



THE CHEETAH CHATTER

W.C. GIESE SCHOOL

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Dear Giese Families,

Welcome to the March Edition of the 2017- 2018 *Cheetah Chatter*. I'd like to begin this edition by reminding you Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 28th and 29th. You will receive a confirmation from your child's teacher for a conference. Should you need to reschedule the time, please contact the teacher as soon as you are able. We have a very limited window with which to complete these conferences and appreciate your assistance.

There will be no school on March 2nd. This is a District Professional Development day. We also have a 3 hour early release on March 9th.

Spring Recess will be coming up in March/April this year. It goes from March 30th-April 8th. Please help us with getting your children to school up until Spring Recess. We want to maximize as much learning as possible and we can only do our best when your children are at school


This year our Forward Exam will take place between March 20th - April 27th. This test is given to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Please help up by making sure they are getting plenty of rest.

We are nearing our 3rd and final NWEA MAP testing window. This particular testing cycle is the most important. It will show how much growth your child did this year in both Reading and Math. Please help us with your child's success by ensuring they are doing their homework and 20 minutes of reading at home.

Please enjoy the upcoming time off with your child; read some books with them, practice some flashcards, plan a game night, and spend some quality time together. As I have come to learn with my two daughters, they grow up all too quickly!

Thank you for your time and continued commitment to Giese Elementary

Respectfully,


Thomas Hyland
Principal - Giese Elementary
2014 Title I School of Recognition
2013 Title I School of Recognition

4 Year Old Kindergarten

We dive into the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss this month. We will share books and do a variety of activities in the classroom. I am excited to share my favorite book, Green Eggs and Ham. This is a great time for all families to share these colorful and fun books at home to help reinforce the concept of rhyme. We continue to learn about buildings and are excited for our trip on the bus to look at many of Racine's buildings.

I look forward to meeting families for Spring Conferences on March 28th and 29th. There is no school for 4K students these days. I am excited to share the amazing progress all students are making this year! Please watch folders for more information and the sign- up sheet.

Kindergarten

During March, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with fun spirit days. We will also have a reading celebration. Family members and siblings 5 and under are welcome to join us at 2pm on Friday, March 23rd at 2pm. An invitation will be coming soon, please send back your RSVP if you plan to attend. Thanks.

Please talk about these topics with your child during month:

Good Attitude - a positive attitude can help your child deal with the challenges of the day. If you haven't heard this before, "Attitude is everything!" Children with good attitudes about their learning and school are very successful and happy. Talk up school and how important it is for your child.

Being Friendly - don't be a bully instead, be a friend. Remind your child to be kind or be quiet. It is difficult in the classroom, lunchroom, playground, etc. when children are choosing unkind ways to treat and talk to each other. Talk up ways to be friendly and how to respond kindly if someone else is not being very nice. It is never OK to fight or fight back at school.

Doing Our Best - Some of the work can be difficult in kindergarten but giving it our best will help us learn. Try to help your child understand that we can't learn and know everything and that practice is necessary to learn new skills. So keep trying and trying and if you did your best, then that is what really counts. Practice at home, working together to complete any work assigned by your child's teacher.

Being Prepared - start your day off in a good way, bring necessary items to school: book bags, folders, and other notes. Dress appropriately for both inside and outside the classroom. Think about the changing temperatures and the wet ground on the playground. Consider having a change of clothes in your child's backpack, even an extra pair of socks can be helpful.

Hungry and Sleepyheads - we have many children that are hungry in the morning. Please make sure your child eats before school or comes to school by 7:50 am and before 8:10 am for our free school breakfast held in the classrooms. If your child rides the bus, they should be encouraged to eat breakfast at school if they did not eat at home. Our lunch is not until 12:15pm and it is very hard to concentrate and learn

with an empty stomach. A good night of sleep does wonders for a good day in school, too. Thanks for your help in this area.

Thanks to all Giese Families! - We held our kindergarten Field Trip Fundraiser last month, selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Yum! We have earned funds to help offset the cost of spring field trips and other activities we are planning for the students. Doughnut and Coffee Pick up is on Wednesday, March 7th between 9-9:30am or 3-3:30pm.

Talk to your Teacher - if you are having any difficulties and need our assistance, please contact us. Spring conferences are coming at the end of the month, a sign up form will be sent home very soon, please return ASAP, so that we may put together the conference schedule.

Spring is a great time to really see our Kindergartners blossom in reading and enjoy a little warmer weather. Springtime is coming, it is worth repeating!

First Grade

It's exciting to watch the first graders use their newly acquired reading skills. Book browsing is a favorite all time activity. The Racine Public Library is a good source of reading materials and a great place for family interaction. Continue reading together every night! If you have access to the internet, working on RAZ Kids is something the kids enjoy. Compass Learning is also great practice for Language Arts and Math!

Memorizing basic addition (+) and subtraction (-) facts are important skills that should be reinforced at home. Practice counting by 5's, and 10's. Parent Teacher Conferences will be March 28th & 29th. Look for more information to come soon.

Second Grade

We have completed our 6-week Nutrition course. The students learned a lot about making healthy food choices and even tried some new "tastes". Hopefully the students will implement some of this learning into their daily lives. Please continue to reinforce the importance of reading at home and practicing basic math facts. Many of the students are still struggling in these very important areas. Extra practice is essential.

Third Grade

We have completed our 6-week Nutrition course. The students learned a lot about making healthy food choices and even tried some new "tastes". Hopefully the students will implement some of this learning into their daily lives. Please continue to reinforce the importance of reading at home and practicing basic math facts. Many of the students are still struggling in these very important areas. Extra practice is essential.

Fourth Grade

Social studies: 4th grade students have just finished learning about the southern United States. They previously learned about the Western and Midwestern United States. Please continue to practice the states and capitals of these regions. We will be studying the Eastern United States in April.

Science: Students are just beginning their unit on animals. They'll be learning about animals' characteristics, habitats, classifications, etc.

Reading: Please encourage your child to read at home, even if it's 10-15 minutes per day. The best way for him/her to develop new skills and increase his/her reading abilities and levels is to practice.

Math: Many students are struggling with basic math facts from 0-10, specifically with multiplication and division. We will be moving on to double and triple digit multiplying and dividing as the year goes on and they need to know the basic facts in order to be successful with more difficult skills.

4th grade students will begin taking the FORWARD exam before spring break and continue after the break. It's important the students know the importance of these tests and to try their best.

Finally, as the year has gone on, disruptive behaviors have been happening more in the classroom. Please remind your child the importance of being respectful, responsible, safe and kind so we can have the best learning environment possible. Thank you.

Fifth Grade

The fifth grade is fortunate to go to see the movie, "Wonder" on Monday, March 5th. Please return the signed permission slips if you haven't already.

Spring is coming. Please encourage your child to have a sweatshirt to layer. Coats should not be worn during the school day. We are preparing for the state FORWARD exam, which will begin this month. Remind your child of the importance of focusing and good sleep the night before.

We look forward to seeing you at conferences at the end of the month. Watch for notes to come home in regards to that.

As always, thank you for your continued support! The Fifth grade team ☺

HELP WANTED

School Food Service

No nights, weekends or holidays!

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, Monday through Friday.

If interested, please stop by the Arbor Management office located at 3109 Mt Pleasant St., Bldg 2 Door B, Racine between 9am and 3pm.

We look forward to meeting you.

Dr. Seuss Spirit Week!!

March 5th-March 9th

Monday:

Fox in Socks - wear your crazy or mismatched socks

Tuesday:

"You're in pretty good shape for the shape you are in."

Dr. Seuss - wear your sweats or favorite team wear

Wednesday:

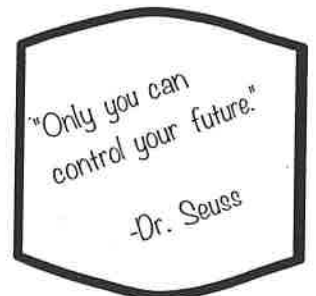
Wacky Wednesday-Inside out or backwards clothes day

Thursday:

Sneetches Thursday-Wear your favorite color

Friday:

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish - wear red, white and blue





**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 provides 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!

The closest participating theater to the greater Racine area:

**AMC Theater - Mayfair Mall
2500 N. Mayfair
(Hwy 100 & North Ave.)
Wauwatosa, WI 53226
Guest Services: (414) 777-0467**

This Month's Showings: *(date, film & admission prices are subject to change. Please contact theater for show times)*

**Black Panther – March 10th
A Wrinkle in Time – March 13th & March 24th
Tomb Raider – March 27th**

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>

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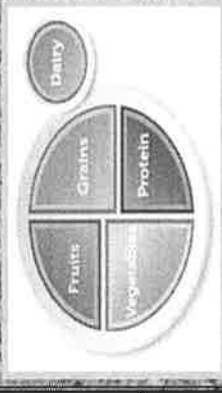


Racine Unified Elementary Lunch Menu



Lunch \$2.65
(Milk included with meal)
Milk 45¢

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.
262-664-8700
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 |
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| 5 Meatball* Hoagie Steamed Peas Spaghetti Sauce 100% Fruit Juice | 6 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Baby Carrots Apple Half LUCKY TRAY DAY! | 7 Cheese Lasagna Roll with Spaghetti Sauce Garlic Toast Celery Sticks Diced Pears | 8 Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Baby Carrots Fruit Medley | 9 3-HOUR RELEASE Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich (SB&J) Fresh Broccoli & Cauliflower 100% Fruit Juice * This is a Peanut and Tree Nut Free product |
| 12 Beef* Burrito Steamed Corn Salsa Cucumber Slices 100% Fruit Juice | 13 Cheese Ravioli with Spaghetti Sauce Garlic Toast Fresh Cauliflower Mixed Fruit | 14 BRUNCH FOR LUNCH! Pancakes Turkey Sausage Patty Hash Browns Dragon Punch Juice Sliced Orange | 15 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Baby Carrots Diced Pears | 16 Pizza Dippers Steamed Broccoli Spaghetti Sauce Apple Half |
| 19 Salisbury Steak* Mashed Potatoes Baby Carrots Diced Peaches Cheddar Goldfish Cracker Day! | 20 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit | 21 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Cherry Tomatoes Fresh Cauliflower Pineapple | 22 Beef* Tacos Steamed Corn Romaine Lettuce Apple Half | 23 French Bread Cheese Pizza Fresh Broccoli Baby Carrots Orange Slices |
| 26 Fiesta Beef* Nachos Steamed Corn Salsa Apple Half | 27 Pepperoni Lil' Bites Steamed Broccoli Spaghetti Sauce Cucumber Slices Raisins | 28 NO SCHOOL | 29 NO SCHOOL | 30 NO SCHOOL |



GO FURTHER with FOOD

Elementary Menus are Pork and Nut Free.

* Indicates Beef Ingredients.

