



# THE CHEETAH CHATTER

## W.C. GIESE SCHOOL



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Dear Giese Families,

Welcome to the February Edition of the 2017 - 2018 *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.

We just finished the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the school year. Teachers will be completing your child's report card and they will be available only online through your Parent Portal to review. Talk to your child about their grades and discuss ways to make any improvements.

Your child just completed the 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.

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.

We have 2 early release dates scheduled in February. We have a 3-hour early release on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Giese Cheetahs will be dismissed at 11:45. The next scheduled 2-hour Early Release is Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. All Giese Cheetahs will be released at 12:45pm that day. Lunch will be served on both Early Release dates.

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

2014 Title I School of Recognition  
2013 Title I School of Recognition



## 4 year old Kindergarten

Happy February ☺ We will have a Valentine's Day art stations on Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Helpers are welcome as long as they are approved through Wings. I am looking for Wings approved volunteers to share their building expertise and tools with students in room 7. Please see me if you are interested. Our February Family Involvement activity will be a Dr. Seuss read-in and birthday party in Room 7 from 1:30-2:30 on Friday the 2<sup>3rd</sup>. As winter continues, I have noticed there are some friends that are not dressed warmly. We are outside when the weather cooperates for outdoor recess. 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 will be available through Infinite Campus. If you need help accessing your Portal Account, please let us know. Also, 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 kindergarteners 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 lots of books 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!

## **First 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 all important.

Valentine's Day will soon be here and we will have celebrations in the classroom. Our parties will be on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming home from your child's teacher.

In Math we are beginning Module 7 - Combination of tens in addition. Module 8 will cover addition, subtraction and time. Don't forget to keep practicing 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.

## **Second Grade**

It's hard to believe that we are half way through the school year. We have completed our winter NWEA MAP testing. We will continue to work hard on reaching our end of the school year growth goals. Please continue to encourage your child at home as we continue in our learning. It is very vital that the students are spending time outside of school reading and working on their math facts. If you don't have books available at home please let us know. We are half way through a 6 week Nutrition program through the UW-Extension. The students are learning a lot about healthy eating choices.

## **Third Grade**

Report cards are now online. Be sure to log in to Infinite Campus to view your child's second quarter report card.

We have a field trip to the Gifford Planetarium coming up. Students will learn a lot about space and the planets.

In reading we are starting a "Test Champions" unit that will help students feel more comfortable taking a reading test on the computer. We will be working on learning good test taking skills and building stamina for the long passages that are on the Forward Exam. Third grade will be taking the state Forward Exam after Spring break.

In math we are working on multiplication. Keep practicing basic math facts each evening.

Valentine's Day is coming up. Please check your child's backpack for a note to come home from the teacher about the Valentine's Day party.

### Fourth Grade

4th Grade is looking forward to a busy 3rd quarter. Has your child explained that he/she is learning about nutrition through FoodWise? There are many aspects to nutrition! We are still working on building stamina during independent reader's workshop so that we can meet with small groups and work on numerous reading/writing skills. This looks like each student is reading intently and silently. Continue to encourage your child is reading at home.

In Math, we will be focusing on multiplication, fractions, and measurement. Some students may start bringing home their math books if the work isn't completed in school. Friday Fun Facts builds mental math facts. Each Friday, students "race" themselves to beat the facts. Should your child master the math operation, he/she moves to the next operation. All students should be able to master the basic operations of math by the end of 3rd quarter. Flash cards can help!

Please reinforce the Giese Way: Respectful, Responsible and Safe. We need our students to follow these 3 expectations to be successful.



## Fifth Grade

Fifth grade is busy learning and preparing for the State Forward exam next month. We continue to strive to do our best! This month we will have a Valentine's Day party on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Watch for letters to come home from classroom teachers. Please continue to encourage your child to read daily. If he/she is participating in the Great America Reading program logs are due on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

With cold and flu season on the rise boxes of tissues and Clorox wipes are greatly appreciated if you can donate. Also, please send a sweatshirt to school for when your child gets cold. Several students want to wear coats all day. Sweatshirts are needed. Thank you!

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### Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Starting on Thursday, February 8th

We will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and Coffee to help us raise field trip funds. This fundraiser is sponsored by kindergarten.

#### Important Dates

Order forms: Send home - Thursday, February 8

Forms DUE: Friday, February 23

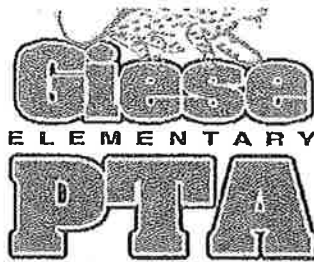
Doughnut Pick up - Wednesday, March 7

**Cash Payment** must be received with Order form.

Each box (1 dozen) cost \$10. Each bag of Coffee cost \$10.

You have the option to pick up your doughnuts or have them sent home with your child.





# PTA MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP IS \$6.00 PER PERSON

\$5.25 GOES TO STATE AND NATIONAL PTA, .75 STAYS WITH THE LOCAL PTA

PARENT    STUDENT    STAFF    FRIEND OF GIESE ELEM

\*\*\*\* circle one of the above \*\*\*\*

CASH

CHECK

MAKE CHECK OUT TO GIESE ELEM. PTA  
INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

if sending back to school, please address: ATTENTION - Giese Elem. PTA

1) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

3) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

4) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

I'm interested in helping out    YES    NO

I'm interested in being an officer    YES    NO

Phone number and email to contact you \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your continued support*

# February 2018



**Racine Unified**  
Elementary Lunch Menu



**Monday**



**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

STRAWBERRY MILK

5	Salisbury Steak* Whipped Potatoes Dinner Roll Baby Carrots Diced Peaches	6	Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit	7	Toasted Cheese Sandwich Fresh Broccoli Fresh Cauliflower Pineapple	8	Beef Tacos* Steamed Corn Romaine Lettuce Apple Half	9	Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Cherry Tomatoes Diced Peas
12	Beef Nachos* Steamed Corn Salsa 100% Fruit Juice	13	Turkey Hot Dog Baked Beans Cucumber Slices Apple half	14 BRUNCH FOR LUNCH	Pancakes Hash Brown Square Dragon Punch Juice Sliced Oranges	15	Pepperoni L'il Bites Steamed Peas Spaghetti Sauce Raisins	16 2HR EARLY RELEASE	Turkey & Cheese Sub Fresh Broccoli Baby Carrots Diced Peaches President Cookie Day!
19	NO SCHOOL 	20	Cheese Quesadilla Green Beans Tortilla Chips Salsa Apple Half	21	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce* Garlic Toast Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit	22	Popcorn Chicken Baked Beans Baby Carrots Applesauce	23	Pizza Dippers Steamed Broccoli Spaghetti Sauce 100% Fruit Juice
26	Cheesburger* Baked Beans Fresh Broccoli Apple Half	27	Chicken Drumstick Whipped Potatoes Dinner Roll Baby Carrots Diced Peas	28 BRUNCH FOR LUNCH	French Toast Sticks Hash Brown Square Wango Mango Juice Sliced Orange	March 1	Hot (Turkey) Ham & Cheese on Pretzel Bun Cherry Tomatoes Celery Sticks Applesauce	March 2	NO SCHOOL 

Elementary Menus are Pork and Nut Free.

\* Indicates Beef Ingredients.

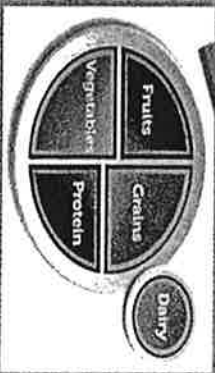
**Lunch \$2.65**  
(Milk included with meal)

**Milk 45¢**

Offered Daily: Skim/White, Skim/Chocolate

**Farm Fresh Produce**  
Cherry

Nutrients in cherries can help heal muscles. Try a smoothie with tart cherries and chocolate milk for the ultimate post-workout recovery drink!



**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!

Make Choices for a Healthy Lifestyle!

Questions about the menu?

Arbor Management, Inc.

262-664-8700


dielehan@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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Kindergarten to Golden Rondelle 10:15-11:45 Cheer Practice B-DAY	<b>2</b> 3 Hr. Early Release School dismissed 11:45AM C-DAY	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> A-DAY	<b>6</b> Gr. 1 to Kenosha Public Museum 9:45-12:00 B-DAY	<b>7</b> C-DAY	<b>8</b> Krispy Kreme Order forms sent home Cheer Practice A-DAY	<b>9</b> <b>Giese vs. Knapp @ 4:30</b> B-DAY	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> C-DAY	<b>13</b> Nutrition Program here for Gr. 2 & 4 A-DAY	<b>14</b>  Valentine's Day B-DAY	<b>15</b> Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 C-DAY	<b>16</b> 2 Hr. Early Release Giese vs. Wadewitz 4:30 A-DAY	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> President's Day <b>NO SCHOOL!</b>	<b>20</b> Nutrition Program Here Gr. 2 & 4 B-DAY	<b>21</b> Gr. 3 to Planetarium 9:30-11:30 C-DAY	<b>22</b> Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 A-DAY	<b>23</b> Krispy Kreme Order forms due Giese Bye Week B-DAY	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> C-DAY	<b>27</b> A-DAY	<b>28</b> Cheetah Chatter goes home B-DAY			