



THE CHEETAH CHATTER

W.C. GIESE SCHOOL



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Dear Giese Families,

Welcome to the February Edition of the 2015 - 2016 *Cheetah Chatter*. I think we are all glad to see January come to an end, as it has certainly been one crazy month of weather. Let's hope that it will finally begin to warm up so that we can begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Your child is currently finishing up their Winter NWEA MAP assessments in the subjects of reading and mathematics. We will be sending home results of how your child performed by the end of February. Your child will then take these same assessments in the spring where we hope to see a lot of growth shown by ALL Giese Cheetahs.

The next PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 9th at 6:00pm in the Giese Library. Please consider stopping by to hear of the exciting things planned for the remainder of the year! Volunteers are always welcome! ☺

Speaking of volunteers, it has been really nice walking around the building over the last several months and witnessing the number of volunteers giving their time to help our students. ANY help/time that you can provide is appreciated and welcomed. If you haven't been approved as a WINGS volunteer, please contact your child's teacher and we will get a form sent out to you immediately.

The next scheduled 2-hour Early Release is Friday, February 12th. All Giese Cheetahs will be released at 12:45pm that day. Lunch will be served.

Friday, February 12th will also be the day that classrooms hold Valentine's Day parties. Feel free to send valentines and snacks with your child on this day. Teachers will be sending home more information regarding their plans for that day as the time approaches.

On a more serious note, the dropping off and picking up of students has once again become a concern. Please remember that the front roundabout is to be utilized only by school buses and day care providers. Also, the staff parking lot is just for that, staff. Please refrain from pulling into the parking lot to drop your child off or pick them up. I make these requests solely in the interest of safety for all of our Giese Cheetahs. I thank you, in advance, for your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,

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

A Note from the School Counselor and School Social Worker



Happy New Year! We started the year off with the topic of Teamwork and Cooperation. We usually chat a bit about football, but we relate sports and teamwork to our school family and how we can work together to be successful. Kindergarten-2nd grade heard a story titled "What if Everybody Did That?" discussing inappropriate behavior and what we would do right. 3rd-5th grade did acrostic poems with the words Teamwork and discussing the 7 habits of happy kids. .

We are still noticing a few concerns lately as well. Some of the children are not making it for breakfast and have a hard time at school when they are hungry. We have breakfast here from 7:30-7:45 am If they don't eat at home please send them so they can eat here. Otherwise some students (if their dinner was at 5pm) are waiting up to 16 hours to eat again as they wait for lunch at school. Meals with plenty of protein are necessary! Please make sure they are getting enough sleep too. Our students should be sleeping approximately 10-12 hours a night.

February will also be our Leukemia/Lymphoma fundraiser. Stay tuned...

Thank you for all you do!! Feel free to contact us anytime! Helpful websites:
www.loveandlogic.com, www.kidshealth.org and
<http://www.racinecountyfoodbank.org/>

Racine County Food Bank: (262) 632-2307
Mrs. Howard (counselor) 664-8282
Mrs. Podskarbi (social worker) 664-8262
Attendance line – 664-8255



Must be
3-or 4-years-old
by
Sept. 1.

Enrollment Kick-Off Event!

Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

RUSD will host a kick-off event to select a school or program for your 3-or 4-year-old at the following sites:

- Starbuck Middle School, 1516 Ohio St.
- Gilmore Middle School, 2330 Northwestern Ave.
- Mitchell Middle School, 2701 Drexel Ave.

Enroll NOW!

Select a school or program
beginning Feb. 27

3-and 4-Year-Old Programs

There are three important steps to enroll and select a school or program for your child.

STEP 1

Enroll

Enroll your child in the District (enrollment is now open) online at www.rusd.org/district/enrollment or in person at the Welcome Center, 3109 Mt. Pleasant St. The Welcome Center is open M-F, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

STEP 2

Submit Forms

Bring your child's **birth certificate or baptismal record, proof of address and immunization record** to the RUSD Welcome Center. There, you will receive your Infinite Campus activation code. You will need this code in order to select a school or program for your child.

STEP 3

Select School

Starting Feb. 27 at 10 a.m., select your school or program online at www.rusd.org/district/enrollment or at the Welcome Center or the Racine Early Education Center Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

4K & 5K KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION KICK OFF EVENT

Saturday, February 27, 2016

10:00-1:00 p.m.

Starbuck Middle School

Gilmore Middle School

Mitchell Middle School

Enrollment has begun for your child for 4K or 5K next year. Please read the flyer that is attached to this Cheetah Chatter. Registration is a 3 step process this year.

If your child is currently in 4K at Giese and will be returning for 5K in the fall you DO NOT need to re-register. Children must turn 4 on or before September 1, 2016. Any questions, please call 664-8250.

4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

There are many events happening this month. Pals literacy screening will continue through the 5th. We will have a Valentine's Day art stations on Thursday, Feb. 11th. Helpers are welcome as long as they are approved through Wings. Our February Family Involvement activity will be a Dr. Seuss read-in in room 7 from 1:45-2:45 on Friday the 19th. As winter continues, I have noticed there are some friends that are not dressed warmly. We are outside from 7:50-8:00 unless the temperature or wind chill is 10 degrees or more, as well as on Tuesdays when the weather cooperates. Please see me if you are in need of winter gear.

Kindergarten

"If February gives much snow, a fine summer it doth foreshow" (English proverb).

REPORT CARDS: We have just finished the first half of the school year with a lot of hard work and learning in our kindergarten classrooms. Second quarter report cards have been sent home. Please review your child's progress. If you have any questions, please send a note to your child's teacher.

PRACTICE AT HOME: The skills learned in kindergarten are the foundation to further learning in the coming years. So it is very important that these new skills are repeatedly practiced at home to help the children build confidence and mastery in each of the area

learned. All kindergartners should be reading small three letter words, with the C-V-C format. That is Consonant-Vowel-Consonant, such as cap, mat, fit, dip, etc. Also please continue to memorize sight words and read at home.

FUN DAYS AHEAD: Some fun things for the children are being planned. February is a short month but it is packed with lots of milestones and holidays. Some include: A day to celebrate our classroom friendships for Valentine's Day, 100th day of school, Groundhog's day, and Presidents Day. Check with your child's teacher for further details about these upcoming events in the classrooms. Mark your calendars and see how you can participate.

FUNDRAISER: We are planning on having a Krispy Kreme fundraiser this month. Your child will receive an order form to take orders and collect payment. The fundraiser will help offset the cost of our spring field trips. More info will be coming soon.

*"Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand."
(Chinese proverb) Here's to a great second half of the school year!*

1st Grade

Our first graders are starting the new semester with a lot of enthusiasm! Many new skills continue to be introduced, so being on time, good attendance, adequate rest, and proper nutrition are important. These things are important as we are completing MAP and PALS testing.

Valentine's Day will soon be here and we will have celebrations in the classroom. More information will be coming home from your child's teacher.

Don't forget to practice your addition and subtraction facts. Knowing these will help your child greatly as we continue to explore addition and subtraction. Also, practice skip counting by 2, 5, 10's.

2nd Grade

Our school year is already half over. Let's hope that the second semester will be even better than the first!

Almost everyone showed improvement on their MAP test scores and we're hopeful that this improvement will continue.

We congratulate Anthony Hatley (room 22) on being the first one to be initiated into the 50 Book Club. Anthony read, and reported on, 50 books.

We are looking forward to our field trip to the Golden Rondelle on February 1 to see the Florentine Opera's presentation of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Unfortunately, we aren't finished with our cold weather yet, so continue to have your student dressed in warm weather clothes.

Valentine's Day is fast approaching and we will be sending home a list of your child's classmates. We hope that if your child is passing out Valentines, everyone in the class will get one.

3rd Grade

You should have received your child's report card, if you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

It is a good idea to continue to practice multiplication and division facts so these are not lost. Flashcards are an easy way to help your child practice these math facts. Rather than buying flashcards, have your child make some.

PLEASE make sure your child is **READING** daily for at least 15 minutes for fluency and comprehension practice. Remember to keep track of reading minutes to earn a **FREE** ticket to Six Flags Great America. These forms were given out at parent teacher conferences. If your child needs a new form we have them available. It's always nice to receive incentives for things that we are already doing. These reading sheets are due Friday, February 12th. Keep up the reading!

Look for a note from your child's teacher with details on Valentine's Day parties.

There have been a lot of students who have been displaying disrespectful behaviors towards their adults and peers. Please have a discussion with your child about respect.

4th Grade

We have a major change beginning this quarter for how we are teaching grammar and spelling. We will **NO LONGER** be taking weekly grammar and spelling tests. Every now and again we may give students one, but not weekly. As a replacement we are moving to doing weekly writing assignments. Students will be introduced to a grammar skill (example : adjectives), and we will look for them to use that skill in the weekly writing assignment. Students will be graded on their writing samples. You will see a rubric attached to the writing assignment with a graded when we send them home.

In Math we are currently working on Fractions. Please encourage your child to continue to give math their all this quarter. Working hard in class improves their MAP test scores.

In Social Studies we are moving to a new region. We are moving to the South. Please encourage all students to study their states and capitals to do well on the test we will take at the end of the unit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call us.

Thank you!

5th Grade

It's almost February! The fifth graders are wrapping up geometry in math and starting fractions. It's important to keep up with math homework each night because the lessons will build upon each other in regard to fractions. As a reminder, the Six Flags Reading program

forms will be due this month. The six hours of reading can be counted at school as well as at home. Both classrooms usually have silent reading daily. Parents are able to sign off on what was read at school. If there is ever a question, please send a note to school and the teachers would be happy to sign off. A free ticket to Six Flags will be passed out at the end of the school year if you complete the form proving that your child read six hours. This is a huge reward and many students take advantage. As always, please remind your child to bring hats, gloves, scarves and boots. As long as it is above 10 degrees, we will be outside. Happy Valentine's Day!

HELP WANTED

Arbor Management, the food service provider for Racine Unified, is looking for very special associates. We are looking for the kind of people who are interested in part time hours on the days that schools are in session and who like to be around children. Shifts vary from 3 to 6 hours per day between 5am and 3pm, Monday through Friday. If interested, please complete an application between 9am and 3pm at the Arbor office located at 3109 Mt Pleasant St., Bldg. 2 Door B. We look forward to meeting you.

EOE M/F/D/V

Young Leaders Academy otherwise known as YLA is a youth mentoring program that specializes in leadership development and homework tutoring. Our core objectives in YLA are to teach our students the importance of standing out as a leader in and outside of the classroom, being responsible and accountable for one's actions, working together as a team, personal growth as an individual, and how to be successful academically. Our days consist of homework tutoring, extra compass learning practice (which has help significantly improve MAP testing scores), and free time and recreational activities. Once a week we split our group into girls and boys for our Girls Circle and Boys Council activities. During this time we interact and discuss topics and issues pertaining more specifically to the things that boys and girls deal with on a personal level. Our program is ran by a group of phenomenal educated young adults that are dedicated to the success of our students here at

Giese Elementary. Our Pledge:

"We at the Young Leaders Academy will strive for excellence in our quest to be the best!

We accept that:

Mediocrity is not acceptable!

Failure is not an option!

High Expectations are the norm!

Academic achievement is the key to success!

We will serve our community so that we are qualified to lead!

We are will to work hard to pay the price of success!

We also accept that we will give nothing less than our God given best! "



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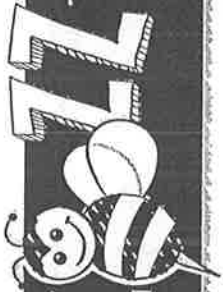
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BOX TOPS

BUZZ 11



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

OUR SCHOOL'S BOX TOPS COORDINATOR:

Welcome back after the holidays, parents! Did you know that we've already earned a check for \$ _____ from Box Tops this school year?

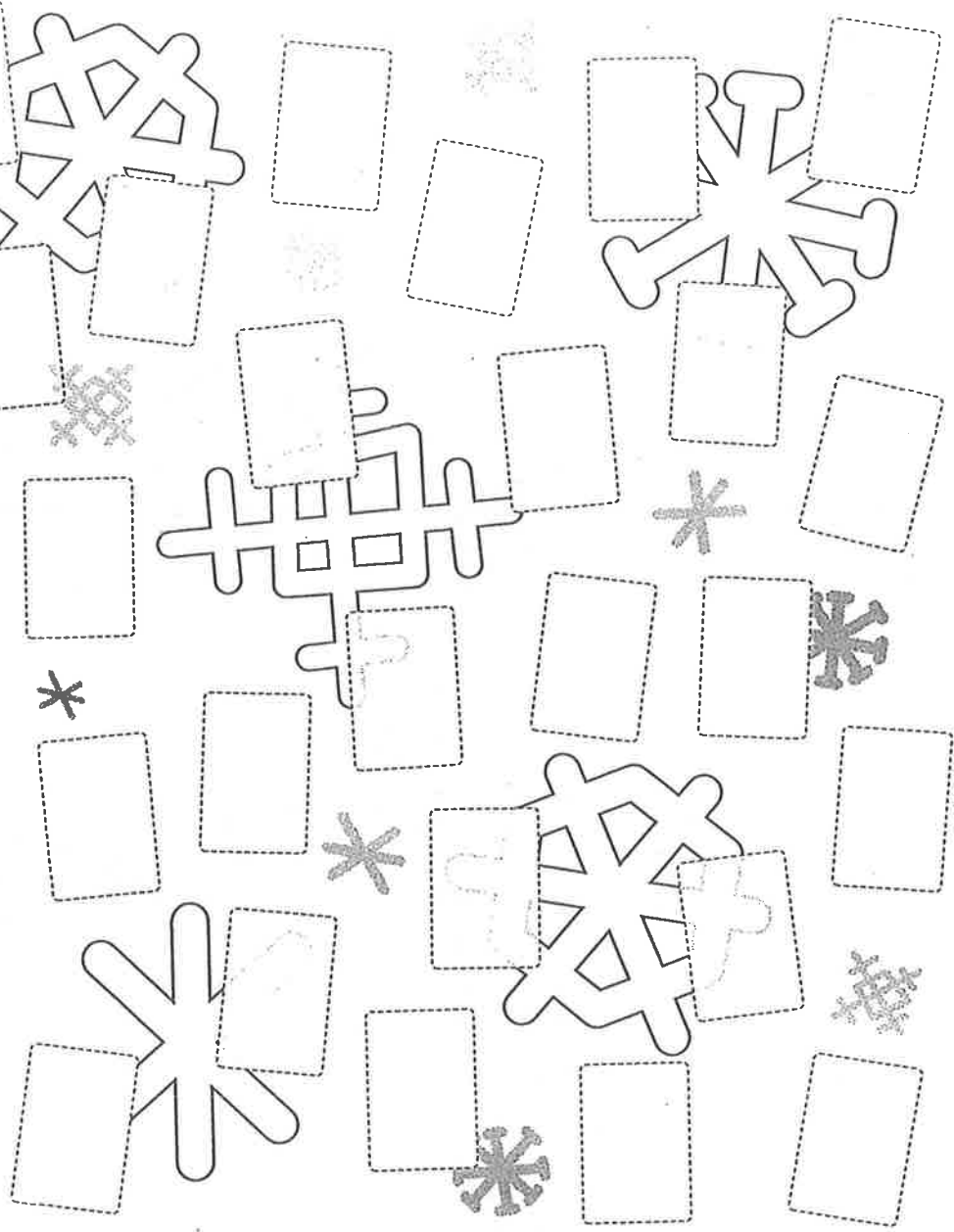
KEEP CLIPPING BOX TOPS!

If _____ families complete the attached collection sheet and turn it in to school, we will earn an additional \$ _____ This year we are hoping to raise enough funds for _____

PLUS!

Don't miss out on all the chances to win Bonus Box Tops this month at BTFE.com/bonus!

BRING IN A BLIZZARD OF 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.

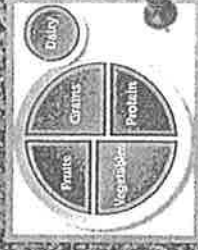
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Racine Unified Elementary Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Pizza Dippers w/ Marinara Fresh Broccoli Buds w/ Ranch Dressing Fruit Medley	2 Fiesta Beef Tacos w/ Romaine Lettuce & Shredded Cheese Golden Sweet Corn Red Delicious Apple	3 Hot Diggity Dog Baked Beans Crunchy Baby Carrots NEW: Orange Craisins	4 Cheese Pizza Crisp Celery Sticks Crunchy Baby Carrots Petite Banana	5 Popcorn Chicken Steamed Carrots Cucumber Slices w/ Ranch Dressing Applesauce
8 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Cucumber Slices Diced Peas	9 Cheesy Baked Penne w/ Garlic Toast Romaine Salad w/ Ranch Dressing Cherry Tomatoes Golden Peaches	10 Juicy Cheeseburger Golden Sweet Corn Fresh Broccoli Buds w/ Ranch Dressing Red Delicious Apple	11 Peperoni Bites w/ Marinara Sauce Fresh Cauliflower w/ Ranch Dressing Orange Smiles President's Day Cookies!	12 Early Release Turkey & Cheese Sub Crunchy Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Dressing Crisp Celery Sticks Red Delicious Apple
15 No School!	16 French Toast Sticks Turkey Sausage Patty Baked Hashbrown Dragon Punch- Vegetable Juice Applesauce	17 Chicken and Gravy Whipped Potatoes Dinner Roll Crunchy Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Dressing Juicy Pineapple	18 Cheese Quesadillas Seasoned Green Beans Tortilla Chips w/ Zesty Salsa Red Delicious Apple	19 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Fresh Broccoli Buds Orange Smiles
22 Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Brown Rice Cucumber Slices w/ Ranch Dressing Crunchy Baby Carrots Fruit Medley	23 Pizza Dippers w/ Marinara Sauce Romaine Salad w/ Ranch Dressing Mandarin Oranges	24 Meatball Hoagie Sweet Garden Peas Cherry Tomatoes Apple Juice Lucky Tray Day!	25 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Cucumber Slices w/ Ranch Dressing NEW: Orange Craisins	26 Mac N' Cheese Steamed Carrots Fresh Broccoli Buds w/ Ranch Dressing Petite Banana



Fight the Winter Flu
with Craisins sweetened with
Orange and Elderberry
this month!
Craisins are a delicious way
to add fruit to your day!

Lunch \$2.45
(Milk included with meal)
Milk 45c
Oatmeal Daily
Skim White, Skim Oatmeal

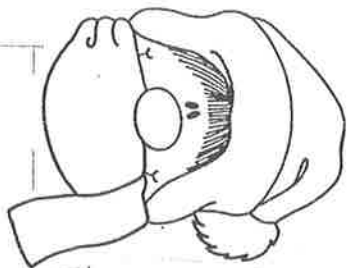
Questions
Call Arbor Management, Inc
262-664-8700

Menu changes may be necessary.
Notice will be given when possible.

A comprehensive Nutrition
& Allergy Guide is available on
the Unified Website



February 2016



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	1 Gr. 2 to Jack & the Beanstalk 10:15-11:45 "C-DAY"	2 Gr. 1 to Golden Rondelle 10:15-11:45 "A-DAY"	3 "B-DAY"	4 Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 "C-DAY"	5 Giесе Basketball vs. Knapp 4:30 "A-DAY"	6
7	8 "B-DAY"	9 <i>6:00 PM</i> PTA Meeting Krispy Kreѐme Order Forms due "C-DAY"	10 Dental Associates Here for Assemblies "A-DAY"	11 Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 "B-DAY"	12 VALENTINES CELEBRATED 2 Hr. Early Release 12:45 dismissal "C-DAY"	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 WINTER BREAK DAY-NO SCHOOL	16 F.A.S.T 5:30-8:00 "A-DAY"	17 "B-DAY"	18 Krispy Kreѐme Pick-Up Day Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 "C-DAY"	19 Giесе Basketball vs. Mitchell 6:30 "A-DAY"	20
21	22 "B-DAY"	23 Dental Cleaning & Sealants here "C-DAY"	24 Dental Cleaning & Sealants here "A-DAY"	25 Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 "B-DAY"	26 Giесе Basketball vs. West Ridge 6:30	27 4k Kindergarten Registration Sign-up begins Watch for details!
28	29 "A-DAY"				Jump Rope for Heart Pie-in-the-Face Assembly 2:00 p.m. "C-DAY"	

