trips this spring. More information will be coming home soon. Think, Krispy Kreme, yum!

Hope you and your family have a Happy New Year!

First Grade

Happy New Year! We hope everyone has had joyful holidays!

We encourage you to make sure your child is well prepared for winter recess. Hats, mittens, snow pants, warm coats and boots are a must. An extra pair of socks is always good to have. (**Please label everything!**) The children love to play in the snow and without proper clothing they end up wet and unhappy for the remainder of the day! The children may not go in the snow if they don't have **BOTH** snow pants and boots. As the days get colder you may also want to have an extra sweater or sweatshirt for your child to put on if they get cold in the classroom.

Please check with your child to see if they are in need of school supplies, especially crayons, pencils, erasers and dry erase markers. A classroom supply

that we are always in need of is tissue! With the cold weather our noses are always running!

Keep practicing addition and subtraction facts. **Read** with your child every night also! Remember to practice reading their sight words.

In January we will have testing for MAP. Please make sure your child gets adequate sleep and eats breakfast.

Second Grade

Hope everyone enjoyed a fantastic break! We have one swimming lesson remaining. The end of second quarter is rapidly approaching. MAP testing will begin shortly. We are looking forward to seeing the growth from September. This is a good time of the year to replenish supplies (pencils, headphones, dry erase markers, etc.) Please continue to send your child dressed for the dropping temperatures.

Third Grade

Students should be reading for at least 10-15 minutes every night. Encourage them to think about what they have read, ask questions. Students should also continue to practice ALL math facts. We have taught some multiplication and division facts. Practice, practice, practice.....flash cards work great!!!

Fourth Grade

While everyone is at home, enjoying time with friends and family at this time of year, please keep a few things in mind:

1. Continue helping your child practice multiplication and division facts.
2. Practice the states and capitals of the United States.
3. Read for at least 15 minutes per day.
4. There are many websites your child uses at school that he or she can use to practice math and reading skills over the break.
 - www.Raz-kids.com
 - www.thelearningodyssey.com
 - www.sheppardsoftware.com
 - First in Math
5. Many students have run out of pencils and/or drawing supplies. Others don't have a protractor for math or a pair of scissors. Please refresh these materials over the break so they are ready in January. Thank you.

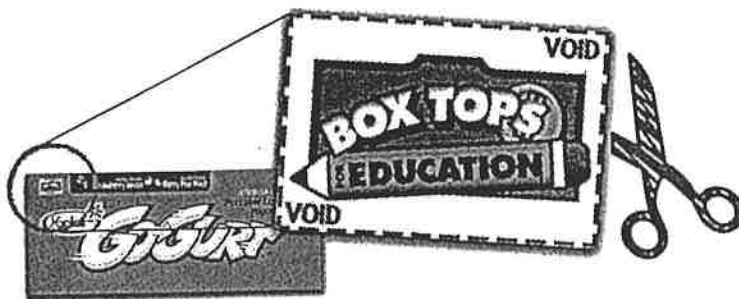
As always, please let us know if you have any questions/concerns.
HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY

Fifth Grade

Welcome to winter! The weather really turned fast and it's been a hard transition for many students. Please make sure that your child is dressed warm every day before leaving for school. The students are outside for 10 minutes before school and 15 minutes for lunch recess, unless the wind chill is 9 degrees or below. We are wrapping up our Life Skills program in the next week or so. Hopefully the kids will use this great information that they learned and apply it to real life experiences. Starting in February, the fifth graders will be starting a new program on nutrition. We will be having a teacher come to the classroom once a week for 45 minutes and educate the students on making good food choices and understanding the benefits to eating healthy. MAPs testing will happen toward the end of January. This is when we are able to see all the growth that our students have made in reading and math since the beginning of the year. Stay warm!

BOXTOPS for EDUCATION

Giese will again be collecting *Boxtops for Education* this year. Bring in the ones you have saved over the summer and keep saving. *Boxtops* has set the Giese goal at \$1617.19 this year. We can do this! Sign up at www.btfe.com and earn 5 points automatically.



Congratulations to the following students whose names were drawn for the PTA Holiday Raffle.

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| Emily Lindstrom – Room 8 | Amiai Williams – Room 15 |
| Deloncey Mullen – Room 18 | Cooper Cacciotti – Room 21 |
| Austin Rindahl – Room 21 | Xavier Sanchez-Room 23 |
| Xavier Gray – Room 23 | Sarah Hope – Room 23 |
| Jaydin Jensen-Peterson-Room 32 | Adam Boehler – Room 34 |
| Markey Coldtrain – Room 34 | Jevelle Monroe – Room 34 |
| Latonya Winston – Room 34 | Myasia Bostick – Room 35 |
| Kori Ahart – Room 36 | Kayla Winston – Room 36 |
| Kyana Kramer – Room 38 | DeMyria Boggness – Room 38 |

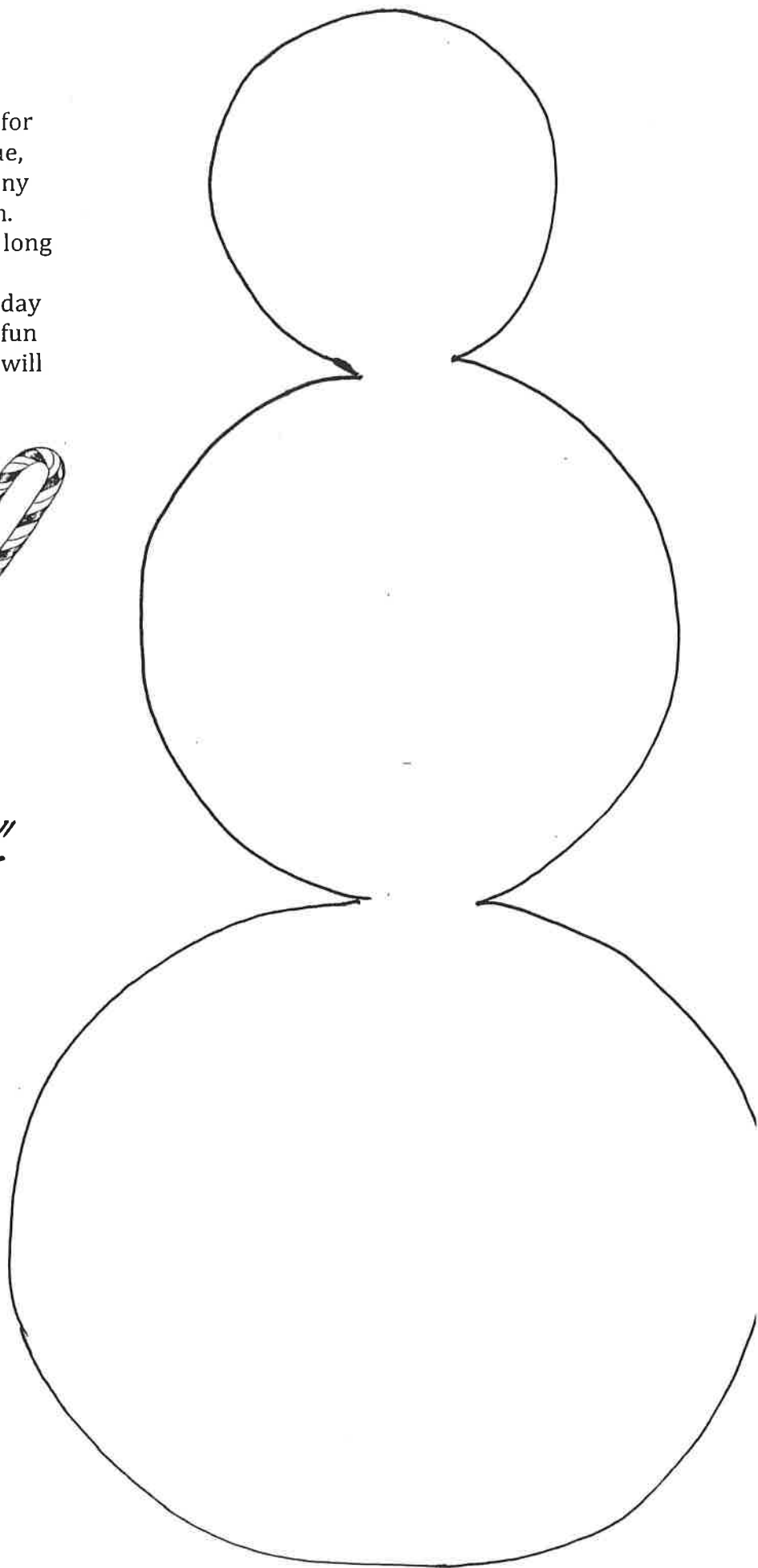


Happy Holidays! It is that time of year for our snowman contest. Get out your glue, your, scissors, crayons, markers, and any other ideas for creating your snowman. You can make a 2D or 3D snowman as long it is the size of the pattern below. The snowmen are due on January 11th. (the day we get back from Winter Break) Have fun creating and enjoy your break. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners.

Sincerely, Mrs. Cushman



"Design a Snowman"





January 2017



Racine Unified Elementary Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL 	3 Chicken Pop Dogs Baked Beans Celery Sticks Diced Pears	4 Sausage, Egg, Cheese Burrito Hash brown Square 100% Mango Wango Vegetable Juice Orange Slices	5 Lasagna Roll* with Spaghetti Sauce & Garlic Toast Baby Carrots Juicy Pineapple	6 Fiesta Beef Nachos* Hot Corn Tortilla Chips Salsa Apple Half
9 Pizza Dippers with Seamed Broccoli Spaghetti Sauce Apple Half	10 Lucky Tray Day Chicken Nuggets Hot Peas Celery Sticks Fruit Medley	11 French Toast Sixs with Turkey Sausage Patty Hash brown Square Dragon Punch Juice Orange Slices	12 Hot Ham & Cheese on Pretzel Bun Fresh Cauliflower Cherry Tomatoes Diced Peaches	13 Juicy Cheeseburger* Baked Beans Baby Carrots Applesauce
16 NO SCHOOL 	17 Popcorn Chicken Baked Beans Dinner Roll Cucumber Coins Juicy Pineapple	18 Pancakes with Turkey Sausage Patty Hash brown Square 100% Mango Wango Vegetable Juice Orange Slices	19 Turkey Hot Dog Tator Tots Cherry Tomatoes Diced Pears	20 *EARLY RELEASE* Inauguration Cookies Turkey & Cheese Club Celery Sticks Baby Carrots 100% Apple Juice
23 Jumbo Cheese Ravioli* with Spaghetti Sauce & Garlic Toast Cucumber Coins Petite Banana	24 Chicken & Gravy Whipped Potatoes Dinner Roll Baby Carrots Fruit Medley	25 French Toast Six with Turkey Sausage Patty Hash brown Square Dragon Punch Juice Orange Slices	26 Juicy Cheeseburger* Baked Beans Baby Carrots Apple Half	27 Popcorn Chicken Hot Corn Romaine Salad Goldfish Crackers Juicy Pineapple
30 Pizza Dippers with Spaghetti Sauce Seamed Broccoli Apple Half	31 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Celery Sticks Goldfish Crackers Diced Pears	1 Mini Turkey Pancake Wraps Hash brown Square 100% Mango Wango Vegetable Juice Orange Slices	2 Spaghetti with Meat* Garlic Toast Romaine Salad Diced Peaches	3 Salisbury Steak* Whipped Potatoes & Gravy Dinner Roll Baby Carrots Fruit Medley

This menu follows USDA National School Lunch Program guidelines. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

*Contains beef ingredients.



Farm Fresh Produce
Featuring...
Blueberries
Did you know freezing blueberries and other produce helps to keep the nutrients inside?

Lunch \$2.55
(Milk included with meal)
Milk 45c
Offered Daily
Skim White, Skim Oreoche

Questions
Call Arbor Management, Inc.
262-664-8700
delitian@rnsd.org

Menu changes may be necessary. Notice will be given when possible.
A comprehensive Nutrition & Allergy Guide is available on the Unified website.
For more information, visit www.rnsd.org or call 262-664-8700.

Elementary menus are pork- and nut-free.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 NO SCHOOL!!	3 School Resumes Choir 2:45-3:30 "A-DAY"	4 "B-DAY"	5 Gr. 2 Swimming Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 "C-DAY"	6 4K in Session "A-DAY"	7
8 LIBRARY WEEK	9 SCAN Program Gr. 4 10:00-10:45 "B-DAY"	10 Scan Program Grade 4 10:00-10:45 Choir 2:45-3:30 "C-DAY"	11 "A-DAY"	12 Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 "B-DAY"	13 "C-DAY"	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL M L King Day	17 Choir 2:45-3:00 "A-DAY"	18 "B-DAY"	19 Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 "C-DAY"	20 End of 1 st Semester 2 Hr. Early Release "A-DAY"	21
22 LIBRARY WEEK	23 "B-DAY"	24 "C-DAY"	25 "A-DAY"	26 Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 "B-DAY"	27 Scan Man Puppet Show Gr. K 8:15 AM "C-DAY"	28
29 MAP TESTING BEGINS	30 "A-DAY"	31 Choir 2:45-3:30 "B-DAY"				