



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 2016 – 2017 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 18 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 14. Your child will be dismissed at 12:45pm. Please make sure they know where to go at this time. Lunch is provided on 2-hour Early Releases.

The Annual Halloween Parade & Classroom Celebrations will take place from 1:15 – 2:45 on Monday, October 31. 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. 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
2013 Title I School of Recognition



GIESE PICTURE DAY

Giese Picture day is next Thursday, October 6th. All picture packages are pre-pay. All children will get their pictures taken for the yearbook regardless if you are purchasing a package. If your child is absent that day our Retake Day is scheduled for November 10th.

NOTE FROM THE LUNCH ROOM

Student lunch orders are called in at 8:50 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 8:50 a.m. If you do not call, please bring a cold lunch. Thank you.

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 1st. Each boxtop is worth \$.10 for Giese School. 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.

NOTES from the GYM

It is hard to believe that summer is over and school has started again! I am looking forward to having your child in physical education class this year. In order to have a safe and productive learning environment the school-wide discipline plan will be enforced.

Grade Policy in elementary physical education is based primarily on four areas:

- * **Respectful:** follow directions, use equipment properly and play fairly.
- * **Responsible:** display good sportsmanship, when you hear the whistle...stop, look and listen and be kind to others.
- * **Safe:** be aware of your surroundings; be in control of their body
- * **Footwear:** ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR TENNIS SHOES TO P.E.

CLASS. Heels, boots, sandals and dress shoes are not acceptable. This policy is based on my desire to create a safe environment and only tennis shoes provide the appropriate protection and support for the activities the students are expected to perform.

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. Our school wide PBIS rules are “be respectful, be responsible, be safe, and be kind.”

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, be good listeners, and get along with each other. 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 will have a 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 now, thanks. We also have the opportunity to travel to Riverbend on a field trip sponsored by our District, permission slips are necessary to attend. Near the end of the month we will have a Costume Parade to the nursing home and Halloween Party in our homerooms.

FAMILY TIMES: Thank you to all the families for sharing the evening with us at open house and also at our Kinder Camp Celebration before school started. 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 to select a conference time. 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.

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

Our new Math series is Origo. We have finished Module One. Please review the math worksheets that come home with your child. 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. Send any missing supplies to school as soon as possible. If you have not gone to the Parent Portal to fill out your emergency information, please do so.

Our Halloween party & parade to the nursing home will be on Monday, October 31st. More information will be coming home soon.

Second Grade

It is hard to believe that it is already October. The weather is changing so please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately. They may bring a sweater in the backpack or leave one on the coat hook if they get cold. We are done MAP testing and are hard at work learning in our classrooms. We are all getting used to the new math series and will be starting a new health series soon as well. The students will be off on the 27th and 28th of the month. The Halloween parade and parties will take place on the 31st. Please look for notes from your child's teacher with more information later in the month.

Third Grade

It is hard to believe that it is already October. The weather is changing so please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately. They may bring a sweater in the backpack or leave one on the coat hook if they get cold. We are done MAP testing and are hard at work learning in our classrooms. We are all getting used to the new math series and will be starting a new health series soon as well. The students will be out of school on the 27th and 28th of this month. The Halloween parade to the nursing home and parties will take place on the 31st. Please look for notes from your child's teacher with more information later in the month.

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.

A second thing that we would like all fourth graders to be responsible for doing this year is to read nightly for a minimum of 20 minutes. We are trying to increase reading fluency, and the more that they practice the better they will get.

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

Our 5th Grade team is excited that the school year is rolling along relatively smoothly! As the weather is changing, please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately. Our school counselor may have access to coats and hats if needed.

As we approach the month of October, 5th grade will sponsor their annual Halloween Dance. Please look out for further information and support our efforts to raise money for our year-end field trip.

4 y.o. Kindergarten

It has been an excellent start to the school year. It was great meeting all of my new students and their families. I thank all families for their generous support of our classroom. I am excited to announce two additions to our classroom family. The first is Buzzy Bee, who teaches us to be safe and kind at Giese School. The second new friend is Tucker the Turtle. Tucker teaches us what to when we get angry. First, we tuck in our shell so we don't hit or hurt another. Then we take three deep breaths, and when we are calm, we can come out of our shells and find a solution to our problem. Some solutions are wait and take a turn, share, trade, say, "please", get a timer, and get a teacher if necessary. Please see me if you would like copies of our solution cards to use at home to help reinforce the home-school connection.



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THE LATEST NEWS & INFORMATION FROM BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION | SEPTEMBER 2016

INTRODUCING THE NEW



CLIPBOARD

DOES YOUR SCHOOL HAVE A
COLLECTION DRIVE?

The Clip Board is a new way to see what schools need - and for you to pledge your Box Tops in support!

Go to BTFE.com/ClipBoard to see a list of collection drives and pledge today.

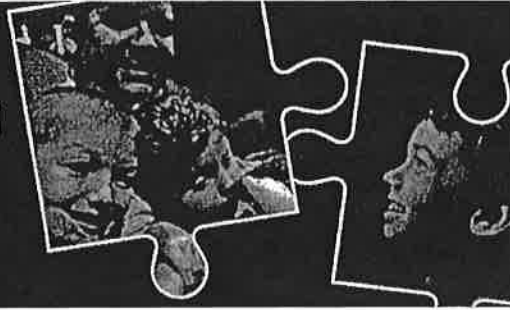
TURN IN YOUR BOX TOPS NOW TO GET A
HEAD START ON YOUR SCHOOL'S FALL CHECK!

HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY BOX TOPS!

Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.



**AMC Sensory
Friendly Films**



**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. This program has expanded to showcase up to four movies every month and provide an environment that is sensitive to special sensory needs. The lights are turned up and the sound is turned down! Viewers are invited to get up out of their seats and dance, shout, walk or sing-a-long with the film! Tuesday evening showings have been added that may appeal to older audiences, and family-friendly films will continue to show on Saturday mornings.

The closest participating theater to the Racine area:

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

September Showings: *(date, film & admission prices are subject to change at any time)*

**Storks – October 8
The Girl on the Train – October 11
Jack Reacher: Never Go Back – October 25**

Special admission price: Adults \$9 and Children \$7

**** Share your photos and posts of your experiences with #AMCSensoryFriendly**

For more information, contact Mayfair Mall's AMC Theater or Giese's Speech Language Pathologist, Mrs. Cronin at 664-8265. Or visit the following web sites for more information:

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>

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.

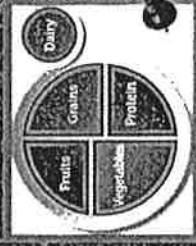
For more information on the awareness day, visit <http://isad.isastutter.org/>. If you have concerns about your child's communication skills and needs, contact his or her physician or local speech-language pathologist to discuss possible options or recommendations.



October 2016



Racine Unified Elementary Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Cheese Pizza Baby Carrots Fresh Broccoli Puffe Banana	4 Chicken Pop Dogs Baked Beans Celery Sticks Applesauce	5 WG Pancakes Turkey Sausage Patty Baked Hash Brown Mango Wango 100% Vegetable Juice Sliced Orange	6 Hot Ham & Cheese on Pretzel Bun Fresh Cauliflower Baby Carrots Diced Pears	7 Fiesta Beef Nachos* Hot Corn Tortilla Chips w/Salsa Apple Half
10	11	12	13	14 Early Release
SHOW YOUR SPIRIT—PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK				
STRAWBERRY MILK				
17 Pizza Dippers Steamed Broccoli Dipping Sauce Applesauce	18 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Steamed Carrots Celery Sticks Fruit Medley	19 French Toast Sixx Turkey Sausage Link Baked Hash Brown Dragon Punch Juice Juicy Pineapple	20 Apple Crunch Day! Crispy Chicken Sandwich Tator Tots Cucumber Slices Apple Half	21 Muffin Yogurt Power Pack WG Chocolate Chip Muffin Yogurt Cup Baby Carrots Celery Sticks Sliced Orange
24 Cheese Ravioli Garlic Toast Fresh Cucumber Slices Puffe Banana	25 Popcorn Chicken Baked Beans Pretzel Nugget Roll Cucumber Slices Diced Pineapple	26 Turkey Sausage, Egg & Cheese Burrito Baked Hash Brown Mango Wango 100% Vegetable Juice Sliced Orange	27 Lucky Tray Day Turkey Hot Dog Tator Tots Cherry Tomatoes 100% Apple Juice	28 Juicy Cheeseburger* Hot Corn Crunchy Baby Carrots w/Ranch Dressing Apple Half

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

October 10-14 is National School Lunch Week! **SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!** Be sure to participate in National School Lunch Week. Ask your kitchen staff about special promotions for National School Lunch Week.

Lunch \$2.55
(Milk included with meal)

Milk 45¢
Offered Daily:
Skim White, Skim Chocolate

Questions
Call Arbor Management,
262-664-8700
dietitian@rusd.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 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 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 "C-DAY"	4 Choir 2:45-3:30 "A-DAY"	5 "B-DAY"	6 GIESE PICTURE DAY "C-DAY"	7 4K CLASSES HELD "A-DAY"	8
9	10 Columbus Day "B-DAY"	11 Choir 2:45-3:30 "C-DAY"	12 "A-DAY"	13 "B-DAY"	14 2 hr. Early Release School out @ 12:45 "C-DAY"	15
16	17 "A-DAY"	18 Room 32 to Wildlife Explorers @ Zoo Choir 2:45-3:00 "B-DAY"	19 Room 33 to Wildlife Explorers @ Zoo "C-DAY"	20 Room 34 to Wildlife Explorers @ Zoo "A-DAY"	21 "B-DAY"	22
23	24 "C-DAY"	25 Choir 2:45-3:00 "A-DAY"	26 Gr. 4 to Wustum Museum 9:15-11:15 "B-DAY"	27 NO SCHOOL Staff Development	28 NO SCHOOL Staff Development	29
30	31 Halloween Parade to nursing home @ 1:00 pm "C-DAY"					