



THE CHEETAH CHATTER

W.C. GIESE SCHOOL



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Dear Giese Families,

Welcome to the June Edition of the 2015-2016 *Cheetah Chatter*. This will be the final newsletter that you will receive this academic year.

I would like to take a moment and recognize the following PTA members: Joel Schroeder, Amanda Schroeder, and Malissa Goebel. These individuals have given a lot of their time and energy to this organization and our school over the past year. Thank you for ALL of your efforts on behalf of the students and staff at Giese Elementary! I would also encourage other parents and family members to become active in this organization when school resumes in the fall. It truly does benefit everyone in the school.

I also want to thank EVERYONE for an extremely successful 2015-2016 school year. The academic improvements that our Giese Cheetahs have shown from the beginning of the year until now is a true testament to the hard work of the teaching and learning staff as well as the support of our parents/guardians at home. A great job to all!

If you have not signed your child up for Summer School, please consider doing so as it is not too late.

Please encourage your child to read this summer. Register for a free library card down at the Racine Public Library and get books in their hands. Stop at one of the local Dollar Stores and pick up some boxes of Sight Words and Math Flashcards. You will be truly amazed at how only 15 - 30 minutes of practice each day during the summer will keep your child mentally ready to return in the fall.

The final day of school is Tuesday, June 7th. Some other important dates to note are:

- Friday, June 3rd: 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony (1:15pm in our West Learning Center)
- Monday, June 6th: Field Day for all Giese Cheetahs
- Tuesday, June 7th: Skatetown for all Giese Cheetahs

Finally, I would like to take a moment and recognize three important and valuable members of our staff. Two are retiring and one is transferring at the end of this year. I have had the honor and privilege to work with Dick Arndt (Head Engineer) and Jennifer Eade-Voneiff (Inclusion Teacher). They are absolutely amazing!! They will be sorely missed by all. Also, Kaitlyn Ebersole will be taking a position at a new school. She will be an asset to her new school. Best of luck to all of you in your new endeavors.

Respectfully,

Tom 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 Year Old Kindergarten

June is going to be a busy month for Room 7. I look forward to outdoor learning centered around our study of balls as the weather turns nicer. We have Field Day on the 6th and a class picnic at Hantschel Park on the 7th from 10:00-1:00 for both classes as long as the weather cooperates. For me, June is a time for reflection on the school. I think back to September and know that each and every student has made tremendous growth this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Giese community for their support this year. I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer full of fun and excitement.

Kindergarten

We are very close to the end of this school year. The children have grown so much in their reading, writing, math, and social skills. It has been fun and rewarding seeing the children develop confidence in their new found abilities. Some areas to be proud include knowing both upper and lowercase names and sounds. Using these letters to blend sounds and read new words. Using our brain to remember high frequency words (sight words), which most often the children can't use the sound blending strategy to figure out, these are called the trick words! Their handwriting has improved from unconnected strokes to free flowing writing of words and sentences. You should be so proud, we are!

Just a few reminders, please make sure your child is getting enough rest since we have more to still learn to be ready for first grade. Our last fieldtrip of the school year will be a walking trip to Star Roller Rink on the Tuesday, June 7, this is the last day of school, make sure your child wears or has socks to skate, turns in permission slip, and fee. Finally, we are always looking for a few parents to help on our Field Day, which is Monday, June 6. We hope you have a wonderful summer vacation and during the extra time continue to reinforce your child's skills so they will be ready for first grade. Now, not only can you read to your child but your child can read to you, too. Use all the books and materials sent home to help bridge learning during the summer. You might also consider registering for a summer school course here at Giese to enrich and grow in further skills. Thanks again for the opportunity to learn with your child, it has been our pleasure.

First Grade

The end of the 2015-2016 school year has arrived and we would like to thank you all for your help, support, and involvement this year. We feel privileged to have worked with your child.

Behavior problems continue as excitement for the end of the year approaches. Please review school, classroom, and especially recess rules with your child. **If behavior problems continue some students will be missing out on the fun activities.**

Your child has been introduced to many skills this school year and we ask that you reinforce and maintain them with trips to the library and endless reading and writing experiences! Make sure math facts are memorized so that your child does not need to rely on their fingers or counters. There is still time to sign up for Summer School! Have a wonderful and safe summer!

The last week of school is a busy week. June 6th is field day, first grade will have field day in the morning. On June 7th the first grade will be going to Star Roller Rink from 9:30-11:30. June 7th is THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.

Second Grade

Wow, where has the time gone! It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here. There are several fun activities planned for your child before the year is done. First, all second graders will be going to the Kansasville Fire Department on June 1st. Next will be field day on June 6th. Each classroom needs a Wings approved volunteer to help out at a station. Please let us know if you are interested. Finally, on the last day of school June 7th we will be going to Star Roller Rink. We will be there from 9:30-11:30. Please make sure that your child wears shoes and socks on all of these days. We have enjoyed working with you and your child this school year. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Third Grade

If your child was recommended to attend summer school, please enroll online. If you need assistance, call the office.

Report cards will be sent home with your child on the last day of school. If your child earned a Six Flags ticket, it will be inside of his/her report card envelope.

We will be going on our annual end of the year field trip to Racine Gymnastics on June 3rd. Please be sure to return the permission slips and the \$5 fee for the trip.

Please continue to encourage your child to read lots of books over the summer. The Racine Public Library and Barnes and Noble have great summer reading incentive programs. Also, continue to practice/memorize all math facts (+, -, x, /). Have a fantastic summer break!

Fourth Grade

The end of the school year is in sight. This fourth grade year has really flown by, and the students have come so far in learning. We encourage you to continue working at home over the summer time with your children to help them retain all of the things that they have learned. Here are some ideas of what you could do:

1. Read nightly 20 minutes.
2. Compass learning
3. Raz kids
4. First in Math
5. Flash cards for math

A reminder that we have two classroom field trips left for the school year. On Thursday, June 2nd, we will be heading to Madison for the day. Don't forget to be on time and to have their lunches with them.

We also have a bowling field trip on Friday, June 3rd. Make sure that all students bring socks that day.

We thank you for your support this year, and we wish you well next year as they move on to fifth grade. They should do a marvelous job!

Fifth Grade

The 5th Grade team would like to say what a pleasure it has been to teach your children. We had lots of laughs and “interesting” moments! We wish you well in future endeavors! See you at the Celebration Ceremony on June 3, 2016.

Congratulations to the 2016 Spelling Bee Contestants Our Winner this year was Angel Flores from Room 37

Grade Three

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| Room 32 | Kayla Winston & Anthony Searcy |
| Room 33 | Kori Ahart & Nehemiah Walker |
| Room 34 | Andrew Tessman & Uriel Mendoza |
| Room 40 | Joshua Mohr & Janae Gates |

Grade Four

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| Room 35 | Kaleigh Thompson & Daniel Bura-Arebelo |
| Room 36 | Elijah Harmon & Kiara Parker |

Grade Five

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| Room 37 | Nathan Saravia & Angel Flores |
| Room 38 | DeNarius St. Clair & Madeline Kelleher |

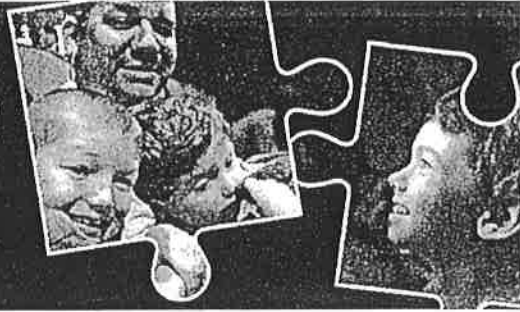
The winner receives a trophy and his name engraved on the plaque in the main office.

4K & KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is still going on for any 4K or Kindergarten students for fall. Children must be either 4 or 5 on or before September 1st by state law. You must take your child's birth certificate or baptismal record, proof of address and immunization records to the RUSD Welcome Center at 3109 Mr. Pleasant Street in order to enroll. The Welcome Center is open Monday-Friday from 7:40-4:30 to register. If you have any questions, please call the Enrollment Center at 631-7194.



**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

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

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows – June 11

X-Men: Apocalypse – June 14

Finding Dory – June 25

The Secret Life of Pets – July 9

The BFG – July 12

Ghostbusters – July 26

Suicide Squad – August 9

Pete's Dragon – August 13 & 27

War Dogs – August 23

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>



Elementary Lunch Menu

JUNE 2016

Arbor A+ Nutrition Standards:

- ✓ Make Choices for a Healthy Lifestyle!
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Minimal Saturated Fat, Added Sugars, Artificial Ingredients, and Sodium whenever possible!



Questions about the menu?
Call Arbor Management, Inc.
262-664-8700
www.arbormgt.com



Comprehensive Nutrition & Allergy Guides are available on the RUSD website.
Elementary menus are pork- and nut-free.

Lunch \$2.45
Milk 45¢

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 30 Happy Memorial Day!! | 31 My Plate Day French Toast Sticks w/ Turkey Sausage Patty Baked Hashbrown Triangle 100% Dragon Punch Vegetable Juice Applesauce | 1 Cheese Pizza Crunchy Baby Carrots Broccoli Buds Petite Banana | 2 Hot Diggity Dog Baked Beans Cherry Tomatoes 100% Apple Juice | 3 Pepperoni Lil Bites w/ Marinara Sauce Fresh Cauliflower Sliced Orange |
| 6 Pizza Dippers with Marinara Sauce Broccoli Buds Fruit Medley | 7 Turkey and Cheese Sub Cucumber Slices Crunchy Baby Carrots Orange Craisins | Have a GREAT | | |

It is National Dairy Month

Get calcium,

protein, and vitamin D

- * Strong bones
- * Healthy muscles
- * Growth spurts

Try to get 3 cups a day



Free Summer Meals!

Arbor Management will provide breakfast and lunch for all Racine Unified students 18 years and under at no cost through the Summer Food Service Program. Check your newspaper for site locations.



Choice of Milk Daily

*Contains beef ingredients. Menu changes may be necessary. Notice will be given when possible. This menu follows USDA National School Lunch Program guidelines. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

June 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Grade 2 Kansasville Fire Dept. (9:00-2:00) "C-DAY" Gr. 5 to 1M 9:30-11:30 Gr. 4 to Museum "A-DAY" | 2 Gr. 4 to Madison (8:00-2:45) "A-DAY" | 3 5 th Grade Program 1:15 K-Trip to Zoo 4 th Gr. Bowling 3 rd Gr. To Gymnastics | 4 |
| 5 | 6 FIELD DAY K-2 8:50-10:30 Gr. 3-5 12:50-2:30 "C-DAY" | 7 Last day of school Star Roller Rink Trip K-2 9:30-11:30 Gr. 3-5 12:30-2:30 "A-DAY" | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS 8:00-1:00 | 16 | 17 No Summer School | 18 |
| 19 Father's Day | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 No Summer School | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | No Summer School | |