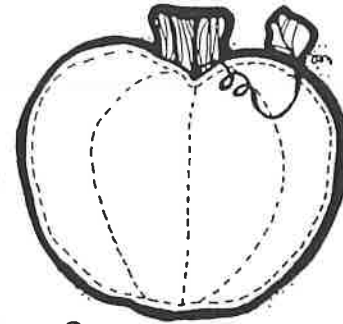


THE CHEETAH CHATTER

W.C. GIESE SCHOOL



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Giese Cheetah Families,

Welcome back to the second edition of the *Cheetah Chatter Newsletter* for the 2017 – 2018 academic year. Our Giese Cheetahs are off to an unbelievable start both academically and behaviorally. It is great to walk into classrooms throughout the day and witness the engaged teaching and learning that is taking place.

Your child has just finished taking their NWEA MAP assessments (Grades K-5) in the areas of Reading and Mathematics. We will be using this information to better target our instruction to meet your child's individual needs. I have been asked many questions regarding homework. Homework is designed for assignments that didn't get completed in the classroom. If you are looking for something that your child can do, please have them read for 20 minutes a night, This will have a huge impact on their education.

The intermediate grades (3-5) are continuing to prepare for the Wisconsin Forward state assessment that they will begin to take in the Spring. This test replaces the Badger Exam. This is one of the most important assessments they will take this year, and I am extremely excited to see how well they perform

Now that we are underway for the school year, we are looking to begin our PTA. I will be contacting some of our parents to help begin the process.

Our next 2-hour Early Release will take place on Friday October 13. Your child will be dismissed at 12:45pm. Please make sure they know where to go at this time. Lunch is provided on 2-hour Early Releases.

The Annual Halloween Parade will take place on Tuesday, October 31. Information about classroom celebrations will be coming. Future information will be sent home with your child(ren).

I would like to close this newsletter by thanking all of the parents that I have spoken with over the first month of the school year. It is your support that means so much to your child and what we do at Giese Elementary. Please continue to say hello to us and know that you are welcome here. Our doors are always open. Your child is not only your most important priority but they are ours as well.

Respectfully,

Tom Hyland
Principal – Giese Elementary
“The BEST kept secret in RUSD!”
2014 Title I School of Recognition
2013 Title I School of Recognition

GIESE PICTURE DAY

Giese Picture day is next Thursday, October 5th. All picture packages are pre-pay. All children will get their pictures taken for the yearbook regardless if you are purchasing a package. If your child is absent that day our Retake Day is scheduled for November 9th.

NOTE FROM THE LUNCH ROOM

Student lunch orders are called in at 8:50 a.m. If you know your child is going to be late, please call the school at 664-8251 and order your child's lunch before 8:50 a.m. If you do not call, please bring a cold lunch. Thank you.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please turn in any "Box Tops for Education" that you may have collected over the summer. We have accumulated quite a few and would like to send them in on October 1st. Each Boxtop is worth \$.10 for Giese School. Your help is appreciated. Thank you.

Mrs. Arndt
Box Top Coordinator

Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Parents dropping off or picking up children please be aware there is no stopping or parking signs posted on the north side of Byrd Ave. in the 5100 and 5200 blocks of Byrd Avenue. There is a loading zone posted about 50 feet east of the crosswalk where it is legal to stop and drop or pick-up your child. These signs are posted for the safety of the children. Thank you in advance for helping us protect our children.

Breakfast Drop-Off

Between 7:30-7:45 a.m. when parents are dropping off your children for breakfast. Please use east driveway when entering the parking lot, and drive through the circle to the end by the orange cones. Stop and drop-off child and then continue on and exit out the west driveway. This will help with traffic flow and help get the children quickly and safely in for breakfast. Thank you in advance for helping keep our children safe.

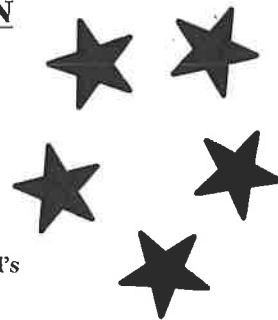
Wings Volunteer Sign-Up Online

All parents who wish to volunteer in your child's classroom or accompany them on a field trip must apply online to be approved as a Wings Volunteer. The website is www.rusd.org/go to the Quicklinks/choose Volunteering. The online application is very simple and approvals have been coming back in approx.. 48 hours from the time you apply. Many classrooms have field trips coming up this fall and it is important that you have WINGS approval before you are allowed to go with your child. If you have any questions, please call the office (664-8250)

IMPORTANT EMERGENCY CARD INFORMATION

It is very important that each and every Giese Family update their Parent Portal account on the rusd.org website. We no longer have paper copies of emergency numbers, and all information must be entered online.

We need emergency contact numbers of who we can get ahold of you if your child is ill or not picked up after school at the end of the day. Please help us make sure that we have numbers for someone to contact in case of emergency. If you have not set up your Parent Portal yet, you must first pick up your child's activation code from the office in order to set this account up on the Parent Portal. Please bring a photo ID to school to pick up this code. If you do not have computer access at home, please come to school and we can help you get online here. **PLEASE DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



NOTES from the GYM

It is hard to believe that summer is over and school has started again! I am looking forward to having your child in physical education class this year. In order to have a safe and productive learning environment the school-wide discipline plan will be enforced.

Grade Policy in elementary physical education is based primarily on four areas:

- * **Respectful:** follow directions, use equipment properly and play fairly.
- * **Responsible:** display good sportsmanship, when you hear the whistle...stop, look and listen and be kind to others.
- * **Safe:** be aware of your surroundings; be in control of their body
- * **Footwear:** ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR TENNIS SHOES TO P.E. CLASS. Heels, boots, sandals and dress shoes are not acceptable. This policy is based on my desire to create a safe environment and only tennis shoes provide the appropriate protection and support for the activities the students are expected to perform.

4 Y.O. Kindergarten

It has been an excellent start to the school year. It was great meeting all of my new students and their families. I thank all families for their generous support of our classroom. I am excited to announce two additions to our classroom family. The first is Buzzy Bee, who teaches us to be safe and kind at Giese School. The second new friend is Tucker the Turtle. Tucker teaches us what to when we get angry. First, we tuck in our shell so we don't hit or hurt another. Then we take three deep breaths, and when we are calm, we can come out of our shells and find a solution to our problem. Some solutions are wait and take a turn, share, trade, say, "please", get a timer, and get a teacher if necessary. Please see me if you would like copies of our solution cards to use at home to help reinforce the home-school connection.

Kindergarten

RULE TIME: The children are learning new rules for school. Kindergarteners follow the S.A.F.E. rules, which stand for how to **Sit** during our learning, the kind of **Attitude** we should have, how to be **Friendly**, and to include **Everyone** in our daily activities. Our school wide PBIS rules are "be respectful, be responsible, be safe, and be kind." We are using a behavior management system using an APP called Class DoJo. Please see your teacher for your special code to join and keep in touch with your child's teacher.

LEARNING TIME: Children are also getting use to a schedule full of learning, fun, and friendship. We are working on how to take turns, share, be good listeners, and get along with

each other. We also want to stress a learning attitude saying “I Think I Can, I Think I Can” (or at least I can try.) The best way to learn is to try and experiment and try again and again. Practice at school and at home is needed to become successful in reading, math, and writing.

WEATHER TIME: Wisconsin weather is constantly changing. 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.

FUN TIMES: October is a busy month with the change of season and harvest time. We will have a Fire Prevention week. Also, all kindergarten classes will visit the pumpkin farm. Chaperones must be WINGS approved to attend (apply on-line.) Please turn in permission slips and fees now, thanks. We also have the opportunity to travel to Riverbend on a field trip sponsored by our District, permission slips are necessary to attend. Near the end of the month we will have a Costume Parade and Party in our homerooms.

FAMILY TIMES: Thank you to all the families for sharing the evening with us at open house. It was a pleasure to meet you and share our excitement about teaching your child. Conferences will be coming up in November, more information will be sent home by your homeroom teacher during the month to select a conference time. We are off to a great start. If you have any questions, please let us know.

First Grade Please go online and fill out your WINGS volunteer forms if you plan on being a chaperone or working as a volunteer in our classrooms or school this year. It can take a while to get approved so get it in ASAP. Our first fieldtrip is October 12th.

Please, check with your child or their teacher for any school supplies that your child may be missing. Send any missing supplies to school as soon as possible. If you have not gone to the Parent Portal to fill out your emergency information, please do so.

Our Halloween party, parade, and will be on Tuesday, October 31st. More information will be coming home soon.

Second Grade

It's hard to believe that the first month of school is over! We have completed our MAP tests and are beginning to set goals for learning growth. All second grade students will be going to the YMCA for six weeks of swimming lessons starting on Thursday November 9th. If your child has not turned in a permission slip please do so as soon as possible. We will need some parent chaperones for swimming lessons, especially males. To volunteer you must be WINGS approved. We appreciate all of the help that we can get.

We are setting our classroom rules and expectations in place. Please support us by reinforcing the importance of following rules and being respectful at school. Both second grade classrooms are using ClassDojo. This is a classroom management tool that makes it easy to communicate with families. The log-in information was sent home with each student. Please take some time to set up your account so that you can be informed of how your child is doing in school each day. We are looking forward to a great year of learning!

Third Grade

Third grade is off to a great start. Your child's success in third grade depends on reinforcement work at home. Helping your child at home will be very beneficial to his/her success. Your child should also be reading and practicing math facts at home nightly. This is in addition to any other homework that may be sent home. A Math letter comes home at the beginning of the module/chapter. Please read over this letter to see what skills your child will be learning and what you can work on at home.

As a school we are working on a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies) skill of the month. September's skill is "respect". Some of the students have been having some difficulty in this area. Please help us by reinforcing the importance of being respectful at all times.

Please feel free to contact any of us with questions and/or concerns.

Fourth Grade

Welcome to fourth grade! Your child's success in fourth grade depends on reinforcement work at home.

We have completed MAP testing for the fall. We will be discussing your child's scores with them, and then we will send home a copy of the score for them to share with you. Please be on the look out for that.

We had an amazing trip to the ecology center in September. We conducted water experiments, learned about the Watershed, and finally about the water cycle. The students had a great time participating.

In October we have a field trip to visit Wustum Art Museum here in Racine. The cost is free. Be on the Lookout for information that will be coming home soon.

This has been a great start of the school year. Thank you for being a support system for us. Keep encouraging your kids to be responsible, respectful, and safe like they are, and the year should be great!

Fifth Grade

We are off to a great start. The weather has been warm. It will begin to cool off. Please be sure to remind your child to keep a sweatshirt at school on their hook for when needed. Please check with your child to see that they have all of their supplies. Many students don't have headphones.

We have begun Reader's Workshop and we are building our stamina in reading. Students should be reading daily at home. Talk with your child about their reading. Ask questions. Also, please review basic facts. We are working with multiplication and division.

Giese Student Government with Mrs. Cushman

We have kicked off student government this year. I am excited to work with such a great group of students. We are starting out the year by collecting money for a hurricane relief fund. Please donate what you can to help the victims of the recent destructions. Remember every little bit counts.

November 14th will start are annual food drive. Please check expirations dates and donate nonperishable food. Each classroom will be participating in a contest where the room with the most food will win an extra recess. December we will be collecting slightly used hats and gloves and new socks for a clothing drive.

Congratulations to the following students for the 2017-18 school year for being selected as representatives for Giese School Student Government.

3rd Grade

Alessandra Hunt
Leilani Sutton
Amariah Hatley
Chloe Robinson
Ricki Burnette
Tyree Rucker

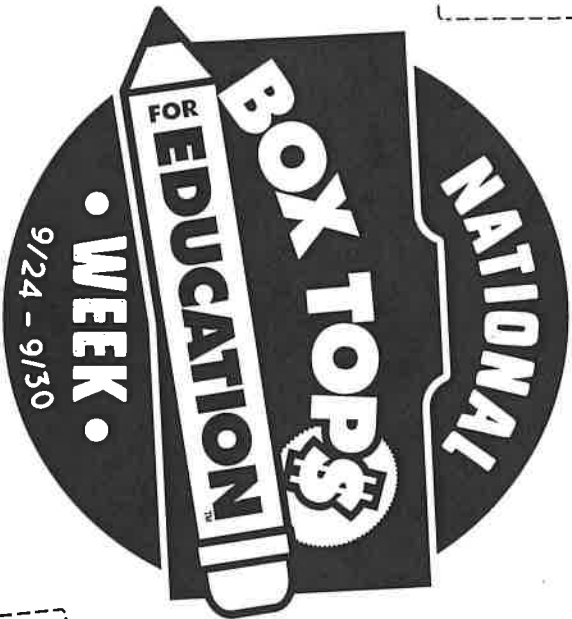
4th Grade

Anthony Hatley
Ayioyona Martinez
Eleanor Koons
Jayvian Williams

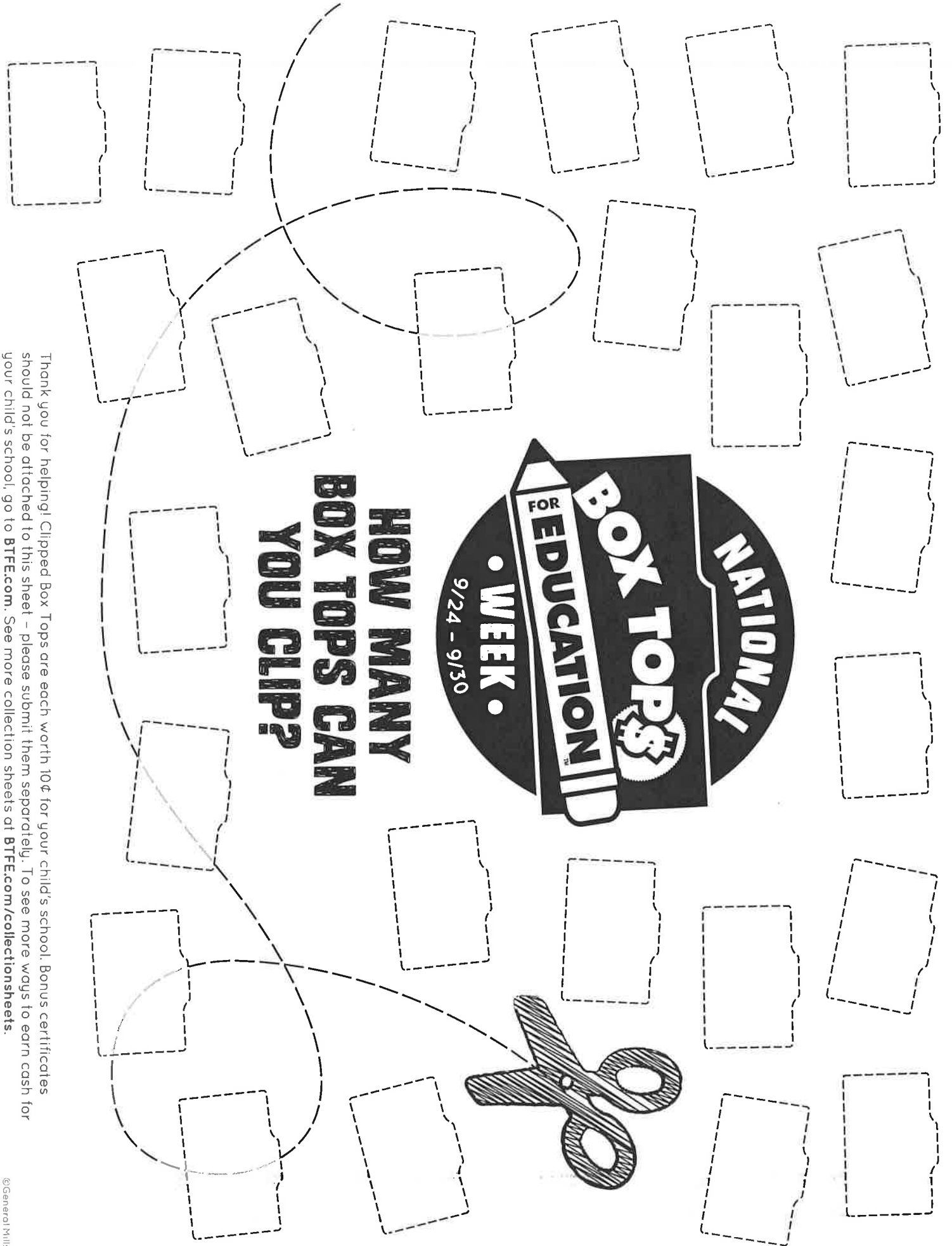
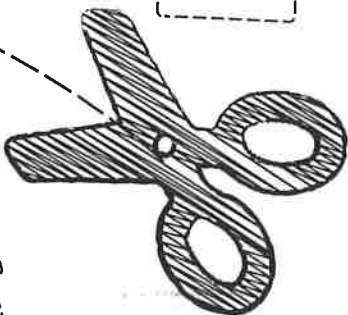
5th Grade

Uriel Mendoza
Alycia Golden
Cole Cacciotti
JaraNiyah Johnson
My'Aysia, Bostick
Jayden Ervin





HOW MANY BOX TOPS CAN YOU CLIPP?



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. See more collection sheets at BTFE.com/collectionsheets.



**CARE,
GIVE,
RECYCLE.**

We are collecting used eyeglasses for the Wisconsin Lions Foundation Eyeglass Recycling Center. The eyeglasses are shipped to developing countries for people who cannot afford them.



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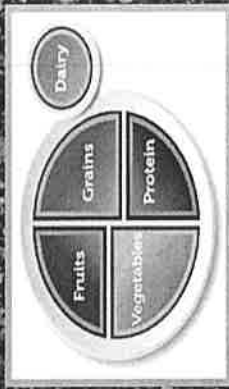
Racine Unified Elementary Lunch Menu



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.
262-564-8700
dleitman@rusd.org

Comprehensive nutrition & allergy guides are available under "Food Service" on the RUSD website.

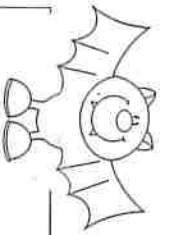
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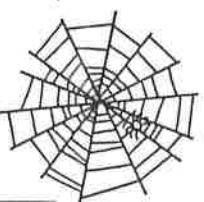
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Fiesta Beef Nachos Hot Corn Salsa Apple Half	3 Pepperoni Lil' Bites Spaghetti Sauce Hot Peas Cucumber Slices Raisins Goldfish Crackers	4 French Toast Stix w/ Turkey Sausage Hash Brown Square Wango Mango Juice Orange Slices	5 Turkey Hot Dog Baked Beans Cherry Tomatoes 100% Apple Juice	6 National Pizza Month French Bread Pizza Fresh Broccoli Baby Carrots Banana
9 Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Garlic Toast Romaine Salad Diced Peaches	10 Popcorn Chicken Baked Beans Celery Sticks Diced Peas	11 Pizza Dippers Spaghetti Sauce Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers Sliced Oranges	12 Apple Crunch Day! Cheese Quesadilla Tortilla Chips Hot Corn Salsa Apple Half	13 2-Hour Early Release Turkey & Cheese Sub Sandwich Celery Sticks Baby Carrots 100% Fruit Juice
16 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Cucumber Slices Diced Peas	17 LUCKY TRAY DAY! Chicken Drumstick Whipped Potatoes Dinner Roll Baby Carrots Diced Peaches	18 French Toast Stix with Turkey Sausage Patty Hash Brown Square Wango Mango Juice Orange Slices	19 Hot Turkey & Cheese on Pretzel Bun Cherry Tomatoes Celery Sticks Applesauce Celebrate National Pretzel Month	20 Cheese Pizza Fresh Broccoli & Cauliflower Pefite Banana
23 Meatball Hoagie* Hot Peas Spaghetti Sauce 100% Fruit Juice	24 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Baby Carrots Apple Half	25 Mac N' Cheese Steamed Broccoli Cherry Tomatoes Fruit Medley	26 NO SCHOOL 	27 NO SCHOOL

Elementary Menus are Pork and Nut Free.

* Indicates Beef Ingredients.



October 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Peer Mediation swearing-in at courthouse 5:00 A-DAY	3 Gr. 2 RAM presentations B-DAY	4 Fire Dept. Presentations K-5 C-DAY	5 *School Picture Day A-DAY	6 B-DAY	7
8	9 Columbus Day C-DAY	10 A-DAY	11 B-DAY	12 Grade 1 to Hawthorne Hollow 8:45-11:00 C-DAY	13 2 Hr. Early Release 12:45 dismissal A-DAY	14
15	16 B-DAY	17 C-DAY	18 K to Riverbend 9:15-10:45 A-DAY	19 B-DAY	20 4K Family Involvement Borzynski's 10:30-11:30 C-DAY	21
22	23 Kindergarten to Apple Holler 9:00-1:45 A-DAY	24 B-DAY	25 Grade 4 to Wustum Museum 8:45-11:15 C-DAY	26 NO SCHOOL Staff Development	27 NO SCHOOL Staff Development	28
29	30 A-DAY	31 Costume Parade to nursing home 1:00 B-DAY	