



# THE CHEETAH CHATTER

## FEBRUARY 2019



Office.....262-664-8250  
Attendance.....262-664-8255

Feb 4 - Yearbook order forms go home \$10.00

Feb 11 -5<sup>th</sup> grade to Golden Rondell Science Laser Spectacular

Feb 14 – Georgie Porgies Night for Giese 4-9pm



Feb 14 - Krispy Kreme Fundraiser starts 

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day 

Feb 14 – Six Flags Read to Succeed Due

Feb 19-20 – Vision and Hearing testing 4K - KG

Feb 22 - Box Tops Contest Ends 

Please be sure your child has snow pants and boots to play in the snow. They will only be allowed to play in dry areas without snow pants or boots.



WE ARE COLLECTING BOX TOPS FOR OUR FEBRUARY BOX TOPS CONTEST. LOTS OF CLASSROOM PRIZES TO BE WON!

 4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> Grade Students REMEMBER INSTRUMENTS/ BOOKS ON TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

  LIBRARY WEEKS FEB 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup>  





**Giese Elementary School  
5120 Byrd Avenue  
Racine, WI 53406**

Happy February to all,

We've come to the end of the 1st Semester. The winter MAP Test are complete and students at Giese are progressing well. The data which track behaviors are comparatively better than last year and attendance is at 92%. Way to go Giese Family! Let's keep up the momentum during the 2nd Semester!

We've added a new program. An RUSD sponsored Extended Learning After School Program is available for students in grades 4K, 5 Year Old Kdg and 1st grade free of charge. Please see the Office Staff or Mrs. Wamboldt if you are interested.

February is the month dedicated to celebrating the contributions of African Americans to our great country. We will highlight a person, an idea or a contribution daily. Families, let me know which influential African American you'd like to be featured.

Be Well,

Tangella King, Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH

March 1<sup>st</sup> – **YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE \$10.00**

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Last Basketball Game

March 1<sup>st</sup> – **KRISPY CRÈME ORDERS DUE**

March 8<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL professional development for teachers

March 12<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip/Racine Symphony Orchestra

March 13<sup>th</sup> – **KRISPY CRÈME ODER PICK UP**

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE (all games played at Knapp)

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Giese vs Wadewitz 5:30pm

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> – Giese vs Mitchell 5:30pm

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – Giese vs West Ridge 5:30pm

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – Giese vs Dr. Jones 5:30pm

**March 1<sup>st</sup> – Giese vs Goodland 6:30pm LAST GAME**

## POPCORN

Popcorn will be sold on Wednesdays for \$1.00.

## SMENCILS

Stay tuned: Smencils will be sold for \$1.00 starting next month

## NURSES CORNER Ms. Barbee and Mrs. Coe

Monday Feb 4th Seal a Smile permission slips will be going home for our March dates. Please fill out form and return, marking Yes or No for your child to have FREE dental care! Reminder if your child has come home with loaner clothes from our school supply please wash and send the items back so we have them for another child in need. We are in need of all sizes 4T and up.

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### 4-K-Mrs. Balestrieri Rm 7; Mrs. Wamboldt Rm 8

*"If February gives much snow, a fine summer it doth foreshow" (English proverb).*

We have just finished the first half of the school year with a lot of hard work and learning in our 4-year old kindergarten classrooms. We also have finished the Mid-Year PALS test and results will be sent home. The second checkpoint report cards will be sent home after 2/18/19. If you have any questions, please send a note to your child's teacher. **FAMILY TIMES:** The biggest gift you can give your child is the gift of reading. There is so much learning that happens when you read to and with your child.

**FUN DAYS AHEAD:** Friendships and Kindness are celebrated during this month. Check with your child's teacher for further details about 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 trip to Green Meadows Farm. 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!*

**KINDERGARTEN- Ms. Snorek Rm 16; Miss. Schmitt Rm 17; Miss. LayDel-Moral Rm 18**

Now that we have learned the upper- and lower- case letters and the letter sound associated with the letters, we will continue to practice these skills and practice using the sounds together to make words. We will also begin to learn how silent “e” changes our vowel sounds to say their name and practice spelling words. We will begin to learn about the diagraphs: ch, th, wh, sh, & ck. We will learn their sounds and how we can use them in words like: chin, thumb, whistle, ship, & sock. We will probably celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School on February 11. This is a special day to us because every day, we practice counting up to the number of days of school we have had so far. On our 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School we will celebrate by counting to 100 with 1’s, 5’s & 10’s. Even after the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School occurs, we continue to practice counting. Please help us practice when at home or riding in a vehicle. During Science, we’ve been learning about the earth. We recently had a discussion to look and discuss different types of rocks. We also talked about how the earth gets changed due to water, air, and fire (like due to a volcano).

**FIRST GRADE- Mrs. Ferguson Rm 19; Mrs. Johnson Rm 20**

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. Our next district field trip is Tuesday, February 5th. We will be going to the Kenosha Public Museum. If you would like to chaperone you need to be WINGS approved. Valentine’s Day will be here soon and we will have celebrations in the classroom. 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. Keep reading every night with your child. Talk with them about their book. Have them tell you what happens in the beginning, middle and end of the story.

**SECOND GRADE- Mrs. McKnight Rm 22; Mrs. Martinez Rm 23**

It’s hard to believe that we are half way through the school year. We have completed our winter NWEA MAP testing. Many of the students were able to show a lot of growth in reading and/or math. 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 do not have books available at home, please let us know. **The Six Flags Read to Succeed form is due on the 14<sup>th</sup>.** If you need another copy, please let your child’s teacher know. As we continue to experience extreme temperatures, please remind your child to wear his/her hats, scarves, and gloves. If your child needs any of these items, please let the school know.

**THIRD GRADE- Mrs. Underkofler Rm 34; Mrs. Walquist Rm 35**

**Testing:** MAP testing has been completed for winter. Forward Exam will begin at the end of March. The Forward Exam is for 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders. **Reading:** We will be finishing up our Character Studies Unit and begin our Assessment Preparation Unit to get students ready for the Forward Exam. **Writing:** We will be finishing up our Informational writing unit, move on to a small unit about writing an essay, and then work on practicing constructed responses in preparation for the Forward Exam. **Math:** We just finished Module 6 and are working on Module 7. During Module 7 we will be extending the 10s multiplication facts, working on the 9s, 8s, 1s, and 0s multiplications facts, working with picture graphs, bar graphs, and line plots. **Field trip:** Room 35 will be going to the Racine Zoo.

**FOURTH GRADE- Mrs. Lewno Rm 36; Mrs. Hays Rm 37**

January has come and gone, and our fourth graders have been hard at work. They've been learning the states and capitals of the southern United States in social studies. The test will be mid-February. In the upcoming weeks, they will continue working on multiplication and division but at a higher level by incorporating these skills with two, and three, digit numbers. Please practice basic facts at home to help with this. Math homework is sent home Tuesday and Thursday. Ask your child for this and help if needed. Thanks. Don't forget to fill out the Six Flags Great America sheet to receive a free ticket. After your child reads for six hours, bring the signed sheet back to school. He/she will get the ticket at the end of the school year.

**Winter MAP testing** has been completed. Please ask your child about his/her scores and goals. Their score/goal sheets were sent home last week. Watch for information about a **Valentine's Day party** in February. Always feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Class Dojo is probably the quickest and easiest way for contact.

**FIFTH GRADE- Ms. Panyk Rm 38; Mrs. Jensen Rm 39**

We have completed MAP testing and are beginning to prepare for the state Forward Exam. Please encourage your child to practice skills and read nightly. Khan academy can be accessed on the RUSD class link from home. Students know their passwords. Our next field trip will be to the Golden Rondelle on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact us. It is WINTER, please encourage your child to dress for the weather. We appreciate ALL that you do!

**MUSIC**  **Mr. Griffin Rm 32**

Support Giese Cheetahs on Valentine's Day, February 14th from 4 - 9pm by eating out at Georgie Porgie's. Giese will collect a portion of the proceeds spent on food that night. Funds collected will cover the costs of sending the choir boys to sing the National Anthem for the Milwaukee Wave. Anything extra will benefit other activities in our school.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

**BREAKFAST** – begins at 7:50AM enter through classroom doors. **After 8:00AM enter through the front doors.**

**SCHOOL LUNCHESES** - in the event that **your child is late**, you must call the school if your child will need a **hot lunch** that day, at **664-8250, before 9:00 a.m.** to insure your child will receive a hot lunch.

**ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES** - Any time of the day or night you can call to report your child's absence at **664-8255**. Please leave your child's name, room number or teacher, and reason for absence and your relationship to the student. A note is also acceptable

**CHECKING STUDENTS OUT-** Dismissal is at 2:51p.m. students are dismissed from their outside doors. Please note: Students who are being picked up for an early dismissal will need to be picked up by 2:35p.m. We will do our due diligence to unite students and parents in cases of emergency which may occur past 2:35. In addition, students will not be called to the office prior to parent arrival. **You may be asked to show an ID when checking a student out.**

## ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU FEBRUARY 2019

4 <sup>TH</sup> <b>Mini Corn Dogs</b> Refried Beans Apple Half	5 <sup>th</sup> <b>Chicken Soft Taco</b> Steamed Corn Apple Juice	6 <sup>th</sup> <b>Popcorn Chicken</b> Steamed Carrots Diced Peaches	7 <sup>th</sup> <b>Pizza Dippers</b> Green Beans Banana	8 <sup>th</sup> <b>Nacho Cheese Tator Tots</b> <b>w/pretzel rod</b> Side Salad Diced Pears
11 <sup>th</sup> <b>Chicken Drumstick w/Bread Slice</b> Mashed Potatoes Applesauce	12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Macaroni and Cheese w/Cheez its</b> Banana Steamed Carrots	13 <sup>th</sup> <b>Cheeseburger</b> Baked Beans Fresh Apple Half	14 <sup>th</sup> <b>French Toast Sticks w/Sausage and Hash Browns</b> Applesauce Celery	15 <sup>th</sup>  <b>TBA</b>
18 <sup>TH</sup>  <b>TBA</b>	19 <sup>TH</sup> <b>Beef Nachos</b> Steamed Corn Apple Half	20 <sup>th</sup> <b>Waffles w/Sausage Patty</b> Fresh Broccoli Applesauce Dragon Juice	21 <sup>st</sup> <b>Cheese Pizza</b> Red Peppers Diced Pears Pizza Pie Day!	22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Chicken Nuggets w/Cheez its</b> Baked Beans Fruit Mix
25 <sup>th</sup> <b>Pancakes w/Cheddar Omelet</b> Banana Cucumber Slices	26 <sup>th</sup> <b>Chicken Patty Sandwich</b> Green Peas Apple Juice Rice Krispie Treat	27 <sup>th</sup> <b>Chicken and Gravy Mash Potatoes and Roll</b> Diced Peaches	28 <sup>th</sup> <b>Beef Soft Tacos</b> Refried Beans Apple Half	

**HELP WANTED**  
**School Food Service**  
**No nights, weekends or holidays!**

Aramark, the new food service provider for Racine Unified, is looking for very special associates. We are looking for the kind of people who enjoy being around children and are interested in part time hours on the days that schools are in session. Shifts vary from 2 to 7 hours per day.

If this sounds like a good opportunity for you, please go to [Aramark.com/careers](http://Aramark.com/careers) and search Racine Unified to view all open positions and apply. We look forward to meeting you.



On Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:05pm the Giese Choirs will join the pre-game ceremonies of the Milwaukee Wave Soccer team in singing the National Anthem. All Giese students are invited to attend to cheer us on, as well are their family members.

- Who Sings:** Giese Choirs
- Where:** 400 N Kilbourn Ave , Milwaukee (UW Panther Arena)
- Call Time:** 4:30pm for singers
- Bus Departs:** 3:50pm
- Bus Returns:** About 10:00pm
- Game Start:** 6:05pm

Everyone who takes up a seat will need a ticket, adults and students. Tickets for Choral members have been paid for through tuition and fundraising. This is the trade-off for the event. We get the spotlight and we pay them for the opportunity. Tickets should be picked up from Mr. Griffin personally unless you give special permission to send them home with child.

At 4:30pm, we will be called to walk through the lower level of the arena to prepare for singing the National Anthem. If you are late, your child may not be granted entry right away, if at all.

I have included a bus fee for those who are interested in taking a bus to the arena with the choral students. The bus will need to depart Giese no later than 3:50pm.



Please fill this form out and return *no later than Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>*. Keep the top section for your records.

Our Child (print name): \_\_\_\_\_

- will not attend the Milwaukee Wave game.
- will attend under the watchful eye of Mr. Griffin and chaperones
- will attend and we have included payment for additional tickets for family in this envelope.
- we would also like to ride along on the bus to the game. # of Passengers -

Number of tickets we would like to reserve at \$25 each:  
 (TICKETS AND TRANSPORTATION FOR SINGERS IS ALREADY PAID FOR)  
 (this is a reduced price, assuming we reserve 100+ tickets)

	x \$5.00
	x \$25.00
<b>Total:</b>	

(Money Order made payable to Our Musical Life, Inc. Please return to Mr. Griffin)  
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