



# THE CHEETAH CHATTER

## W.C. GIESE SCHOOL



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Giese Cheetah Families,

I would like to begin this edition of *The Cheetah Chatter* by reminding you of your child's upcoming teacher conferences. You should have been notified of a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how things are going this far. This is one of the most important events during a school year as it allows the parent and teacher an opportunity to interact and discuss the progress of the child. If you were unable to attend your scheduled conference time, it is not too late to contact your child's teacher to arrange a day and time.

Due to Parent/Teacher Conferences, there will be no school on Thursday, November 2nd and Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As winter approaches, the weather will begin to get colder. Please have your child dress appropriately for school. We will not allow them to stay in the building for cold weather unless it follows the guidelines set forth by the district. Please have them wear their coats to and from school. We don't want anyone to get sick.

This year, we will have our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Giese families to help others that are less fortunate. More information will be going home soon. Please consider helping other families in need as we approach the winter season.

Our Winter Concerts are approaching. Our new music teacher, Mr. Griffin, is planning something wonderful. Dates and times for your child(s) performance will be sent out soon. Mr. Griffin and your child(ren) have been working extremely hard over the last month in preparation for these concerts. Each concert will take place in our West Learning Center.

The next 3-hour Early Release is scheduled for Friday, November 10th. Your child will be dismissed at 11:45pm. Lunch will be provided on this day.

Our winter MAP testing window is quickly approaching. In order for your children to succeed, we need your help. We are asking that you check on their academic progress by seeing if they have any homework and read with them on a daily basis. By reading your child for 20 minutes a day, their reading abilities will skyrocket.

Thank you,

Thomas Hyland  
Principal – Giese Elementary

### PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retake Day will be on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:15-9:00. You must return your picture package if you want to have your child's pictures retaken.

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## 4 Year Old Kindergarten

I would like to start with a shout out to all families who attended our October family engagement activity. The pumpkin farm was so much fun! I especially enjoyed the story about Spookley the pumpkin. On a more serious note, I am working on creating a conference schedule and would like to place students who have siblings first. Please return conference sheets as soon as possible or see me during arrival or dismissal time to reserve your spot. With your help, I know that we can have 100% attendance this year. Please check your child's folder for more information. PreK Pals testing, which includes letter recognition, beginning sound awareness, rhyme awareness, print and word awareness, nursery rhyme awareness, and name writing continues this month. The results will be discussed at conferences. On a more personal note, I would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. I look forward to spending time with my family and reflecting on all that I have to be thankful for.

## Kindergarten

**LOTS OF FUN:** October was a busy month in all the kindergarten rooms. We enjoyed our trip to Riverbend and Apple Holler exploring the changing seasons outdoors. We had our Halloween Parade to the Nursing home and enjoyed spreading a little cheer to the residents in our fun costumes.

**LOTS OF LEARNING:** We have been working hard on learning letter names and sounds. Especially hearing the sounds at the beginning and end of words. The children are working learning lots of sight words. In Math, we have learned to read, write and compare numbers 0-10, including number names, numerals, and number sets. Please practice reading, writing, and math skills at home. We continue to use the Foundation literacy program to help learn how to properly write our lowercase letters. The kindergarten classes combine to learn about topics from Science, Social Studies, and Health. We enjoy having the opportunity to have this joint time together.

**LOTS OF CLOTHING:** We hope you are enjoying the change of seasons, just a reminder to please dress your child for the weather especially for being outside for the daily 15 minute recess. It is also helpful to have an

extra sweatshirt to put on or take off in the classroom as the temperatures change inside, too. Also make sure to mark your child's belongings so we can help keep the right pieces with the right kids. Lots of black hats. Thanks!

**LOTS OF TESTING:** During the month, all kindergartners participated in individual assessments in reading and math. These assessments help us identify students who need further intervention to become successful learners, especially readers. These assessments along with other classwork are part of your child's report card grade. First quarter report cards will be available online this month. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please let your teacher know.

**LOTS OF PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Conferences are scheduled and a reminder note was sent home. Please contact your child's teacher immediately if the time/ day does not work. Thanks for your cooperation. We look forward to meeting with you at the Parent-Teacher conferences.

## First Grade

The first graders have been very busy this fall. The children have been working on place value and making numbers with tens and ones. Extra practice using manipulatives (ex. cereal, raisins, buttons, marbles, and crayons) will be a great help. Have your child put the objects into groups of tens and then some ones. Have them tell you the number and how many tens are in the number and how many ones. Our next lessons will be on telling time.

We're thrilled to notice the children's excitement over learning to read. Make sure they are reading at their level. We would like to encourage the use of the downtown library as a source of reading materials. Most children love having their own library card.

Colder weather is upon us. Please remember to label ALL of your child's outerwear (coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves). Your child may also keep a sweater or sweatshirt here at school to put on if they feel cold.

We're looking forward to seeing **everyone** in November for conferences.

## Second Grade

We are approaching the end of the first quarter of the school year. We have been working hard implementing our Reader's Workshop and pressing forward with Origo math. Please encourage your child to read to you at home.

We will begin our 6 weeks of swimming lessons on Thursday, November 9th. Please remember to send your child's swimsuit and towel. If you haven't already, make sure that your child's permission slip is turned in. You are welcome to join us as long as you are WINGS approved. We are still in need of a few male chaperones.

Reports will not be printed this year. Please use Infinite Campus to access your child's report card.

## Third Grade

We have been working really hard in third grade. Please continue to work on reading for at least 15 minutes and basic math facts on a daily basis at home.

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> & November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Reminders will be sent home as the date approaches. We look forward to seeing ALL of our Giese parents at Conferences.

## Fourth Grade

4th grade is beginning to shape up to be a great year! We are focusing on building stamina for independent reading time during school. This looks like each student is reading intently and silently. Continue to encourage your child to read at home.

Friday Fun Facts builds mental math facts. Each Friday, students "race" themselves to beat the facts. Should your child master one math operation, he/she moves to the next operation. By January, all students should be able to master the four basic operations of math. Flash cards can help!

November is a short month. There are parent/teacher conferences on November 2-3, so students will not be in school. Make sure to sign up for a conference time if you haven't done so. There is Thanksgiving break at the end of the month.

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

## Fifth Grade

Fifth grade is winding down first quarter. We are beginning to notice some behaviors that need to be addressed. Please talk to your child about the importance of following directions at school. All three of us teachers are using ClassDojo. If you haven't signed up yet please contact your child's teacher and we'll get you connected. It is an awesome communication tool.

Conferences are coming up. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress. Please continue to encourage reading and practicing math facts at home. Every minute of practice helps!

As the weather gets colder please send a sweatshirt for your child to have on hand when a chill is in the air. It gets drafty!

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## RUSD Report Cards & Homes Reports Now Online

RUSD is going green! Now, parents/guardians can access their child's report card online at any time. Beginning this year, all report cards and home reports (student grades) will be housed in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. The District will no longer mail report cards or home reports home.

*\*Tome nota, este año, los informes de calificaciones y los informes de progreso en español seguirán siendo enviados a casa.*

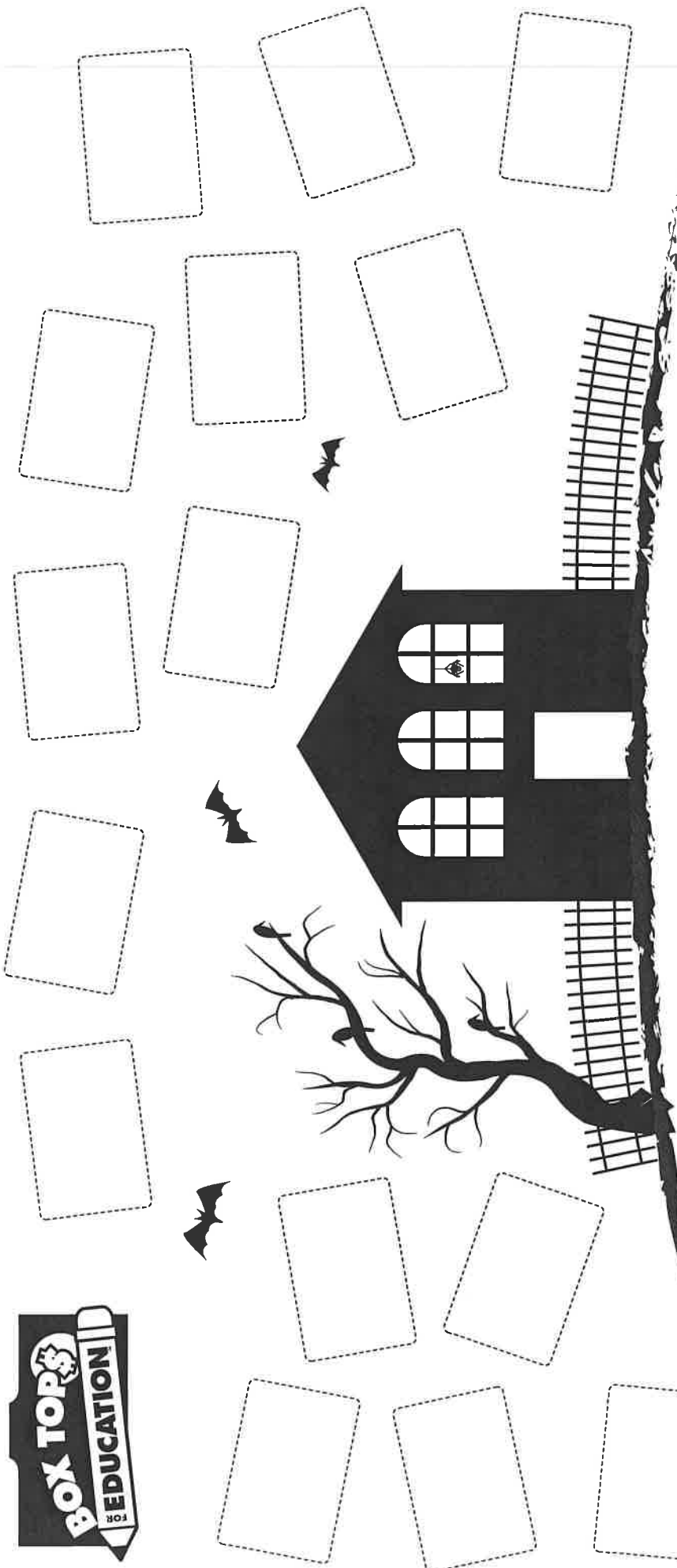


### How do I view my child's report card?

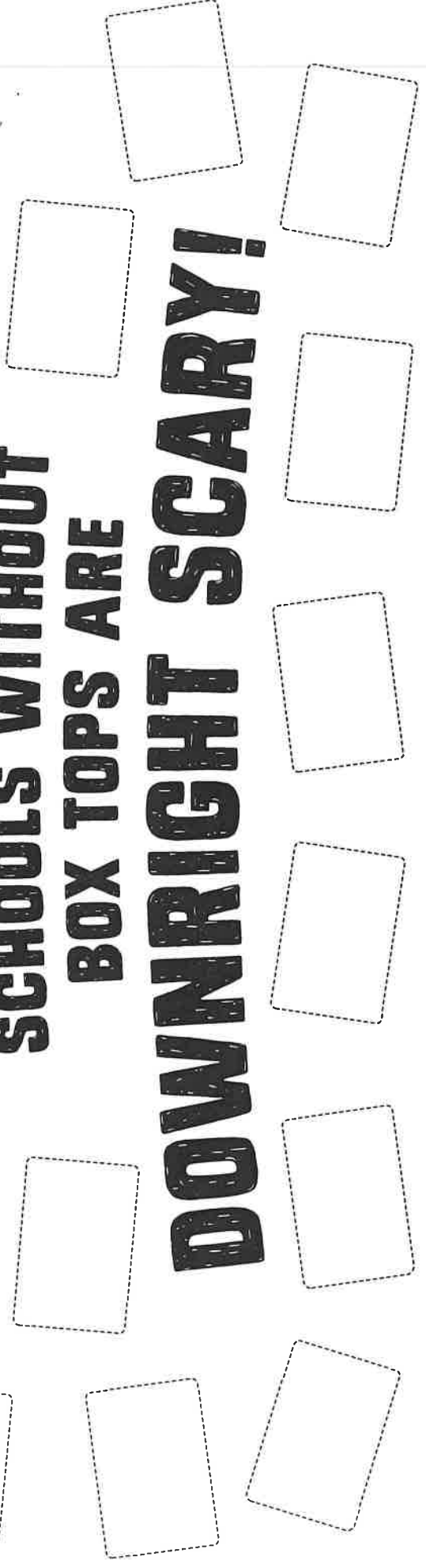
- Log in to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal
- On the left-hand side of the screen click "Reports"
- From there, choose which report you would like to view.  
Example: Semester 1 Report Card

### How do I view my child's grades?

- Log in to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal
- On the left-hand side of the screen click "Grades." This will give you a summary for all classes your child is enrolled in.
- In-Progress grades will show up in yellow, while Final grades will show up in green
- Click the course name to get more details about assignments, due dates and comments.



**SCHOOLS WITHOUT  
BOX TOPS ARE  
DOWNRIGHT SCARY!**



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](http://BTFE.com). See more collection sheets at [BTFE.com/collectionsheets](http://BTFE.com/collectionsheets).

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In Partnership with Corporate Volunteer Council of Racine – The Giving Tree

# HELPING FAMILIES

## To Participate:

Please provide the following:

1. A bill or letter with your current address showing that you are a Resident of Racine County.
2. Proof that you are the parent or guardian of the child/children.
3. Picture ID or Driver's License for the parent or guardian.
4. If you have a low income, please bring your last check stub or your medical card. We use federal poverty guidelines.
5. For children ages 12 and younger, you must provide ONE of the following:
  - a. Birth Certificates
  - b. Immunizations Cards
  - c. Medical Cards
  - d. Social Security Cards

## Poverty Guidelines 2017:

### *Size of Family / Per Week Gross Unit*

1.....	\$347.88
2.....	\$468.46
3.....	\$589.04
4.....	\$709.62

### *Size of Family / Per Week Gross Unit*

5.....	\$ 830.19
6.....	\$ 950.77
7.....	\$1,071.35
8.....	\$1,191.92

## To Register:

1. Apply in person at the City Hall Annex Building located at 800 Center Street between 8 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
2. Register on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning October 3rd through December 5th. (final day for registration). Registration is also available on Saturday, October 7th and Saturday, December 2nd.
3. Closed the week of November 20-24 for Thanksgiving.
4. Last pick-up date is Saturday, December 9th.
5. Recipients can apply only once per year.
6. Availability of gifts dependent upon registration numbers.

The Corporate Volunteer Council – Giving Tree will also accept registrations beginning on October 3, 2017 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Website: [www.texreynoldstoysfortots.com](http://www.texreynoldstoysfortots.com)

Phone Number: 262-633-1379

# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Real School Band Concert 10:00-10:45 Choir (3:00-4:00) C-DAY	2 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences	3 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences	4
5	6 Choir (3:00-4:00) A-DAY	7 Room 23 to Zoo 9:30-11:45 B-DAY	8 Choir (3:00-4:00) C-DAY	9 Picture Retake Day Gr. 2 to YMCA A-DAY	10 <b>3 Hr. Early Release-12:45 dismissal</b> End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter B-DAY	11 Veterans Day
12	13 Choir (3:00-4:00) C-DAY	14 Room 23 to Zoo 9:30-11:45 A-DAY	15 Room 24 to Zoo 9:30-11:45 B-DAY	16 Gr.2 Swimming Cheer Practice 2:45-4:15 C-DAY	17 A-DAY	18
19	20 Choir (3:00-4:00) B-DAY	21 C-DAY	22 Choir (3:00-4:00) A-DAY	23 Thanksgiving Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25
26	27 Fire Department here for Gr. K,1,4,5 Choir (3:00-4:00) B-DAY	28 C-DAY	29 Choir (3:00-4:00) A-DAY	30 Gr. 2 Swimming Cheer Practice 2:15-4:15 B-DAY		



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## Racine Unified Elementary Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>30</b> Beef Burrito Hot Corn Salsa Cucumber Slices 100% Fruit Juice	<b>31</b> Cheese Ravioli with Spaghetti Sauce Garlic Toast Cauliflower Mixed Fruit	<b>1</b> Brunch for Lunch Pancakes Turkey Sausage Patty Hash Brown Square Dragon Punch Juice Sliced Orange	<b>2</b> NO SCHOOL 	<b>3</b> SCHOOL
<b>6</b> National Nacho Day! Fiesta Beef Nachos Corn Salsa Apple Half 	<b>7</b> Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit	<b>8</b> Toasted Cheese Sandwich Baby Carrots Fresh Cauliflower Pineapple	<b>9</b> Salisbury Steak Whipped Potatoes Dinner Roll Baby Carrots Diced Peaches	<b>10</b> 3-Hour Early Release Chef Chicken Salad Dinner Roll Cherry Tomatoes Cucumber Slices 100% Fruit Juice
<b>13</b> Beef Tacos Corn Romaine Apple Half 	<b>14</b> Pepperoni Lil' Bites Peas Spaghetti Sauce Cucumber Slices Raisins <b>LUCKY TRAY DAY!</b>	<b>15</b> Brunch for Lunch French Toast Sticks Turkey Sausage Patty Hash Brown Square Wango Mango Juice Vegetable Juice Sliced Orange	<b>16</b> Turkey Hot Dog Baked Beans Cherry Tomatoes 100% Apple Juice	<b>17</b> French Bread Cheese Pizza Fresh Broccoli Baby Carrots Petite Banana
<b>20</b> Pasta with Meat Sauce Garlic Toast Romaine Salad Diced Peaches	<b>21</b> Cheese Quesadilla Green Beans Tortilla Chips Salsa Apple Half	<b>22</b> Popcorn Chicken Baked Beans Celery Sticks Petite Banana	<b>23</b> 	

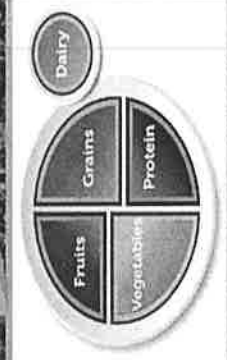
**Lunch \$2.65**  
(Milk included with meal.)

**Milk 45¢**

Offered Daily: Skim White, Skim Chocolate

**Farm Fresh Produce Sweet Potatoes**

Sweet potatoes are high in vitamin C. Did you know vitamin C helps our body absorb iron?



**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

diitian@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.

Elementary Menus are Pork and Nut Free.

\* Indicates Beef Ingredients.