



# THE CHEETAH CHATTER

## W.C. GIESE SCHOOL



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Dear Giese Families,

Welcome to the March Edition of the 2016- 2017 *Cheetah Chatter*. I'd like to begin this edition by reminding you Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a confirmation from your child's teacher for a conference. Should you need to reschedule the time, please contact the teacher as soon as you are able. We have a very limited window with which to complete these conferences and appreciate your assistance.

There will be no school on March 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a District Professional Development day.

Spring break will be coming up in April this year. It goes from April 14<sup>th</sup>- April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please help us with getting your children to school up until Spring Recess. We want to maximize as much learning as possible and we can only do our best when your children are at school


This year our Forward Exam will take place between March 27<sup>th</sup> - April 7<sup>th</sup>. This test is given to our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Please help up by making sure they are getting plenty of rest.

We are nearing our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final NWEA MAP testing window. This particular testing cycle is the most important. It will show how much growth your child did this year in both Reading and Math. Please help us with your child's success by ensuring they are doing their homework and 20 minutes of reading at home.

Please enjoy the upcoming time off with your child; read some books with them, practice some flashcards, plan a game night, and spend some quality time together. As I have come to learn with my two daughters, they grow up all too quickly!

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

Respectfully,

  
Thomas Hyland  
Principal - Giese Elementary  
"The BEST kept secret in RUSD!"  
2014 Title I School of Recognition  
2013 Title I School of Recognition

## 4 Year Old Kindergarten

We continue to dive into the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss this month. We will share books and do a variety of activities in the classroom. I am looking for Wings approved volunteers to share your favorite Dr. Seuss with the class Monday through Thursday during the month of March. Please see me if you are interested. This is a great time for all families to share these colorful and fun books at home to help reinforce the concept of rhyme.

I look forward to meeting families for Spring Conferences beginning Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is no school for 4K students that day. I am excited to share the amazing progress all students are making this year! Please watch folders for more information and the sign- up sheet.

### Kindergarten

During the first week of March, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with fun spirit days. We will end the month with a reading celebration. Family members and siblings 5 and under are welcome to join us at 2pm on Friday, March 31st at 2pm. Please send back your RSVP if you plan to attend (coming home soon). Thanks.

Please talk about these topics with your child during month:

*Good Attitude* – a positive attitude can help your child deal with the challenges of the day. If you haven't heard this before, "Attitude is everything!" Children with good attitudes about their learning and school are very successful and happy. Talk up school and how important it is for your child.

*Being Friendly* – don't be a bully instead, be a friend. Remind your child to be kind or be quiet. It is difficult in the classroom, lunchroom, playground, etc. when children are choosing unkind ways to treat and talk to each other. Talk up ways to be friendly and how to respond kindly if someone else is not being very nice. It is never OK to fight or fight back at school.

*Doing Our Best* – Some of the work can be difficult in kindergarten but giving it our best will help us learn. Try to help your child understand that we can't learn and know everything and that practice is necessary to learn new skills. So keep trying and trying and if you did your best, then that is what really counts. Practice at home, working together to complete the homework assigned by your child's teacher.

*Being Prepared* – start your day off in a good way, bring necessary items to school: book bags, folders, and other notes. Dress appropriately for both inside and outside the classroom. Think about the changing temperatures and

the wet ground on the playground. Consider having a change of clothes in your child's backpack, even an extra pair of socks can be helpful.

*Hungry and Sleepyheads* – we have many children that are hungry in the morning. Please make sure your child eats before school or comes to school between 7:30 until 7:45 am for our free school breakfast held in the gym. If your child rides the bus, they should be encouraged to eat breakfast at school if they did not eat at home. Our lunch is not until 11:50 am and it is very hard to concentrate and learn with an empty stomach. A good night of sleep does wonders for a good day in school, too. Thanks for your help in this area.

*Thanks to all Giese Families!* - We held our kindergarten Field Trip Fundraiser last month, selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Yum! We have earned funds to help offset the cost of spring field trips and other activities we are planning for the students.

*Talk to your Teacher* – if you are having any difficulties and need our assistance, please contact us. Spring conferences are coming, please return requested sign up forms ASAP (coming home soon.)

## First Grade

It's exciting to watch the first graders use their newly acquired reading skills. Book browsing is a favorite all time activity. The Racine Public Library is a good source of reading materials and a great place for family interaction. Continue reading together every night! If you have access to the internet, working on RAZ Kids is something the kids enjoy. Compass Learning is also great practice for Language Arts and Math!

Memorizing basic addition (+) and subtraction (-) facts are important skills that should be reinforced at home. Practice counting by 5's, and 10's.

We have our district-sponsored field trip to the Racine Heritage Museum this Wednesday for Rooms 17 & 18. Room 19 will go on Thursday.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be March 23rd & 24<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information to come soon.

-Reading-Please review the weekly spelling and vocabulary words with your child. These words will be getting more difficult and the year continues.

-Science/Social Studies-We are just starting chapter 3 (animals) in science. Feel free to study vocabulary words and re-read the chapter with your child.

-Math-We are working on area and perimeter. Following that will be customary units of measurement.

-Please read and sign the assignment book each night.

-Please replenish your child's supplies if needed. They almost all need pencils and erasers.

-State Forward testing will begin March 27.

As always, let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

## Fifth Grade

Spring is almost here! We are getting very lucky with this mild Winter. This month the fifth graders will be attending two free field trips. On Tuesday, March 14th we will be going to Grace Church to see the Racine Symphony Orchestra. All fifth graders in the city attend this informative and entertaining concert. On Thursday, March 16th, we will be going to the Golden Rondelle to see a laser light show. It's an exciting time of year but the students really need to remain focused. The Wisconsin Forward Exam is scheduled for the last week of this month. We will be keeping you informed as we get closer. However, our exams will take place each morning from 8:30-9:30. It is critical that the students are here on time, well rested and breakfast in their tummy :) Have a wonderful March!



A Note from the School Counselor and Social Worker

# Physical Education

During the month of February, all physical education classes participated in Jump/Hoops For Heart. Students had fun learning how to jump rope and learning different basketball skills. As a school, we surpassed last year's goal to fundraise \$1,500. Through everyone's great efforts, we fundraised \$1,573!! Way to go Giese Cheetahs!!!! I personally want to thank everyone that participated and helped fundraise for this event.

## Top 3 Fundraisers:

1. Jahire Hardin - Pulliam

\$325

2. Natalie Schroeder

\$200

3. Braiden Behrens

\$195



**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**

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

**Rock Dog – March 11  
Kong: Skull Island – March 14  
Beauty and the Beast – March 25  
Power Rangers – March 28**

**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:

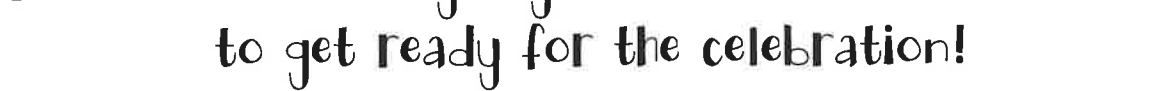
Autism Society: <http://www.autism-society.org/get-involved/other-ways-to-get-involved/sensory-friendly-films/>

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



# DID YOU KNOW...

March is “Music in Our Schools” Month?!  
And we have a lot going on in the music classroom  
to get ready for the celebration!



- **Test your knowledge!!**

I'll be asking music trivia questions over the morning announcements at the beginning of each week in March. There will be a total of (5) TWO-PART questions, one for EACH week in March! The student who turns in and answers the most questions correctly by **Friday, March 31st** will win a special prize! I encourage students to take the questions home and research the answer by using the Internet or asking a family member for guidance! Here's how to participate...

1. Listen for the trivia question on the morning announcements every Monday (or find it hanging on the outside of my classroom)
2. Write down your answer on the orange trivia sheets that you can get from your teacher or Ms. Miller.
3. Turn them into the music room by Friday of that week. **GOOD LUCK!!**

- **Get ready for the show!!**

There will also be some musical guests visiting our school, performing for both enjoyment and educational purposes! The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will also be attending the Racine Symphony Orchestra Concert on **Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. This is an annual invitation extended to the district's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and it's always a fun learning opportunity for everyone!



- **Grab your scissors & glue!**

Because there's a *HOMEMADE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT* contest to win!! Students are encouraged to use unusual materials and things they find at home, outside, or anywhere they can, to create a musical instrument! There are many ideas on Pinterest and online to get inspiration. The student has until **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** to complete and bring their instrument to me (Ms. Miller) for voting. The winner will receive a special prize!




- **Warm up those singing voices!**

We will end our exciting musical month with an all-school sing-along on **Friday, March 31st!** We will be singing classic folk songs like “My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean” and “I've Been Workin' on the Railroad,” as well as new songs from around the world, & fun pop songs the kids are hearing on the radio today! There will also be a small performance from our very own Giese Choir!

Check out Ms. Miller's music classroom website for more info, songs, videos, and fun music activities:

[www.sites.google.com/prod/rusd.org/millermusic/home](http://www.sites.google.com/prod/rusd.org/millermusic/home)



*Not only does music have a way of making us feel, sing, dance, & express ourselves in a way unlike anything else, but it also has the ability to help us celebrate, relax, learn and grow in many other ways & areas of life & is a part of us every day! I encourage you to check the back of this letter for opportunities to see live performances, or to seek out an opportunity of your own this March, attend a concert, see a show, watch a movie musical, or just sing with your family in the car while you're driving around, and to share the gift of music with each other all month long!*

*Musically Yours – Ms. Monica Miller – Giese Music Teacher*



Family friendly musicals to see this March in the community!

# Junie B. Jones The MUSICAL

Lakeside Players – Rhode Center for the Arts  
514 56th St, Kenosha, WI 53140  
Tickets: (262) 657-7529 or [www.rhodecenter.org](http://www.rhodecenter.org)

Dates: Fri. 3/31 @ 7:30pm  
Sat. 4/1 @ 3:00pm & 7:30pm  
Sun. 4/2 @ 3:00pm  
Fri. 4/7 @ 7:30pm  
Sat. 4/8 @ 3:00pm & 7:30pm  
Sun. 4/9 @ 3:00pm



Kenosha School District – Harborside Academy  
Reuther High School Auditorium  
913 57th St, Kenosha, WI 53140  
Tickets: [kUSD.org](http://kUSD.org) – Theatre Department

Dates: Fri. 3/24 @ 7:00pm  
Sat. 3/25 @ 7:00pm  
Sun. 3/26 @ 3:00pm



Indian Trail High School – Auditorium  
6800 60th St, Kenosha, WI 53144  
Tickets: [kUSD.org](http://kUSD.org) – Theatre Department

Dates: Fri. 3/31 @ 7:30pm  
Sat. 4/1 @ 7:30pm  
Sun. 4/2 @ 2:00pm  
Fri. 4/7 @ 7:30pm  
Sat. 4/8 @ 7:30pm  
Sun. 4/9 @ 2:00pm



Racine Horlick High School – Auditorium  
2119 Rapids Drive Racine, WI 53404

Dates: Fri. 3/24 @ 7:00pm  
Sat. 3/25 @ 7:00pm  
Fri. 3/31 @ 7:00pm  
Sat. 4/1 @ 7:00pm



# March 2017

## National Nutrition Month



**Racine Unified**  
**Elementary Lunch Menu**



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Jumbo Cheese Ravioli Spaghetti Sauce V Garlic Toast Cucumber Coins Pette Banana	7 Macaroni & Cheese Casserole Dinner Roll Glazed Carrots Broccoli Fruit Medley	8 French Toast Stixs Turkey Sausage Patty Hash Brown Square Dragon Punch Juice Orange Slices	9 Juicy Cheeseburger* Baked Beans Baby Carrots Apple Half	10 NO SCHOOL 
13 Pizza Dippers Spaghetti Sauce Steamed Broccoli Apple Half	14 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Celery Sticks Goldfish Crackers Diced Pear	15 Mini Turkey Pancake Wraps Hash Brown Square 100% Mango Wango Vegetable Juice Orange Slices	16 Spaghetti Meat Sauce* Garlic Toast Romaine Diced Peaches	17 Salisbury Steak Whipped Potatoes Dinner Roll Baby Carrots Applesauce 
20 Cheese Quesadilla V Green Beans Tortilla Chips Salsa Apple Half	21 <i>Lucky Tray Day</i> Crispy Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Baby Carrots Applesauce	22 French Toast Stixs Turkey Sausage Link Hash Brown Square Dragon Punch Juice Orange Slices	23 NO SCHOOL 	24 NO SCHOOL
27 Cheese Pizza V Fresh Broccoli Baby Carrots Pette Banana	28 Chicken Pop Dogs Baked Beans Celery Sticks Applesauce	29 Pancakes Turkey Sausage Patty Hash Brown Square 100% Mango Wango Vegetable Juice Orange Slices	30 Hot Ham & Cheese on Pretzel Bun Fresh Cauliflower Baby Carrots Juicy Pineapple	31 Fiesta Beef Nachos* Hot Corn Tortilla Chips Salsa Apple Half

**Farm Fresh Produce**  
*Focussing...*  
**Beets**  
 Beets have a sweet flavor. They taste like a mixture of carrots and tomatoes!



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

- Arbor A+ Nutrition Standards:**
- ✓ Encourage nutritious & delicious Fruits & Vegetables
  - ✓ Chicken raised Cage-Free and Grain-Fed with NO added Hormones/Steroids
  - ✓ Fat Free or 1% Milk with NO Artificial Growth Hormones
  - ✓ Whole Grain Rich products every day
  - ✓ Baked instead of Deep Fried
  - ✓ Minimal Saturated Fat, Added Sugars, Artificial Ingredients, and Sodium whenever possible!
- Arbor Management*  
**Make Choices for a Healthy Lifestyle!**  
 Questions about the menu?  
 Arbor Management, Inc.  
 262-664-8700  
 dietitian@usd.org

Comprehensive nutrition & allergy guides are available under "Food Service" on the RUSD website.  
 This menu follows USDA National School Lunch Program guidelines. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Elementary menus are pork- and nut-free.  
 \*Contains Beef

# March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Room 17 & 18 to Racine Heritage Museum "A-DAY"	2 Room 19 to Racine Heritage Museum Cheer Practice "B-DAY"	3 4K in Session "C-DAY"	4
5 LIBRARY WEEK	6 Gr. 2 Master Gardeners (12:00) Yoga in WLC (9:30-12:00) "A-DAY"	7 NO CHOIR "B-DAY"	8 SPRING PICTURES Nutrition Program for Grade 5 "C-DAY"	9 Junior Achievement Day Cheer Practice "A-DAY"	10 NO SCHOOL Giese vs. Knapp @ 6:30	11
12	13 "B-DAY"	14 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Racine Symphony Choir 2:45-3:30 "C-DAY"	15 Nutrition Program for Grade 5 "A-DAY"	16 Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 "B-DAY"	17 4 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Positive Impact (11:30) "C-DAY"	18
19 LIBRARY WEEK	20 Grade 2 Master Gardeners (12:00) "A-DAY"	21 Choir 2:45-3:30 "B-DAY"	22 Nutrition Program for Grade 5 "C-DAY"	23 NO 4K NO SCHOOL For All Students Parent/Teacher Conferences	24 NO SCHOOL For ALL STUDENTS End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	25
26	27 "A-DAY"	28 Choir (2:45-3:30) "B-DAY"	29 Nutrition Program For Grade 5 "C-DAY"	30 Cheer Practice "A-DAY"	31 Report Cards go Home "B-DAY"	