



THE CHEETAH CHATTER

W.C. GIESE SCHOOL



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Giese Cheetah Families,

Welcome back to the second edition of the *Cheetah Chatter Newsletter* for the 2015 – 2016 academic year. Our Giese Cheetahs are off to an unbelievable start both academically and behaviorally. It is great to walk into classrooms throughout the day and witness the engaged teaching and learning that is taking place.

Your child has just finished taking their NWEA MAP assessments (Grades K-5) in the areas of Reading and Mathematics. We will be using this information to better target our instruction to meet your child's individual needs.

The intermediate grades (3-5) are continuing to prepare for the Wisconsin Forward state assessment that they will begin to take in the Spring. This test replaces the Badger Exam. This is one of the most important assessments they will take this year, and I am extremely excited to see how well they perform

Giese's second PTA meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00pm in the library. Your help and support is extremely important, and we welcome all interested parties to attend and learn more about this organization.

Our next 2-hour Early Release will take place on Friday October 16. Your child will be dismissed at 12:45pm. Please make sure they know where to go at this time. Unlike past years, lunch is provided on 2-hour Early Releases.

The Annual Halloween Parade & Classroom Celebrations will take place from 1:15 – 2:45 on Thursday, October 29. Your child is welcome to bring a costume to school that day and will be able to change into it after their lunch/recess block. Weather permitting; all classrooms will walk down to the Lincoln Lutheran Group Home and parade through the complex for the residents. Classroom parties will commence upon returning to Giese. Treats may be sent on this day. For those students who do not celebrate Halloween, we have set aside the computer lab for that afternoon and will have it staffed with Giese personnel.

I would like to close this newsletter by thanking all of the parents that I have spoken with over the first month of the school year. It is your support that means so much to your child and what we do at Giese Elementary. Please continue to say hello to us and know that you are welcome here. Our doors are always open. Your child is not only your most important priority but they are ours as well.

Respectfully,

Tom Hyland
Principal – Giese Elementary
“The BEST kept secret in RUSD!”
2014 Title I School of Recognition



NOTE FROM THE LUNCH ROOM

Student lunch orders are called in at 9:00 a.m. If you know your child is going to be late, please call the school at 664-8251 and order your child's lunch before 9:00 a.m. If you do not call, please bring a cold lunch. Thank you.

Lunchroom Supervisor

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please turn in any "Box Tops for Education" that you may have collected over the summer. We have accumulated quite a few and would like to send them in on October 12th. Your help is appreciated. Thank you.

Mrs. Arndt

Box Top Coordinator

Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Parents dropping off or picking up children please be aware there is no stopping or parking signs posted on the north side of Byrd Ave. in the 5100 and 5200 blocks of Byrd Avenue. There is a loading zone posted about 50 feet east of the crosswalk where it is legal to stop and drop or pick-up your child. These signs are posted for the safety of the children. Thank you in advance for helping us protect our children.

Breakfast Drop-Off

Between 7:30-7:45 a.m. when parents are dropping off your children for breakfast. Please use east driveway when entering the parking lot, and drive through the circle to the end by the orange cones. Stop and drop-off child and then continue on and exit out the west driveway. This will help with traffic flow and help get the children quickly and safely in for breakfast. Thank you in advance for helping keep our children safe.

A Note from the School Counselor and School
Social Worker

Welcome back to another school year. For Guidance lessons this month, every classroom discussed Bully Prevention, friendship and empathy. We also talked about how we can change our negative words, thoughts and actions to positive. We will also start support groups soon (social skills, grief, friendship and study skills).

Breakfast is offered from 7:30-7:45 every morning. We have noticed some children are still arriving late and hungry. If they are unable to eat at home, please send them to school for breakfast. I also attached a sleep guide. Proper nutrition and sleep are keys to success.

I want to thank and congratulate our Peer Mediators who got sworn in at the courthouse this month. They all help keep our school peaceful and they are wonderful role models.

Complimenting your children each day makes a huge difference.

Here are a few examples.

You are amazing!	Great job! Nice try!
I'm lucky to have you!	Thank you for your
hard work!	
You have great ideas!	I am so proud of
you!	
You're smart!	You are a great role
model!	
You're kind!	I love being with you!

Check out www.loveandlogic.com for some great parenting resources.

As always feel free to contact us anytime with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Howard 664-8282 (Counselor)
Mrs. Podskarbi 664-8262 (Social Worker)
Attendance Line : 664-8255

WebMD Health and Parenting Guide offers sleep guidelines that parents may find useful and even surprising:

Child's Age	Recommended Hours of Sleep	In Reality
4-12 Months Old	11 - 15 hours per day	most infants get only about 12 hours sleep
1-3 Years Old	12 - 14 hours per day	toddlers typically get only about 10 hours
3-6 Years Old	10 - 12 hours per day	these children usually get less than 10 hours of sleep
7-12 Years Old	10 - 11 hours per day	the average for this age group is only about 9 hours
12-18 Years Old	9 - 10 hours per day	most are averaging 7.5 hours

October 22nd is International Stuttering Awareness Day

By: Mrs. Kyami Cronin, M.S., CCC-SLP, Giese Elementary School's Speech-Language Pathologist

Individuals and support groups all over the world observe International Stuttering Awareness day every October 22nd. Some wear a turquoise-colored ribbon symbolizing their support to the cause and to the individuals that stutter.



Stuttering affects the overall fluency of speech. It typically begins during childhood, and in some cases, lasts a lifetime. The disorder is characterized by disfluencies, which are disrupted moments in the production of speech, which may manifest in several forms, including: interjections (excessive ahs, uhs, ums), word repetitions (b-b-b-b-b-ike or my-my-my-my), or blocks (tense long pauses/hesitations while speaking) just to name a few.

Most intervention programs for people who stutter are “behavioral,” and designed to teach the individual specific skills or behaviors that lead to improved oral communication. Many speech-language pathologists teach strategies that focus on controlling the rate of speech, breath control, and producing smoother transitions from word-to-word or utterance-to-utterance. Over time, people learn to produce smoother speech at faster rates, in longer sentences, and in more challenging situations until speech sounds both fluent and natural.

For more information on the awareness day, visit <http://isad.isastutter.org/>. If you have concerns about your child's communication skills and needs, contact his or her physician or local speech-language pathologist to discuss possible options or recommendations.



AMC Theaters – Sensory Friendly Films In Partnership with the Autism Society

AMC theaters have partnered with the Autism Society to bring sensory friendly films to families affected by Autism and other disabilities. These films showcase almost every month and provide an environment that is sensitive to special sensory needs. The lights are turned up and the sound is turned down! You can also bring in your own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and viewers are even invited to get up out of their seats and dance, shout, walk or sing-a-long with the film!

The closest participating theater near the Racine area:

AMC Theater - Mayfair Mall
2500 N. Mayfair
(Hwy 100 & North Ave.)
Wauwatosa, WI 53226
Guest Services: (414) 777-0467

Next Showing: (date, film & admission prices are subject to change at any time)

PAN - October 17, 2015

Show begins at 10:00 AM
Special admission price: \$7

For more information, contact Mayfair Mall's AMC Theater or Giese's Speech Language Pathologist, Mrs. Cronin at 664-8265.

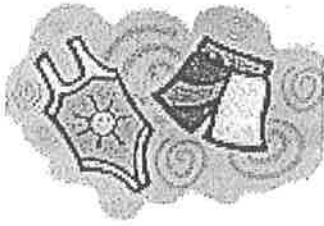
Visit the following web sites for more listings:

Autism Society: <http://www.autism-society.org/get-involved/events/sensory-friendly-films/>

AMC Theater-Mayfair Mall: <http://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

Second Grade Swim Suit Drive

This year the second graders in the district are given the opportunity to learn how to swim. Our second grade team is looking for donations of gently used swim trunks and one piece swim suits for our students. We may have students who forget to bring their suit weekly. We have others who don't have a suit. If you have suits at home that no longer fit your child please consider donating them. We would appreciate it! There will be a box in the office to place the donations in.
Thank you so much for your support!



Mrs. Jensen, Ms. Panyk, and Ms. Veit

Thursday, October 1st

Picture Day Is Coming

School pictures will be taken on the next school day
All students will be photographed for the schools records



Look for more information on
your child's Picture Day
flyer/ order form

www.scholasticreflections.biz

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Kindergarten

RULE TIME: The children are learning new rules for school. Kindergarteners follow the S.A.F.E. rules, which stand for how to **Sit** during our learning, the kind of **Attitude** we should have, how to be **Friendly**, and to include **Everyone** in our daily activities.

LEARNING TIME: Children are also getting use to a schedule full of learning, fun, and friendship. We are working on how to take turns, share, and be good listeners. We also want to stress a learning attitude saying “I Think I Can, I Think I Can” (or at least I can try.) The best way to learn is to try and experiment and try again and again. Practice at school and at home is needed to become successful in reading, math, and writing.

WEATHER TIME: *Wisconsin* weather is constantly changing. Just a reminder to please dress your child for the weather especially for being outside for the daily 15 minute recess. It is also helpful to have an extra sweatshirt to put on or take off in the classroom as the temperatures change inside, too.

FUN TIMES: October is a busy month with the change of season and harvest time. We also have Fire Prevention week. During the month, all kindergarten classes will visit the pumpkin farm. Chaperones must be WINGS approved to attend. Please turn in permission slips and fees ASAP, thanks. Near the end of the month we will have a Costume Parade and Party in our homerooms.

FAMILY TIMES: Thank you to all the families for sharing the evening with us at open house. It was a pleasure to meet you and share our excitement about teaching your child. Conferences will be coming up in November, more information will be sent home by your homeroom teacher during the month.

We are off to a great start. If you have any questions, please let us know.

First Grade

We would like to thank all the families who came to Open House on August 26th.

Please continue to practice Kindergarten sight words. There are 37 Kindergarten sight words in all. Watch for new words to come home throughout the year. All students should be able to read these words without sounding them out. Read with your child daily. Scholastic book orders will come home. Book prices vary and begin at \$1. Please send cash or check (made out to Scholastic) along with the order form to school. You may also order on- line.

Our Math series is enVision. We have finished Topics 1 & 2, numbers to 12, and comparing and ordering numbers. Please review the math worksheets that come home with your child. Our next topics are Understanding Addition and Understanding Subtraction. Please practice basic addition and subtraction math facts. Flash cards would be beneficial.

Please turn in your WINGS volunteer forms if you plan on being a chaperone or working as a volunteer in our classrooms or school this year. It can take a while to get approved so get it in ASAP.

Please, check with your child or their teacher for any school supplies that your child may be missing, especially their emergency green card. Send any missing supplies to school as soon as possible. Look for information to come home about our Family game Night on Thursday, October 15th from 6-7p.m. Our Halloween party, parade, and dance will be on Thursday, October 29th. More information will be coming home soon.

Second Grade

We are off to a great start in second grade. MAP testing is over and we are completing PALS assessment as well. We will use this data to help drive our instruction and better meet your child's needs this year. Please take a moment each day to ask your child what we are working on and how the school day went. This helps them to understand that their education is important.

We are still in need of WINGS volunteers for our classrooms and the YMCA swimming lessons that will begin on October 29th. If you are interested or have questions please contact your child's teacher. We appreciate your participation and support.

As the weather begins to turn cooler please remind your child to dress in layers. They are welcome to leave a sweatshirt at school on their hook so they are always prepared.

We look forward to working together to make this year a positive experience for all of us!

Third Grade

Third grade is off to a great start. Your child's success in third grade depends on reinforcement work at home. You can expect to see a list of spelling words and vocabulary words (with meanings) come home every Friday. Helping your child at home will be very beneficial to his/her success. Your child should also be reading and practicing math facts at home nightly. This is in addition to any other homework that may be sent home. In Topic 1 of Math, we will be working on counting money. It is important that your child know the names of the coins, the value, and be able to count with them.

As a school we are working on a PBIS skill of the month. September's skill is "following instructions". Some of the students have been having some difficulty in this area. Please help us by reinforcing the importance of paying attention at all times.

Please feel free to contact any of us with questions and/or concerns.

Fourth Grade

Can you believe that September is already drawing to a close and that we have been in school for more than 4 weeks already?

We have completed MAP testing for the fall. We will be discussing your child's scores with them, and then we will send home a copy of the score for them to share with you. Please be on the lookout for that.

One item that is new for your fourth grader is the assignment book page. We still have many students forgetting to get these signed each night and brought back to school with them for us to see. Please take a moment each night to look at these pages, discuss what your child has finished or needs to complete that evening, and then to return them to school the following morning. This is teaching your child organization and responsibility.

We had an amazing trip to the ecology center in September. We conducted water experiments, learned about the Watershed, and finally about the water cycle. The students had a great time participating.

In October we have a field trip to visit Wustum Art Museum here in Racine. The cost will be \$3.00. Be on the lookout for more information that will be coming home soon.

This has been an awesome start to the school year. Thank you for being a support system for us. Keep encouraging your kids to be responsible, respectful, and safe like they are, and the year should be great!

Fifth Grade

Welcome to fifth grade! We are off to a great start. The students enjoyed a field trip to the planetarium this past Thursday. We have another free field trip coming up in October. We will be seeing a School House Rock performance at the Golden Rondelle, sponsored by S.C. Johnson. Next week we will also be starting a new program called Life Skills. This program is approximately 45 minutes per week and will take place weekly until the holiday break. The

program helps students be aware of the peer pressures around them and how to stand up for what is right. It's very educational and gives the children knowledge to help deal with relevant issues for their age.

It is our responsibility as fifth grade teachers to prepare your child for the middle school. Please go over your child's homework each night and help them to stay organized. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to call, e-mail or write notes in the daily assignment notebook. Here's to a wonderful fifth grade year!

Bridge Room

Welcome back Cheetah Families! We have been off to a great start this school year! We have started programs like N2Y and our Food Lab as we are sponsored by Piggly Wiggly for the second time. Look for homework and reading logs in your student's blue homework folder as students will begin to take homework home. Please utilize the online programs such as Raz Kids and First in Math at home. Keep up all of the hard work you do with your children at home.

Thank you,

Mrs. Ebersole



LICORICE SALE RETURNS EVERY FRIDAY

We will be having our weekly Licorice Sale every Friday afternoon. The cost is \$.10 for one, 3 for \$.25, or a bundle of 12 for \$1.00. Funds raised help many different student activities throughout the school year.

HELP WANTED

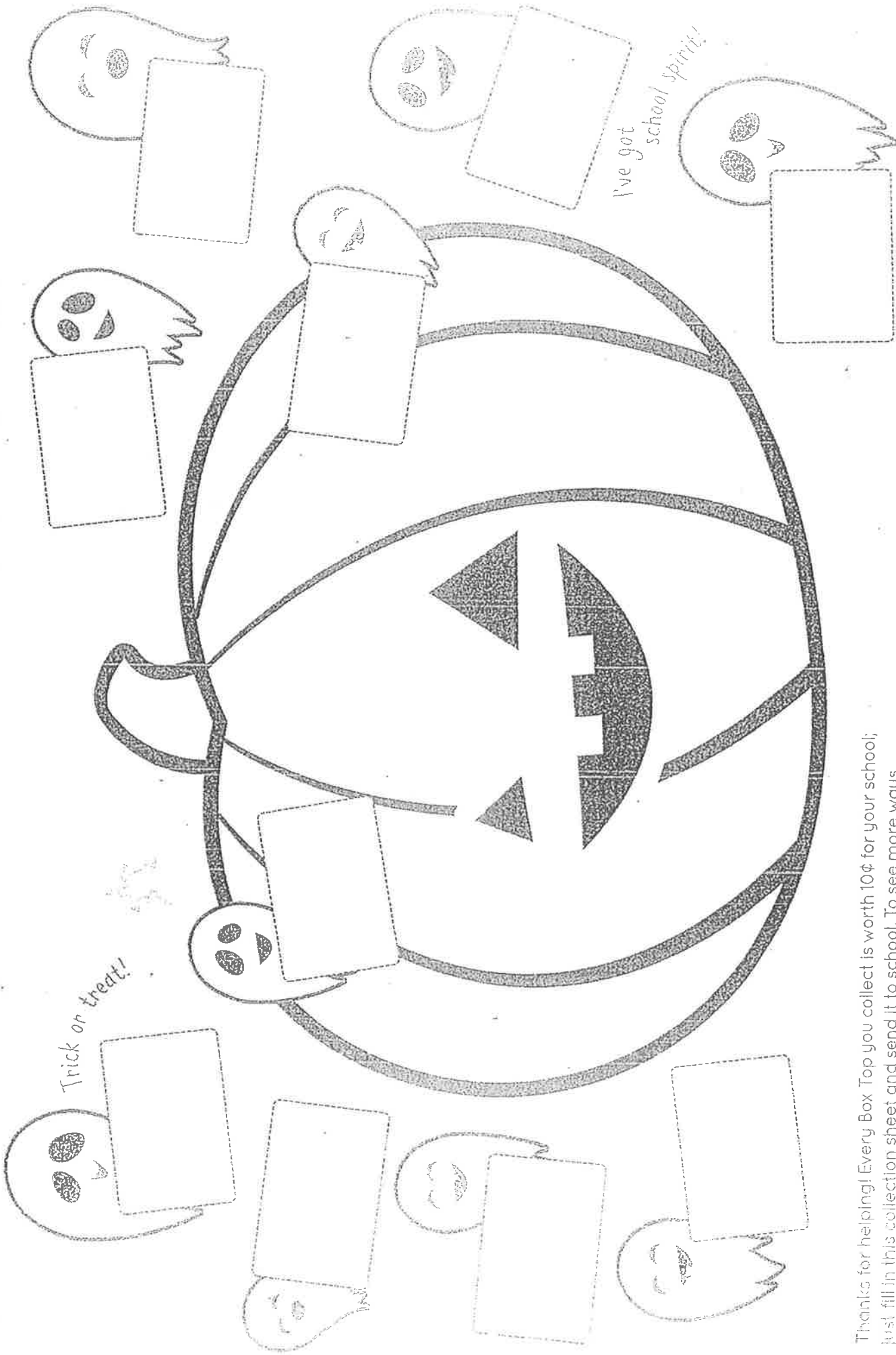
Arbor Management, the food service provider for Racine Unified, is looking for very special associates. We are looking for the kind of people who are interested in part time hours on the days that schools are in session and who like to be around children. Shifts vary from 3 to 6 hours per day between 5am and 3pm, Monday through Friday. If interested, please complete an application between 9am and 3pm at the Arbor office located at 3109 Mt Pleasant St., Bldg. 2 Door B. We look forward to meeting you.

EOE M/F/D/V



GHOULS FOR SCHOOLS!

FILL YOUR PUMPKIN WITH BOX TOPS THIS HALLOWEEN



Thanks for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school; just fill in this collection sheet and send it to school. To see more ways to earn cash for your school, go to BTFE.com.



Racine Unified Elementary Lunch Menu



October 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Cucumber Slices w/ Ranch Fresh Sliced Orange	6 Fiesta Beef Nachos* Golden Sweet Corn Zesty Salsa Red Delicious Apple	7 Chicken and Gravy Whipped Potatoes Dinner Roll Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Juicy Pineapple	8 Cheesy Quesadilla Green Beans Tortilla Chips w/ Zesty Salsa Red Delicious Apple	9 Creamy Mac 'N Cheese Steamed Carrot Coins Fresh Broccoli Buds w/ Ranch Dressing Petite Banana
12 Chicken Nuggets w/ Seasoned Brown Rice* Cucumber Slices Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Fruit Medley Special Treat Day!	13 Pizza Dippers w/ Marinara Dipping Sauce Romaine Salad w/ Ranch Dressing Bartlett Pears	14 Walking Taco Scoops Golden Sweet Corn Crunchy Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Dressing 100% Pure Apple Juice	15 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Cucumber Slices w/ Ranch Dressing Plump Raisins	16 NSLW Early Release Turkey and Cheese Sub Crunchy Baby Carrots Fresh Broccoli Buds w/ Ranch Dressing Petite Banana
19 Popcorn Chicken Dinner Roll Baked Beans Cucumber Slices Applesauce	20 Mini Maple Pancakes Turkey Sausage Patty Baked Hash Brown 100% Mango Wango- Vegetable Juice Orange Smiles	21 Fiesta Beef Nachos* Golden Sweet Corn Zesty Salsa Petite Banana	22 Cheese Pizza Slice Crunchy Baby Carrots Fresh Broccoli Buds w/ Ranch Dressing Red Delicious Apple	23 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce* & Garlic Toast Romaine Salad w/ Ranch Dressing Golden Peaches
26 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Fresh Broccoli Buds w/ Ranch Dressing Red Delicious Apple	27 Pizza Dippers w/ Marinara Dipping Sauce Romaine Salad w/ Ranch Dressing Bartlett Pears	28 Lucky Tray Day Salisbury Steak* w/ Gravy* Dinner Roll Whipped Potatoes Crunchy Baby Carrots Juicy Pineapple	29 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Crisp Celery Sticks w/ Ranch Dressing Orange Smiles	30 NO SCHOOL

October is National Farm to School Month!
 Look for local foods with the next to it.

October 12-16 is National School Lunch Week!
 Be sure to participate in National School Lunch in order to try special treats and new food items!

Ask your kitchen staff about special promotions for National School Lunch Week.

Lunch \$2.45
 (Milk included with meal)
 Milk 45¢
 Offered Daily:
 Skim White, Skim Chocolate

Questions
 Call Arbor Management, Inc.
 262-664-8700

Menu changes may be necessary. Notice will be given when possible.
 A comprehensive Nutrition & Allergy Guide is available on [www.waukegan.org](#) or to "Ask the Dietitian" check out our website!

This menu follows USDA National School Lunch Program guidelines. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. * Contains beef ingredients. Elementary menus are pork- and nut-free.

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 School Picture Day Choir 2:45-3:30 "A-DAY"	2 K-9 Police Dog Demonstration 8:15 a.m. "B-DAY"	3
4	5	6 Dr. Haws to Visit Giese Choir 2:45-3:30 "A-DAY"	7	8 Choir 2:45-3:30 "C-DAY"	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16 2 Hr. Early Release School Dismissed @ 12:45 PM "C-DAY"	17
LIBRARY WEEK	LIBRARY WEEK	LIBRARY WEEK	LIBRARY WEEK	LIBRARY WEEK	LIBRARY WEEK	LIBRARY WEEK
18	19	20 Choir 2:45-3:30 "C-DAY"	21 Choir 2:45-3:30 "A-DAY"	22 Choir 2:45-3:30 "B-DAY"	23	24
		Room 32 to Zoo 9:30-12:00 Choir 2:45-3:30 "B-DAY"	Room 33 to Zoo 9:30-12:00 "C-DAY"	Room 34 to Zoo 9:30-12:00 Choir 2:45-3:30 "A-DAY"	"B-DAY"	
25	26	27	28	29 Choir 2:45-3:30	30 Staff Development NO SCHOOL For Students	31 Halloween
LIBRARY WEEK	LIBRARY WEEK	LIBRARY WEEK	LIBRARY WEEK	LIBRARY WEEK	LIBRARY WEEK	LIBRARY WEEK
	"C-DAY"	Choir 2:45-3:30 "A-DAY"	"B-DAY"	Halloween Festivities "C-DAY"		
				Gr. 2 Swimming Trip to YMCA Group 1 Group 2		