



THE CHEETAH CHATTER

W.C. GIESE SCHOOL



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Dear Giese Families,

Welcome to the May Edition of the 2016 - 2017 *Cheetah Chatter*. We are getting ready to begin Spring NWEA MAP assessments in reading and math for all Giese Cheetahs in grades K-5. We want to see ALL of our Giese Cheetahs taking these assessments seriously and giving us their BEST efforts. Scores will be coming home with your child by the end of May.

Giese Elementary had a very successful McTeacher Night in April. It was wonderful to see all of our families show up and spend time out of the school environment. We love spending time with our families. Thank you for supporting Giese Elementary School. ☺

Our final 2-hour Early Release will be taking place on Friday, May 19th. Your child will be dismissed at 12:45am and lunch WILL be served on this day. Your child will also be off of school on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.

Summer School forms were recently sent home with your child. All elementary schools that are hosting Summer School will offer a curriculum focusing on Reading, Math and Science. During the summer, many students experience a 'summer slide'. What that means is that reading and math skills tend to diminish if they are not being used on a daily basis. Summer school offers time for your child to continue using these skills. When school starts in the fall, we don't want to have to 'reteach' skills that they may have forgotten over the summer. If you have not signed your child up for Summer School, please consider doing so.

The end of the year is approaching quickly but all of our Giese Cheetahs still have a lot of learning to do. Please remind your child each morning to come to school prepared and to give us their best effort each and every day!

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!"
2014-2015 Title I School of Recognition
2013-2014 Title I School of Recognition

4 Yr. Old Kindergarten

May is an exciting month for Room 7. I am so proud of the progress that my students are making, especially on the skill of name writing. Thank you for all of your support at home. Pals testing will take place during May. You can work on these early literacy skills by reading to your child every day. Our Family Involvement is a play date at The Kid's Cove (by Lake Michigan) on Friday, May 27th from 1:30-2:30. We are planning a class picnic on June 8th. . Siblings are welcome at both events.

Kindergarten

We are having a Mother's Day Concert and Tea starting at 1:30pm in the West Learning Center on Friday, May 12. All moms, grandmas, and aunties are invited to attend. Please send back your RSVP, so we can plan for this special day. We are getting close to the end of the school year but we still have lots of learning to do to be ready for first grade. Please continue to work with your child on learning all the sight words, blending letter/ sound skills, and counting including skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s. Please spend at least 10-20 minutes a night reading. Work on learning names and values of the coins, too. Finally, work on learning all personal information including birthday, address, and phone number. We have 2 field trips planned. River Bend is on Wednesday, May 3 and our field trip to Green Meadows Farm is on Tuesday, May 30th. Please return all fees and permission slips ASAP. We appreciate all your help supporting our Krispy Kreme fundraiser to help offset some of the cost to attend. Thanks so much to those who have volunteered to chaperone, we will need more chaperones to make this a fun and safe day at the farm. Please remember that the weather continues to change from warm to cold and dressing in layers can help both in the classroom and outside. We look forward to seeing the children grow even more this spring.

First Grade

As the school year begins to wrap up please encourage your child to show good behavior and work to the best of their ability. It is important that your child comes to school each day on time. There is so much that we need to teach and that the students need to learn before second grade. We have had a great year, but there is still work to be done.

Our next topic in Math will be adding and subtracting multiples of 10, place value, and analyzing, writing, and counting to 130 (3 digit numbers).

MAP testing begins Monday, May 1st through Friday, May 12th. Please make sure your child is here on time, well rested and had a good breakfast on those days. Thank you!

Second Grade

We are in the final stretch of the school year. There is still a lot of learning to take place. Please continue to encourage your child to read and practice math facts each night. We will complete our final MAP tests for the school year in the next two weeks. We look forward to celebrating the learning that took place this school year. Please look for a permission slip to our final field trip of the school year. We will be going to Wheaton Franciscan Hospital. Half of the students will go on May 8th and the other half will go on May 22nd. The field trip is free of charge for the students. Please sign and return the permission slip as soon as possible.

Third Grade

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Fourth Grade

Thank you to everyone who ordered carnations for Mother's Day. It's a great fundraiser for our 4th grade. The flowers will be given to students to bring home on Friday, May 12th. There will be a few extra to buy that day if anyone would like a few more.

-Reading-Please review the weekly spelling and vocabulary words with your child. These words have been getting more difficult as the year is coming to a close.

-Science/Social Studies-We will be moving on to the plants chapter in science. We just finished learning about the 11 eastern United States (chapter 3). Near the end of May, the students will have a 50 states and capitals social studies test. We've been working on this all year. Please keep studying! They need to do this by memory.

-Math-Keep using Compass Learning and First in Math to practice your math skills. Please go over math homework nightly with your child to check for accuracy.

-As we get closer to the end of the year field trips and fun activities, please remind your child that behavior needs to continue to be his/her best. We'd like everyone to participate in all the fun events as the year winds down.

Fifth Grade

The fifth graders are wrapping up a nutrition program that they have been participating in for the past two months. I hope that you have found the handouts in your child's folder. In addition to great information, there have been several yummy recipes. This next week begins MAPs testing. This test is the final measure of how much your child has learned over the course of the year. The students know their goals and what they are working toward. Please be sure to provide a good night's sleep and send them to school early for breakfast if they are not eating at home. These scores do follow the students to the middle school and can provide information for future teachers when placing them in classes. They have worked really hard and now it is time to shine! Please mark your calendars for the 5th Grade Awards Program that will be held on Tuesday, June 6th at 1:10 p.m.



Box Tops for Education & Campbells Soup Labels



Please turn in any Box Tops for Education before the end of the year. We will turn in one more submission in June. Save all box tops that you collect over the summer to turn in to the office in the fall when we return back to school!!



Unfortunately the Campbell Soup Company is ending their label collection program and we are able to turn in one more request before the end of the school year. As of July 1st they have ended their program. Please send in any Campbell's labels ASAP!

4K REGISTRATION for FALL

All children who are 4 years old on or before September 1, 2017 are eligible for our 4K Class here at Giese in the fall. Registration can only be done online or at the RUSD District Enrollment Center. When you register online you will still need to bring in a birth certificate and proof of address to the Enrollment Center. Giese will be offering full-day 4K next year with attendance Monday-Thursday and the 1st Friday of each month. Classes are filling up fast so don't delay!

A Note from the School Counselor and Social Worker

April's focus was on citizenship. We did all sorts of activities in the classroom. Grades 2-4 decorated grocery bags that will be returned to the Pick N Save on Spring/Hwy 31. Kindergarten and First grade listened to the awesome story "If Kids Ran The World". They decorated their classroom door with ideas on how to make our world better! We also talked about picking up litter, listening, helping and saving water as well as paying attention to our actions and choices. Our 5th graders did their career inventory and some were also able to participate in decorating grocery bags. We are super excited for our ACP conferences for 5th grade. If you haven't scheduled yours, feel free to call or email me. We'll be discussing many wonderful things about your 5th grader and all we worked on this year. Our evening event is at 5:15 on Thursday, May 11th. Please sign the paper and add your child's name so I can prepare, thank you!!

We made a huge difference with our Pennies for Patients Fundraiser! Congratulations to Mrs. Martinez's class for winning the pasta party!! Thank you to all who donated!! We are helping others ☺

Our Annual Buddy Bingo Night is Wednesday, May 3rd at 5:15. We'll have awesome raffles and snacks!! Please join us with your child.

Thank you for all you do at home to keep your child successful at school.

Feel free to contact us at anytime!! Helpful websites: www.loveandlogic.com, www.kidshealth.org and <http://www.racinecountyfoodbank.org/>

Racine County Food Bank: (262) 632-2307
Mrs. Howard 664-8282



Title I Families: Visit the Title I Parent Center for Resources and Support

The Title I Parent Center, located at Red Apple School (914 St. Patrick Street) is an excellent resource for RUSD Title I families. The Title I Parent Center is available through the end of the school year by appointment 9-11:30 am and 2-5:30 pm on the following Wednesdays: May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24, May 31 and June 7.

To schedule a free 30 minute parent session to learn tips on how to help your child with homework, study skills and more, please call or text Ale Medina at 262.221.5396. Walk-ins are also welcome.

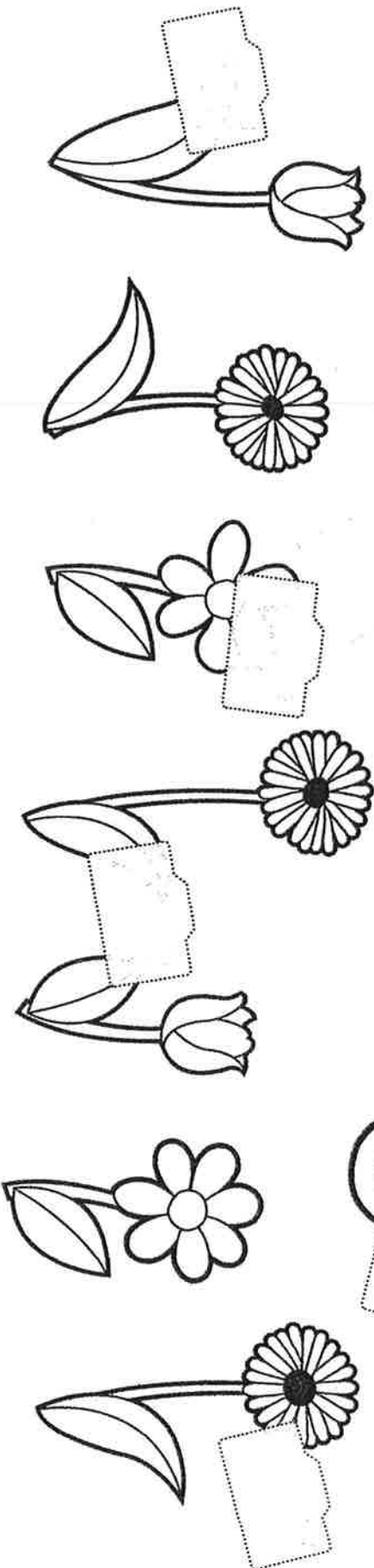
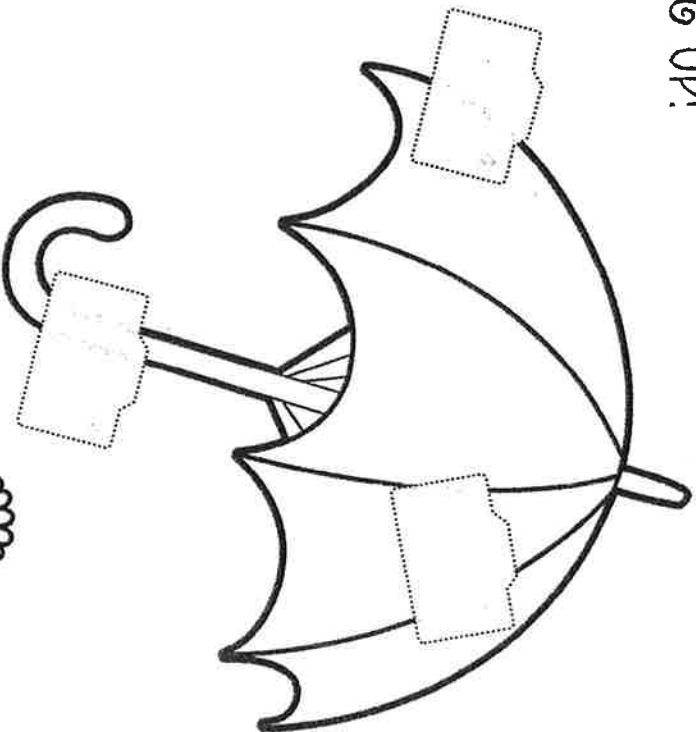
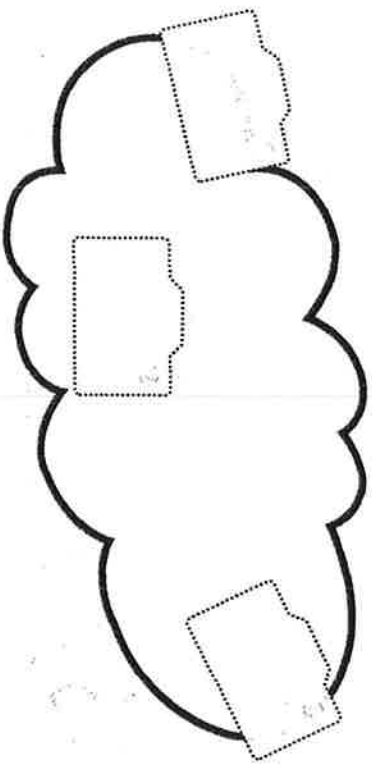
The Title I Parent Center can provide free reading and math supplies to parents of Title I students. We ask that parents reach out to their child's teacher for suggestions on things you can do at home to support your student prior to visiting the Center. Free materials may include leveled and high interest books, backpacks, school supplies, math cards and games, money skills and shape activities and more. Not sure if your school is Title I - click here for a list of RUSD Title I schools.

Homeroom competition going on thru month of May! Bring in your boxtops!!



SHOWER YOUR SCHOOL WITH BOX TOPS

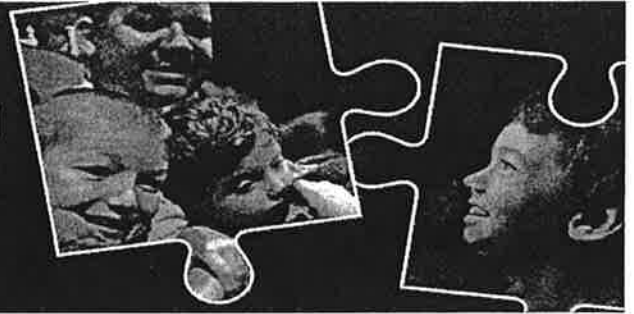
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT WILL SPRING UP!



Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school; just fill in the collection sheet and send it to school. Please do not staple Box Tops or attach Bonus Box Tops Certificates to any collection sheets. To see more ways to earn cash for your 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**

May Showings: (date, film & admission prices are subject to change at any time. Please contact theater for show times)

**Guardians of the Galaxy: Volume 2 – May 9 & 13
Alien: Covenant – May 23
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul – May 27**

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>

TITLE ONE LEGO NIGHT

Title One Lego Night on May 24th had an overwhelming response, but we have a limit of 50 families. **Only the families that receive a ticket in the mail will be allowed to attend.** If you have any questions please call the Giese at 664-8250.

May is Better Hearing & Speech Month!

Each May, **The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)** celebrates Better Hearing and Speech Month. This annual event is designed to raise awareness and promote the treatment of communication disorders. Some communication deficits include: hearing loss, stuttering, delayed language skills, speech sound production errors, non-verbal, socially inept, memory or reasoning problems, voice quality concerns, or difficulties with swallowing. For 2017, the theme is "Communication: The Key to Connection."

ASHA is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for more than 191,500 speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists. Contact your local speech-language pathologist or audiologist if you have concerns about your loved one's communication skills and needs.

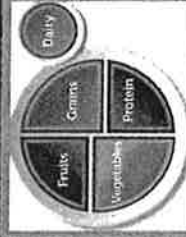


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Racine Unified Elementary Lunch Menu



Farm Fresh Produce

Soybeans

The protein in Soybeans have all the essential amino acids your body needs, just like animal protein.

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.
262-864-8700
dietitian@rusd.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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Pizza Dippers V Spaghetti Sauce Steamed Broccoli Apple Half	2 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Baby Carrots Juicy Pineapple	3 Mini Turkey Pancake Wraps Hash Brown Squares 100% Mango Wango Vegetable Juice Orange Slices	4 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce* Garlic Toast Romaine Salad Diced Peaches	5 Cheese Enchilada Spanish Rice Salsa Baby Carrots Fruit Medley
8 Cheese Pizza V Fresh Broccoli Baby Carrots Petite Banana	9 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Celery Sticks Goldfish Crackers Diced Pear	10 <i>Lucky Tray Day</i> French Toast Stix Turkey Sausage Link Hash Brown Square Dragon Punch Juice Orange Slices	11 Pepperoni Lil' Bites Steamed Broccoli Spaghetti Sauce Baby Carrots 100% Apple Juice	12 *Beef Tacos Golden Sweet Corn Romaine Fresh Pear
15 Cheese Quesadilla V Golden Sweet Corn Tortilla Chips Salsa Apple Half	16 Chicken Pop Dogs Baked Beans Celery Sticks Diced Pears	17 Pancakes Turkey Sausage Patty Hash Brown Square 100% Mango Wango Vegetable Juice Orange Slices	18 *Juicy Cheeseburger Steamed Broccoli Baby Carrots Applesauce	19 EARLY RELEASE Turkey & Cheese Club Celery Sticks Baby Carrots 100% Apple Juice
22 Pizza Dippers V Golden Sweet Corn Spaghetti Sauce Apple Half	23 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Celery Sticks Fruit Medley	24 French Toast Stix Turkey Sausage Patty Hash Brown Square Dragon Punch Juice Orange Slices	25 Cheesy Lasagna Roll Spaghetti Sauce Garlic Toast Fresh Cauliflower Diced Pears	26 Hot Ham & Cheese on Pretzel Bun Fresh Broccoli Baby Carrots Juicy Pineapple
29 NO SCHOOL 	30 Popcorn Chicken Baked Beans Dinner Roll Cucumber Coins Juicy Pineapple	31 Sausage, Egg, Cheese Burrito Hash Brown Square 100% Mango Wango Vegetable Juice Orange Slices	1 Turkey Hot Dog Tator Tots Cherry Tomatoes 100% Apple Juice	2 *Fiesta Beef Nachos Golden Sweet Corn Salsa Tortilla Chips Apple Half

Strawberry Milk

*Elementary menus are pork- and nut-free.

*Contains Beef

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Map Testing begins Gr. 2 to Golden Rondelle 12:00 "B-DAY"	2 Choir 2:45-3:30 "C-DAY"	3 Kindergarten to River Bend 8:30 Bully Prevention Bingo 5: 5:15 "A-DAY"	4 Gr. 2 Smokehouse 9:00 Transition Program Gr. 5 2:45-4:30 Cheer Practice "B-DAY"	5 4K in Session "C-DAY"	6
7 LIBRARY WEEK	8 Gr. 2 to Hospital Rm. 21 & ½ of 22 "A-DAY"	9 Band/Orchestra Choir Concert 1:30 p.m. NO Choir Practice "B-DAY"	10 Peer Meditation Banquet Field Trip "C-DAY"	11 Gr. 5 Parent Night 5:15-6:15 "A-DAY"	12 Positive Impact Gr. 4 Kindergarten Mother's Day Concert 1:30 "B-DAY"	13
14 Mother's Day	15 Choir to sing @ Police dedication at Park 10:00 AM Master Gardeners Gr. 3 "C-DAY"	16 Choir 2:45-3:30 "A-DAY"	17 "B-DAY"	18 Transition Program Gr. 5 2:45-5:30 Cheer Practice 2:45 "C-DAY"	19 2Hr. Early Release School dismissed "A-DAY"	*20 <i>12:45</i>
21	22 Grade 2 to hospital Room 23 ½ of 22 "B-DAY"	23 Choir 2:45-3:30 "C-DAY"	24 Title 1 Parent Involvement Lego Night 5:00-6:30 "A-DAY"	25 Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 "B-DAY"	26 Spelling Bee 1:30 p.m. "C-DAY"	27
28	*29 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	30 Kindergarten to Green Meadows 9:15-2:15 "A-DAY"	31 Gr. 3 to Racine Gymnastics Center "B-DAY" 10:10-1:30		<i>June 9 - last day of school.</i>	