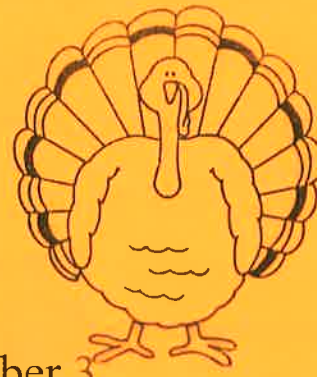


THE CHEETAH CHATTER

W.C. GIESE SCHOOL



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Giese Cheetah Families,

I would like to begin this edition of *The Cheetah Chatter* by thanking all of you for the hard work that you are doing at home with your students. For any child to succeed, it is crucial that the work we do here at work continues at home.

On October 30th there will be No School for your child. This is a Professional Development Day for teachers. School will resume on Monday, November 2, 2015.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up after school on November 5 & all Day on November 6th. This is a great time to meet your teacher to discuss the progress that your child has made. Please make every effort to attend these conferences.

If you have haven't already done so, please consider attending the next PTA meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Any input or help that you can provide is welcomed and appreciated.

Wednesday, November 25th will be the last day of school before the Thanksgiving Break. Students will return to school on November 30, 2015. Enjoy the Thanksgiving break with your family.

In December, we will have our *Winter Holiday Concerts*. They will take place on two separate dates depending on your child's grade level. Mrs. Baker will be putting this program together. The official dates will be coming soon. A PTA Bake Sale will take place upon conclusion of each concert.

Thank you,

Thomas Hyland, Principal – Giese Elementary

PTA MEETING

The next PTA organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th in the Giese Library at 6:00 p.m. We need parents to come forward to be involved in the PTA.

Plan ahead: Our next 2 hour "Early Release" will be on Thursday, November 5, 2015. Students will be released at 12:45. Lunches will be served. Please make arrangements for your children. There is no school on Friday, November 6th due to Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Licorice Sale: Once again we will be selling licorice for .10 a piece or 3 for .25 or \$1.00 for 12 on Fridays.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retake Day will be on Friday, November 12th from 10:00-12:00. You must return your picture package if you want to have your child's pictures retaken.

4 Year Old Kindergarten

November is going to be a busy month. I am working on creating a conference schedule and would like to place students who have siblings first. Please return conference sheets as soon as possible or see me during arrival or dismissal time to reserve your spot. With your help, I know that we can have 100% attendance this year. Please check your child's folder for more information. Pre-K Pals testing, which includes letter recognition, beginning sound awareness, rhyme awareness, print and word awareness, nursery rhyme awareness, and name writing continues this month. The results will be discussed at conferences. Please join us for Giese's 50th Celebration on Friday, November 6th from 5:00-7:00. I hope to see many families there. On a more personal note, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. I look forward to spending time with my family and reflecting on all that I have to be thankful for.

Kindergarten

LOTS OF FUN: October was a busy month in all the kindergarten rooms. We enjoyed our trip to Apple Holler and had fun exploring the changing seasons outdoors. We had our Halloween Parade to the Nursing home and enjoyed spreading a little cheer to the residents in our fun costumes.

LOTS OF LEARNING: We have been working hard on learning letter names and sounds. Especially hearing the sounds at the beginning and end of words. The children are working learning lots of sight words. In Math, we have learned about patterns and are starting to read, write and compare numbers 0-10. Please practice reading, writing, and math skills at home and return completed homework to your child's teacher. We continue to use the Foundation literacy program to help learn how to properly write our lowercase letters. The kindergarten classes combine to learn about topics from Science, Social Studies, and Health. We enjoy having the opportunity to have this joint time together.

LOTS OF CLOTHING: We hope you are enjoying the change of seasons, 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. Also make sure to mark your child's belongings so we can help keep the right pieces with the right kids. Lots of black hats. Thanks!

LOTS OF TESTING: During the month, all kindergartners participated in the PALS Literacy test. The areas tested included Rhyming Awareness, Beginning Sound Awareness, Letter names and sounds, Spelling CVC words, and Concept of Words. This test helps us identify students who need further intervention to become successful readers. First quarter report cards will be available at Parent-Teacher Conferences this month. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please let your teacher know.

LOTS OF PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Conferences are scheduled and a reminder note will be coming home soon. Please contact your child's teacher immediately if the time/ day does not work. Thanks for your cooperation. We look forward to meeting with you at the Parent-Teacher conferences.

First Grade

Thank you to all of the families that were able to make it out for our Family Game Night! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

The first graders have been very busy this fall. The children have been working on simple addition and subtraction problems. Extra practice using manipulatives (ex. cereal, raisins, buttons, marbles, and crayons) will be a great help. Have your child put the objects into two groups, then say a math sentence. An example of an addition sentence is: 4 and 3 is 7 or $4+3=7$. An example of a subtraction sentence is: 7 take away 4 is 3 or $7-4=3$. Our next Topics 5 & 6 will be on Numbers on a 10 Frame and Addition Facts to 12.

We're thrilled to notice the children's excitement over learning to read. Make sure they are reading at their level. We would like to encourage the use of the downtown library as a source of reading materials. Most children love having their own library card.

Colder weather is upon us. Please remember to label ALL of you child's outerwear (coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves). Your child may also keep a sweater or sweatshirt here at school to put on if they feel cold.

We're looking forward to seeing **everyone** in November for conferences.

Second Grade

October 29 was a very busy day for our Giese 2nd Graders. It was the day of Giese's Halloween Parade...and it was a TREAT to see many of our 2nd Graders in their costumes.

Earlier in the day, though, they weren't wearing costumes...they were wearing swim suits. It was the first day of their free swimming lessons at the YMCA.

These lessons are a great opportunity for our 2nd Graders because it is so important for them to learn about water safety and become good swimmers. This program will continue into December.

Next up are the Parent-Conferences on November 5 and 6. We are looking forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress.

November also means that our weather will be getting colder...and colder. Get out the sweaters, sweatshirts, warm coats, hats and gloves. Please make sure that your child comes to school prepared for the weather.

Third Grade

We have been working really hard in third grade. Please continue to work on Spelling words, vocabulary words, reading for at least 15 minutes, and basic math facts on a daily basis at home.

Room 32, 33, and 34 had a wonderful time learning about habitats at the Racine Zoo in October. Room 40 will be going in March.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 5th and 6th. Reminders will be sent home as the date approaches. We look forward to seeing ALL of our Giese parents.

Please come to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Giese School. It will be on Friday, November 6th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Fourth Grade

Coming up in November will be parent/teacher conferences. Please watch for the final reminder of your day and time. We'd like to meet with as many parents as possible. If you can't make it, we can always do a phone conference.

In math, we will be continuing with multiplication skills before moving on to division. These skills are easy to practice at home with flashcards or websites such as first in math or compass math. The students know their logins and passwords.

In social studies, we'll be studying chapter 9, which is the states of the western United States. The students will need to know the states and capitals as well as topics like geography, people and places of the west.

Continue studying spelling and vocabulary words, which the students get each Monday. They can always bring home their book to study as well.

As always, feel free to contact us by phone or email with any concerns or questions.

Fifth Grade

Our 5th Graders have begun working on long division. This tends to be a little challenging as we progress into dividing with double digits. Please help your child by practicing nightly with them.

Conferences are one week away. We look forward to discussing your child's success. Please keep a look out for conference reminders that will be sent home this week.

Lastly, we excited about our biography book reports that will be due Friday, November 20th. Please check with your child regarding

Bridge Room

Students in the Bridge Room have been working very hard for the first quarter! We enjoyed a visit from a policeman and his police dog last month. We also had a blast with the Wisconsin Wonderland Show. Just a friendly reminder to keep practicing math facts and to read with your child at home. Six Flags Reading Logs should have gone home with your student, if you need a new one let me know.

Mrs. Ebersole

Art with Mrs. Cushman



October was a quick month. Please feel free to stop by to visit during conferences to say hello. I sent a lot of artwork home and hope your children shared it with you so you could see what we are doing in the Giese art room. Please view the artwork hanging around the school as well.

Art ideas for home:

Artforkidshub.com This is a great website for children or adults that like to learn how to draw.

Pinterest has some great ideas to work on with your children.

Remember we have to great museums right here in town as well. The Racine art museum downtown and the Wustum museum on Northwestern Avenue. Check out their web site ramart.org

Stay warm and have a great Thanksgiving!



Giese Student Government with Mrs. Cushman

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 student government representatives. You have been selected by your teachers and peers to show Giese how leadership is done. We will be making Giese the best it can be throughout the year by volunteering our time and making great decisions.

November we will be having the annual food drive. The dates we are collecting food is November 16-20. During December we will be collecting socks for seniors. I look forward to great year with great students. Our next meetings are November 10th and December 8th.

The following representatives are:

5 th Martinez	Maddie Kelleher	Amberlyn Fortier-Petersen
5 th Gayle	Marco Gil	Grace Habermehl
4 th Martinez	Javayah Echo	Joseph Price
4 th Lewno	Ronia Johninon	Jeremiah Golden
3 rd Hanson	Jeremiah Smith	Natalie Schroeder
3 rd Underkofler	Sara Oliver	Xykierah Morrison
3 rd DeRosier	Mason Hermes	Lilly Goebel
3 rd McKnight	Cole Cacciotti	Syrenity Nunn



W.C. GIESE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

50TH ANNIVERSARY

1965-2015

Celebrating our Past.....

.....Inspiring our Future!

*Join us for an evening of fun and
reconnect with former colleagues*

Friday, November 6th, 2015

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

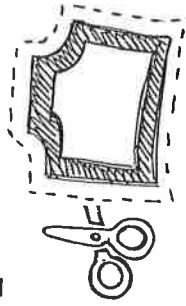
*W.C. Giese Elementary School
5120 Byrd Avenue*

Special performance by the Giese Choir @ 6:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.



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Start clipping Box Tops today! Each one is worth 10¢ for your child's school. They add up quickly and your school can use the cash to buy whatever it needs. For more information on Box Tops for Education, including a list of participating products and how much your child's school has earned, go to BTFE.com. Thanks for your help!



1 Clip Box Tops.

Don't forget to check the expiration date.

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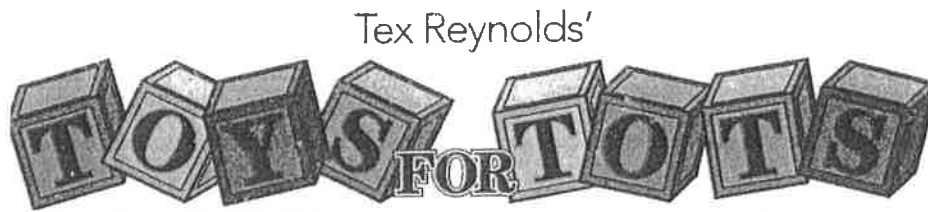
Tape or glue clipped Box Tops to this sheet.

Please note, bonus certificates must be submitted separately.

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Send completed sheet to your school.

Teacher name: _____



A COMMUNITY PROGRAM SINCE 1929
 In Partnership with Corporate Volunteer Council of Racine – The Giving Tree

HELPING FAMILIES

To Participate:

1. You must be a Racine County Resident.
2. You must bring proof you are the parent/guardian of children and that you have custody of the children.
3. Please present the following:
 - a. Picture ID or Drivers License of parent or guardian.
 - b. Birth Certificate, immunization card for each of your children, or other proof of ages from birth to age 12.
4. If you have a low income, please bring your last check stub and/or medical card. We use federal poverty guidelines.

Poverty Guidelines 2015:

<i>Size of Family/Per Week Gross Unit</i>	<i>Size of Family / Per Week Gross Unit</i>
1.....\$339.52	5..... \$819.52
2.....\$459.52	6.....\$939.52
3..... \$579.52	7.....\$1,059.52
4..... \$699.52	8..... \$1,179.52

To Register:

1. Apply in person at the City Hall Annex located at 800 Center St. between 8 am and 11:00 am.
2. Register on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays from October 6th through December 8th (Final day for Registration).
3. Closed the week of Thanksgiving, November 21-28.
4. The last pick-up date is December 12, 2015
5. Recipients can apply only once per year.
6. Availability of gifts dependent upon registration numbers.

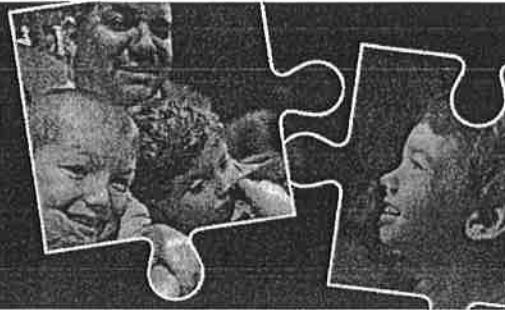
The Corporate Volunteer Council – Giving Tree will also accept registrations beginning on October 6, 2015 on a first-come, first served basis.

Web Site: www.texreynoldstoysfortots.com

1-262-633-1379



**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! 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! Tuesday evening showings have been added, and family-friendly films will continue to show on Saturday mornings.

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**

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

**Spectre 007 - November 10 – 7 PM
The Peanuts Movie – November 14 – 10 AM
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay -Part 2 – November 24 – 7 PM
The Good Dinosaur – November 28 – 10 AM**

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




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Racine Unified Elementary Lunch Menu

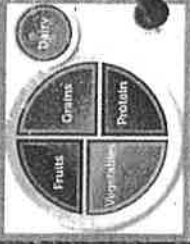


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Pizza Dippers w/ Marinara Sauce ● Fresh Broccoli Buds w/ Ranch Dressing Fruit Medley	3 Fiesta Beef Tacos* w/ Lettuce and Cheese & Taco Sauce Golden Sweet Corn ● Red Delicious Apple	4 Hot Diggity Dog Baked Beans Crunchy Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Dressing 100% Pure Apple Juice	5 Cheese Pizza Slice Crisp Celery Sticks Crunchy Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Dressing Pette Banana	6 No School!
9 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Cherry Tomatoes w/ Ranch Dressing Bartlett Pears	10 Cheesy Baked Penne Garlic Toast Romaine Salad w/ Ranch Dressing Golden Peaches	11 Pepperoni Lil' Bites w/ Marinara Sauce ● Fresh Cauliflower w/ Ranch Dressing Pette Banana	12 French Toast Sticks Turkey Sausage Patty Baked Hash Brown 100% Dragon Punch- Vegetable Juice Applesauce	13 Juicy Cheeseburger* Golden Sweet Corn ● Fresh Broccoli Buds w/ Ranch Dressing ● Red Delicious Apple
16 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans ● Cucumber Slices w/ Ranch Dressing Fresh Sliced Orange	17 Fiesta Beef Nachos* Golden Sweet Corn Zesty Salsa ● Red Delicious Apple	18 Lucky Tray Day Meatball Hoagie* Sweet Garden Peas Crunchy Baby Carrots 100% Pure Apple Juice	19 Cheese Quesadilla Green Beans Tortilla Chips w/ Zesty Salsa ● Red Delicious Apple	20 Mac 'N Cheese Steamed Broccoli Crunchy Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Dressing Pette Banana
23 Chicken Nuggets w/ Seasoned Brown Rice* ● Cucumber Slices Crunchy Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Dressing Fruit Medley	24 Pizza Dippers w/ Marinara Sauce Romaine Salad w/ Ranch Dressing Mandarin Oranges	25 Turkey and Gravy Whipped Potatoes Dinner Roll Baby Carrots w/ Ranch ● Red Delicious Apple Special Treat Day!	26 No School! Happy Thanksgiving! 	27 No School!
30 Popcorn Chicken Dinner Roll Baked Beans Crunchy Baby Carrots Applesauce	1 (December) Mini Maple Pancakes Turkey Sausage Patty Baked Hash Brown 100% Mango Wango- Vegetable Juice Orange Smiles	2 Fiesta Beef Nachos* Golden Sweet Corn Zesty Salsa ● Red Delicious Apple	3 Cheese Pizza Slice Crunchy Baby Carrots ● Fresh Broccoli Buds w/ Ranch Dressing Pette Banana	4 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce* & Garlic Toast Romaine Salad w/ Ranch Dressing Golden Peaches

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.



November is National Sweet Potato Month. Sweet Potatoes are a type of potato that are orange. These vegetables are filled with nutrition. Try them mashed, baked, or roasted this month!



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 the Unified website.

For more information or to "Ask the Dietitian," check out our website!



November 2015

(50th Anniversary Celebration 5-7)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Chick-fil-A Night 4:00-8:00 Choir 2:45 - 3:30 "B-DAY"	4 "C-Day"	5 2 Hr. Early Release 12:45 pm "A-DAY"	6 Parent/Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL	7
8	9 Nutrition Program here "B-DAY"	10 Choir 2:45 - 3:30 C-DAY	11 Veterans Day "A-DAY"	12 Grade 2 to Swimming Picture Retake Day "B-DAY"	13 "C-DAY"	14
15	16 Nutrition Program here "A-DAY"	17 Choir 2:45 - 3:30 "B-DAY"	18 "C-DAY"	19 Grade 2 to Swimming Choir 2:45 - 3:30 "A-DAY"	20 "B-DAY"	21
22	23 Nutrition Program here PTA O & H Kingle Sale begins "C-DAY"	24 Choir 2:45 - 3:00 A-DAY"	25 "B-DAY"	26 NO SCHOOL HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 Nutrition Program Here "C-DAY"					