



# THE CHEETAH CHATTER

## W.C. GIESE SCHOOL

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Dear Giese Families,

Welcome to the May Edition of the 2014-2015 *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.

If your child is in K-2, they will also take their final PALS test. Again, we will encourage your child to do their very best. This data will help us assess your child's strengths and weaknesses and allow us to better focus our instruction so that we can hit the ground running when we return in September.

The next PTA meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Giese Library. Please consider stopping by. We will be discussing topics for the remainder of the year and begin looking at ideas for next year. Volunteers are always welcome!

Our final 3-hour Early Release will be taking place on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Your child will be dismissed at 11:45am and lunch will be served on this day. Your child will also be off of school on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

Summer School forms were recently sent home with your child. Summer school will run from June 22 - July 30 (M-Th) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All elementary schools that are hosting Summer School will offer a specific curriculum that will incorporate reading and math Common Core State Standards. If you have not signed your child up for Summer School, please consider doing so.

Giese Elementary School also will have a special night with the Kenosha Kingfish Baseball team. Our scheduled night is June 15<sup>th</sup> for a 7:05 game. It is part of our reading program. Please look at the information that will be sent home with your child so we can have a tremendous turnout for the game.

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!"



## 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 May 4-22. You can work on these early literacy skills by reading to your child every day. Our Family Involvement is a play date at Hantchel Park (next to Giese) on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30-2:30. Siblings are welcome at this event. We are planning a field trip to Castle Lanes and a class picnic in June. In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the family members who volunteered in the classroom, especially Jessica Lipari. Your time and dedication are what makes Giese school the best!

## KINDERGARTEN

We are having a Mother's Day Concert and Tea starting at 1:30pm in the West Learning Center on Friday, May 8. All moms, grandmas, and aunts 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. Our field trip to the Milwaukee zoo is on Tuesday, May 26. 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. Please remember that the weather continues to change from warm to cold and dressing in layers can help. 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 topics in math will be addition and subtraction fact through 18. And from there we go to data and graphs. We will wrap up the year with fractions and double-digit addition and subtraction.

## SECOND GRADE

The month of May brings many activities to the second grade. We will be taking our final round of MAP testing and PALS testing. These are important tests, so please talk to your child about doing their best and taking their time. Also a good night's rest and breakfast are essential. All four second grade rooms are participating in Junior Achievement. They will learn about different parts of a community. Also the Racine Art Museum will be coming in to work with the students. They will make a project to bring home. Please be watching for information about our end of the year field trip coming home with your child. Finally, as the end of the year approaches we are noticing more busy behavior from the students. The year is not over and we have lots of learning left to do. Make sure to dress your child appropriately for the ever changing weather.

## THIRD GRADE

The end of the year is quickly approaching! It is important that we all work cooperatively to keep the students focused on school and learning. Students should continue to work on basic math facts at home, as well as reading on a daily basis. We MAP test the first two weeks in May. Please make sure you encourage your child to exhibit good behavior and work habits as we move toward the end of the school year. Information about our end of the year field trip will be coming home soon. We will be going to the Racine Gymnastics Center in June.

Please continue to send in empty and clear 2 liter bottles.

### Bridge Room

Great things are happening! We are learning a lot with our food labs! We are working on reading and following directions, measuring, manners, and more! We just finished a unit on recycling and Earth Day. We also started a book club so students can discuss with others about the interesting material they are reading. Lastly, students are testing now so make sure that they get plenty of sleep at home. Keep up the great work with your kids at home!

Thank you,

Kaitlyn Nelson

## FOURTH GRADE

-Thank you to everyone who ordered carnations for Mother's Day. It's a great fundraiser for our end of the year bowling field trip. The flowers will be given to students to bring home on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

-Reading-Please review the weekly spelling and vocabulary words with your child. These words will be getting more difficult as the year comes to a close.

-Science/Social Studies-We are just finishing up chapter 2 (plants) in science. Next, we will be moving back to social studies. We will be learning about the 11 eastern United States (chapter 3). Don't forget, near the end of the quarter, the students will have a 50 states and capitals social studies test. Please keep studying!

-Math-The next few chapters will be solids and then measurement. Keep using Compass Learning to study for the upcoming MAP tests the week of May 11.

-Look for progress reports to come home in 1-2 weeks. Please sign and return them to school.

## FIFTH GRADE

The school year is winding down and the fifth graders are getting ready to say good bye. There are many events taking place before the end of the school year. Most importantly, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The students will have their completion ceremony in the West Learning Center. Invitations will be coming out next month for this celebration. In addition, we have an all-day field trip planned for Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> to the Milwaukee Public Museum. We will also be seeing an IMax movie while we are there. We will be looking for approximately 3-5 chaperones who are Wings volunteer approved for each classroom. Please keep an eye out for this permission slip to be coming home in a couple weeks. Thank you for continuing to keep them focused so that they can enjoy all of the end of the year festivities. There is still Field Day, Skatetown and a possible walking field trip to McDonalds. We want all students to enjoy this fun time of the year. Have a super weekend

## SUMMER SCHOOL 2015

Summer School brochures are available now and your child should have brought one home last week. Giese will be offering Summer School this year for only the subjects of Reading & Math. Classes are held Monday – Thursday from 8:00 – 1:00 p.m. Classes are held from June 22, 2015 until July 30, 2015. Transportation is the parents' responsibility. There is no cost for Summer School and breakfast & lunch will be served. If you have any questions, please call the Giese School office at 664-8250.

### SHOUT OUT!!!!

Congratulations to our March PBIS Principal Award Winners:

Room 7	Eric McCray/Eliana Ordonez
Room 8	Taelyn DeDecker
Room 15	Jubilee Figueroa
Room 16	Damien Larrin
Room 17	Shakirah Wellington
Room 18	Sophia Bergevain
Room 19	Chloe Easton
Room 20	Michael Fischer
Room 21	Uriel Mendoza
Room 22	Leilani Figueroa
Room 23	Ashley Killeen
Room 24	Arianna Morales
Room 32	Shakora Evans
Room 33	Kaleigh Thompson
Room 34	Tyra Hunter
Room 35	Angel Flores
Room 36	Keyontre Nunn
Room 37	Kennedy Bester
Room 38	Joey Killeen

**P.T.A. Announce the winners from the O & H Kringle Sale this year:**

Jaiden Jensen-Pedersen-Room 17

Natalie Schroeder – Room 21

Alexander Lyon – Room 7 a.m.

Each of these winners received a "Toys-R-Us" Gift card

Great job and Thank you to all who participated in the sale.

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## A Note from the School Counselor and Social Worker

April's focus was on "Getting Along and Conflict Resolution". Grades PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade listened to a Winnie the Pooh story about resolving a conflict. We talked about kindness, taking our time and making good choices. The older students participated in a classroom play on working through conflict and how to resolve it. We also talked about how everyone has their own view, opinion and side of the story. We discussed telling the truth as well as our skill of the month which is working hard on giving compliments to others. We have also enjoyed some inside Yoga breaks this Spring so we were able to stretch and exercise! Thanks to all who participated, the kids did great and we all enjoyed it!!

Please mark your calendars for May 20<sup>th</sup> (5:15-6:30pm) as this is our Annual Bully Prevention Bingo Night. Please join us for some family fun and the chance to earn cash and gift card prizes!!

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 and we know it is cold, but 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.

Feel free to contact us at anytime or visit us at conference time! Helpful websites: [www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com), [www.kidshealth.org](http://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



# Elementary School Registration Form

## Student Information

Student First Name		Student Last Name		Student Middle Initial	Student Number
Parent/Guardian First Name			Parent/Guardian Last Name		
Address		Apt.#	City	State	Zip
Date of Birth / /	Gender Male Female	Current Grade	Current School	Home Language	
Parent Email Address			Home Phone	Cell Phone	

Emergency Contact #1		
First & Last Name	Home and/or Cell Phone	Relationship to Student
Emergency Contact #2		
First & Last Name	Home and/or Cell Phone	Relationship to Student

## Choose One Course For Each Session

**Reminder:** Register your child for the grade he/she completed in the 2014-2015 school year.

### Session 1 (8-10:20 a.m.)

- Kindergarten**
- Ready, Set, Go to Kindergarten! 4K
  - Reading 5K
  - Bilingual Ready, Set, Go to Kindergarten! 4K\*
  - Bilingual Reading and Math 5K\*
  - English as a Second Language (ESL) 5K\*
- Grade 1**
- Reading
  - Bilingual Reading and Math\*
  - English as a Second Language (ESL)\*
- Grade 2**
- Reading
  - Bilingual Reading and Math\*
  - English as a Second Language (ESL)\*
- Grade 3**
- Reading
  - Bilingual Reading and Math\*
- Grade 4**
- Reading
  - Bilingual Reading and Math\*
- Grade 5**
- Reading
  - Bilingual Reading and Math\*

### Session 2 (10:40 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

- Kindergarten**
- Math Mania 4K
  - Math 5K
  - Bilingual Math Mania 4K\*
  - Bilingual Reading & Math 5K\*
  - English as a Second Language (ESL)\* 5K
- Grade 1**
- Math
  - Bilingual Reading and Math\*
  - English as a Second Language (ESL)\*
- Grade 2**
- Math
  - Bilingual Reading and Math\*
  - English as a Second Language (ESL)\*
- Grade 3**
- Math
  - English as a Second Language (ESL)\*
- Grade 4**
- Math
  - English as a Second Language (ESL)\*
- Grade 5**
- Math
  - English as a Second Language (ESL)\*

## Choose a Site to Attend

- Fratt
- Giese
- Julian Thomas (Bilingual/ESL)\*
- Knapp
- Mitchell
- North Park
- Roosevelt
- S.C. Johnson
- Wadewitz (ESY)
- West Ridge

For Office Use Only		
	Initials	Date
Received by school/ASC	___/___/___	___/___/___
Sent to School Data	___/___/___	___/___/___
Received by School Data	___/___/___	___/___/___
Entered into Skyward	___/___/___	___/___/___

**Regular attendance is key to being a successful student. Any student who misses more than four days of class for any reason will be dropped from the Summer School Program.**

\* Available only at Julian Thomas Elementary School.



## 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. These films showcase almost 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!

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

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

**May 30, 2015**  
**Tomorrowland**

Show begins at 10:00 AM  
Special admission price: \$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>

## 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 2015, the theme is "Early Intervention Counts."

ASHA is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for more than 127,000 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.



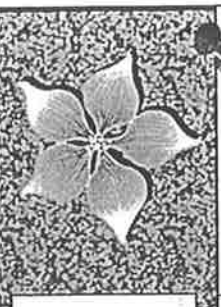
COMMUNICATION DISORDERS  
ARE TREATABLE





# Elementary Lunch Menu

## MAY 2015



### 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!


**May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**  
 Get outside!  
 Run by the lake!  
 Ride a bike!  
 Go to the zoo!  
 Walk in the woods!  
 Play sports at the park!

Questions about the menu?  
 Call Arbor Management, Inc.  
 262-664-8700  
[www.arbormgt.com](http://www.arbormgt.com)



Lunch \$2.45  
 Milk 45¢

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Popcorn Chicken Golden Sweet Corn Dinner Roll Fresh Cucumber Coins Applesauce Ranch Dressing	5 Mini Maple Pancakes Turkey Sausage Patty Hash Brown Triangle 100% Mango Wango- Vegetable Juice Orange Smiles	6 Fiesta Beef Nachos* Bean Dip Zesty Salsa Red Delicious Apple	7 Cheese Pizza Slice Crunchy Baby Carrots Fresh Broccoli Buds Petite Banana Ranch Dressing Lucky Tray Day!	8 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce* Steamed Broccoli Romaine Salad w/ Ranch Dressing Golden Peaches
11 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Fresh Broccoli Buds Red Delicious Apple Ranch Dressing	12 Pizza Dippers w/ Marinara Dipping Sauce Romaine Salad w/ Ranch Dressing Juicy Diced Pears	13 Hot Turkey & Gravy w/ Dinner Roll Whipped Potatoes Crunchy Baby Carrots Petite Banana Ranch Dressing	14 Mini Corn Dogs Garden Green Beans Fresh Cucumber Coins Orange Smiles	15 EARLY RELEASE Turkey & Cheese Wrap w/ Shredded Lettuce Crunchy Baby Carrots 100% Pure Apple Juice
18 Popcorn Chicken Sweet Garden Peas Crunchy Baby Carrots Bright Red Strawberries! Ranch Dressing	19 Fiesta Beef Tacos* w/ Romaine Lettuce & Shredded Cheese Bean Dip Red Delicious Apple	20 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce* & Garlic Toast Romaine Salad w/ Ranch Dressing Juicy Pineapple	21 French Toast Sticks Turkey Sausage Patty Hash Brown Triangle 100% Dragon Punch Vegetable Juice Orange Smiles	22 Cheese Pizza Slice Fresh Cucumber Coins Crunchy Baby Carrots 100% Pure Apple Juice Ranch Dressing
25 NO SCHOOL 	26 Hot Diggity Dog Baked Beans Crisp Celery Sticks 100% Pure Apple Juice Ranch Dressing	27 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Crunchy Baby Carrots Plump Raisins Ranch Dressing	28 Popcorn Chicken- Parmesan on Spaghetti Fresh Broccoli Buds Fresh Cucumber Coins Fruit Medley Ranch Dressing	29 Juicy Hamburger* Golden Sweet Corn Fresh Cucumber Coins Red Delicious Apple Ranch Dressing Lucky Tray Day!

~Arbor Management~

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.

