



THE CHEETAH CHATTER

W.C. GIESE SCHOOL

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Dear Giese Families,

Welcome to the May Edition of the 2017 – 2018 *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.

Our final 2-hour Early Release will be taking place on Friday, May 18th. Your child will be dismissed at 12:45am and lunch WILL be served on this day. Your child will also be off of school on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day.

Summer School forms will be sent home with your child. Giese Elementary School is a summer school site. We are offering a curriculum focusing on Reading, Math and Science. During the summer, many students experience a “summer slide”. What that means is that reading and math skills tend to diminish if they are not being used on a daily basis. Summer school offers time for your child to continue using these skills. When school starts in the fall, we don’t want to have to ‘reteach’ skills that they may have forgotten over the summer. If you have not signed your child up for Summer School, please consider doing so.

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
2014-2015 Title I School of Recognition
2013-2014 Title I School of Recognition



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 during May. You can work on these early literacy skills by reading to your child every day. Our Family Involvement is a play date at The Kid's Cove (by Lake Michigan) on Friday, May 25th from 1:30-2:30. We are planning a class picnic on June 12th. Siblings are welcome at both events.

Kindergarten

We are having a Mother's Day Concert and Tea starting at 1:30pm in the West Learning Center on Friday, May 11. All moms, grandmas, and aunties 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 Green Meadows Farm is on Wednesday, June 6th. Please return all fees and permission slips ASAP. We appreciate all your help supporting our Krispy Kreme fundraiser to help offset some of the cost to attend (covers all the cost of the bus). Thanks so much to those who have volunteered to chaperone, we will need more chaperones to make this a fun and safe day at the farm. Please remember that the weather continues to change from warm to cold and dressing in layers can help both in the classroom and outside. 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 topic in Math will be adding and subtracting multiples of 10, place value, and analyzing, writing, and counting to 130 (3 digit numbers).

MAP testing begins Monday, April 30th through Friday, May 11th. Please make sure your child is here on time, well rested and had a good breakfast on those days. Thank you!

Second Grade

It was nice to talk to all of the parents that came in for the spring conferences. If you were not able to make it in and would like your child to attend summer school please reach out to your child's teacher for registration information.

The second graders enjoyed having the Master Gardeners come and work with them. Each student made a seed viewer in which they were able to observe how seeds grow. Many of the students' seeds grew into plants. Your child should have brought his/her seed viewer home. Our last round of MAP testing is upon us. Please do your best to make sure that your child gets plenty of rest and gets to school on time. This test is one indicator of your child's academic growth this school year.

Third Grade

We had fun at the Gifford Planetarium and learned a lot about space and the planets. MAP testing is coming up, please make sure your child gets a good nights rest so that they can focus and do their best on our last test. Master Gardeners are coming on May 15th to make terrariums with the students. Each student needs 2 two-liter bottles for this project. Please begin sending those in. The year is beginning to wind down and behaviors issues are starting to increase. Please have a conversation with your child about school behavior expectations.

Fourth Grade

-As a 4th grade fundraiser, we will once again be selling carnations for Mother's Day. All students will get an order form from their teachers on Monday, April 30. Orders are due Friday, May 4. Flowers will be given to the students to bring home on Friday, May 11 in time for Mother's Day weekend.

-Science-We will be moving on to the plants chapter in science. Students need to know chapter vocabulary as well as parts and cycles of plants. Students will be planting seeds and observing the growth at school.

-Math-Keep using Compass Learning and First in Math to practice your math skills. Please go over math homework nightly with your child to check for accuracy. Many students are not turning it in.

***IMPORTANT: Spring MAP tests will take place Monday and Tuesday (May 7 and 8) for 4th graders. It's extremely important students do their best on these two tests. This allows us to see how well students progressed from September to May.

-As we get closer to the end of the year field trips and fun activities, please remind your child that behavior needs to be his/her best. We'd like everyone to participate

Fifth Grade

There are two field trips to the Golden Rondelle this month. The first is May 2nd and the next is May 9th. There is no cost for either trip. Please sign and return the permission slips as soon as possible. We will be MAP testing this month as well. Make sure your child is well rested and on time for school. The weather is beginning to warm up please make sure your child is dressed for school. We wanted to let you know that the fifth grade moving up ceremony will be held on Monday, June 11th. More information will be sent home for this event and other end of the year activities.



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 2018, the theme is "Communication For All."

ASHA is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for more than 198,000 speech-language pathologists, audiologists, speech, language, and hearing scientists, related support staff and students. Contact your local speech-language pathologist or audiologist if you have concerns about your loved one's communication skills and needs.



**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)

**Avengers: Infinity War – May 8th & 12th
Deadpool – May 22nd
Show Dogs – May 26th**

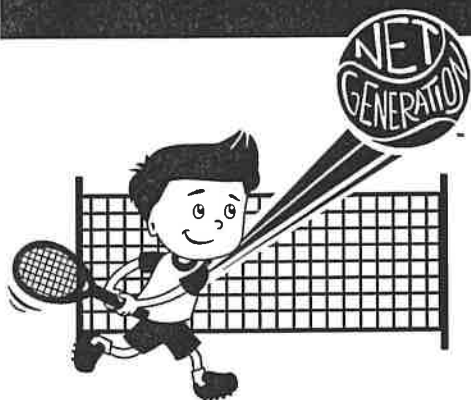
Special admission price: Adults \$9 and Children \$7

**** 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/>

Sign up today at MidwestTeamTennis.com



RACINE YOUTH TEAM TENNIS

Midwest Youth Team Tennis is a beginner tennis program that uses the concepts of fun, friends and play to help build the foundation for future success in tennis and in life. Using the USTA Youth Tennis play format, participants use modified equipment and courts, tailored to their age and size, making it easier to play, rally and succeed right from the start! Team based games will be set up to help players further develop their tennis skills.



Ages 5 - 15 years old. Space is limited.

Ages 5-10 (No tennis the week of July 2nd)
Mondays & Wednesdays | June 18 - July 25

Ages 5-6: 6 - 6:45 p.m. (24 spots available)

Ages 7-8: 6 - 7:00 p.m. (36 spots available)

Ages 9-10: 7 - 8:00 p.m. (36 spots available)



Ages 11-15 (No tennis the week of July 2nd)
Tuesdays & Thursdays | June 19 - July 26

6 - 8:00 p.m. (42 spots available)



J.I. Case High School Courts
7345 Washington Ave. | Racine, WI 53406



\$60 per player (No refunds after May 27th)



Registration closes May 27th

Registration includes a team t-shirt, age appropriate racquet, and goody bag.

Program Contact: Glenn Schultz
RacineCommunityTennis@gmail.com
(262) 770-5996 | www.racinetennis.org

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Screen Smart – The Upside Of Digital Devices

**Tuesday,
May 22, 2018**

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.



Parents won't want to miss children's media expert and author Nicole Dreiske, one of the nation's most respected pioneers in the study and understanding of how children engage with screens. This evening program/workshop - entitled ***The Upside of Digital Devices - Screen Smart™ Skills to Accelerate Learning and Close the Achievement Gap*** - will give parents the skills to teach little ones mindful viewing.

The founder of the International Children's Media Center (ICMC) and author of *THE UPSIDE OF DIGITAL DEVICES: How to Make Your Child More Screen Smart, Literate and Emotionally Intelligent*, Nicole helps parents transform the way in which their kids experience digital content, whether through YouTube, television, smart phone apps, games or the internet. Combining her rich legacy in arts education with forty years of field-tested techniques, Nicole shows parents how to help their kids develop their own media filters and engage screens in ways that are healthy, safe and beneficial.

Parents will learn:

- A powerful step-by-step technique for practicing mindful viewing that's simple and draws upon skills parents already have.
- How to transform screen time into magical connection time between parent and child.
- A simple vocabulary to use with children that will help them safely navigate away from peril as they explore the digital world.
- How to finally eliminate the constant tug of war between parents and children over what they can watch.

Nicole Dreiske, the founder and executive director of the ICMC, is an educational innovator and internationally respected curator of children's media content. She is a leader in the development of 21st century learning programs that "accelerate learning and use screen time to foster emotional intelligence and critical thinking."

LOCATION

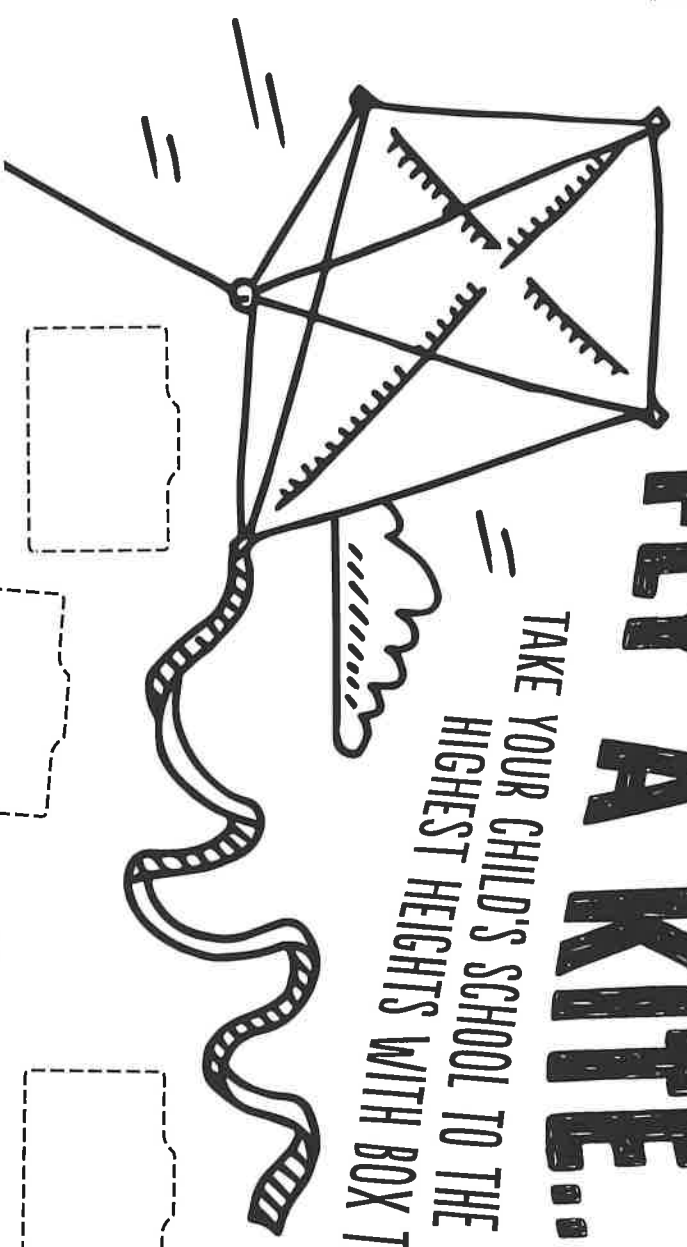
SC JOHNSON GOLDEN RONDELLE THEATER
1525 Howe Street, Racine, WI 53403
At the intersection of 14th Street and Franklin Street
(262) 260-2154

RSVP for this Community Program at:
www.scjohnson.com/CIPreservations

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MAY 2018



Racine Unified Elementary Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Baby Carrots Diced Peaches	8 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Celery Sticks Fruit Medley	9 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Cherry Tomatoes Fresh Cauliflower Applesauce	10 Beef Tacos Steamed Corn Romaine Lettuce Apple Half	11 Mozzarella Stuffed Bosco Sticks Fresh Broccoli Spaghetti Sauce 100% Fruit Juice
STRAWBERRY MILK				
14 Fiesta Beef Nachos Steamed Corn Salsa Apple Half	15 Pepperoni Lil' Bites Steamed Broccoli Spaghetti Sauce Strawberry Craisins	16 French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Wango Mango Juice Sliced Oranges	17 Turkey Hot Dog Baked Beans Cherry Tomatoes 100% Fruit Juice	18 2 HOUR EARLY Turkey & Cheese Sub Celery Sticks Baby Carrots Diced Pears
21 Cheese Quesadilla Steamed Green Beans Salsa 100% Fruit Juice	22 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Garlic Toast Celery Sticks Diced Peaches	23 Hot (Turkey) Ham & Cheese Pretzel Bun Cherry Tomatoes Cucumber Slices Applesauce	24 Popcorn Chicken Baked Beans Baby Carrots Fruit Medley	25 Pepperoni Pizza Fresh Broccoli & Cauliflower Pefite Banana
28 	29 Chicken Drumstick Cheesy Rice Fresh Broccoli Baby Carrots Diced Pears	30 Pancakes Turkey Sausage Patty Hash Browns Dragon Punch Juice Sliced Orange	31 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Cherry Tomatoes Apple Half	June 1 Pizza Dippers Steamed Peas Spaghetti Sauce 100% Fruit Juice

Elementary Menus are Pork and Nut Free.

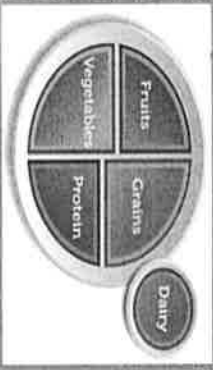
* Indicates Beef Ingredients.

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

Offered Daily: Skim White, Skim Chocolate

Farm Fresh produce Soybeans

Just what your body needs. Soybeans have all the essential amino acids your body needs. Just like animal protein.



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.
262-564-8700
dietitian@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.

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 "A-DAY"	2 Choir (3:00-4:00) "B-DAY"	3 Junior Achievement "C-DAY"	4 No Strings classes today Rm. 24 to Planetarium 9:30-11:30	5
6	7 Choir 3:00-4:00 "B-DAY"	8 Map Testing K,1,3,5 "C-DAY"	9 Gr. 4 to Golden Rondelle Gr. 5 to Golden Rondelle Peer Meditation Lunch Choir	10 Fire Dept Smokehouse Gr. 2 9:00-10:25 "B-DAY"	11 Kindergarten Mothers Day Tea/Concert 1:30 p.m. Class Spelling Bees "C-DAY"	12
13	14 Choir sings at Hantschel Park 10:00 a.m. Choir 3:00-4:00 "A-DAY"	15 "B-DAY"	16 Choir (3:00-4:00) "C-DAY"	17 "A-DAY"	18 "B-DAY"	19
20	21 Choir (3:00-4:00) "C-DAY"	22 "A-DAY"	23 Choir (3:00-4:00) "B-DAY"	24 "C-DAY"	25 School-wide Spelling Bee 1:30-2:30 "A-DAY"	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	29 "B-DAY"	30 Choir (3:00-4:00) "C-DAY"	31 Seal-a-Smile Dental cleanings Title One Awards Night "A-DAY"		