

THE CHEETAH CHATTER

JANUARY 2020



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

Jan. 6 – RETURN TO SCHOOL

Jan. 16 – 3rd grade to Planetarium

Jan. 17th Chuck E Cheese Event 3-9PM

Jan. 20 – ~~NO SCHOOL~~ Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 21 – Vision Screenings 1st, 3rd and 5th grades

Jan. 24 – End of 1st Semester

*Happy
New Year* ★★

Happy 2020 Giese Cheetah Families,

I hope you had a wonderful and restful winter break. We are gearing up for a wonderful start to the new year. When the new year begins we will recap our PBIS expectations (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe). This strategy helps us maintain a safe environment conducive to learning. Ask your Cheetah about PBIS.

We just finished our winter MAP test sessions. We saw some really good growth and hope that students are able to maintain and continue to grow academically. The MAP test measures growth from the Fall MAP Testing Session and it also gives us a district wide comparison. If you ever have questions about testing please don't hesitate to ask.

As the Wisconsin weather begins to rev up, we'd like for parents to keep two things in mind:

1. Students need to be dressed for the weather. All students go out to recess daily when the temperature is above 11 degrees. We can not LEGALLY allow them to remain inside because it is cold; we are bound to take them outdoors. Dress Appropriately.
2. Parents have the option of keeping students home due to weather. That being said, once students have exceeded the number of absences (and/or tardies) allowed by the state, you WILL receive a truancy letter. The letters are automatically generated based on your child's attendance. If you receive a letter please meet with our social worker so that we may document your response to the notice and so that we may document the reasons appropriately.

We are sad to tell you that after many years of service to Racine Unified Mr. Joe Knoch, is retiring. We will truly miss Mr Knoch. Please join us as we wish him a very comfortable retirement and a heartfelt thank you for his many years of service.

On behalf of the teachers and staff at Giese Elementary, I wish you all a safe and restful winter break. If you are celebrating this time with family and friends -Happy Holidays. We will see you in 2020. Happy New Year!!!

Respectfully,

Ms. Tangella King, Principal
Giese Elementary School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 14 – NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development
Feb. 17 – NO SCHOOL- Winter Break Day
Feb. 20 – Black History Month Assembly
Feb. 25 – Racine Zoo 3rd Grade Classroom Visit

POPCORN !!!

Popcorn will be sold for \$1.00 on Wednesdays

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

BREAKFAST – begins at 7:50AM enter through main doors.

SCHOOL LUNCHES - 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 ensure 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**

CLASSROOMS

4-K-Mrs. Hays Rm 7; Mrs. Wamboldt Rm 8

MRS. HAYS – is on maternity leave. Ms. Scales will be here for her.

LEARNING: The children in 4-year-old kindergarten have worked hard learning many new skills in school learning to write names, read letters and numbers, and work out problems with others. We enjoy seeing them have proud moments when they learn something new and try something difficult. Your efforts to make school important to you and your child shows in their positive attitude toward their learning and behavior. Continue to practice at home.

THANK YOU: A big thanks to all the families who joined us for our WINTER WORKSHOP. We appreciated and enjoyed having the extra adult help to make the day a success. Hope you enjoyed the extra time to see your child at school. An extra special thank you to the families who donated materials for all our fun and brought cookies to enjoy!

WEATHER: Just a reminder to label your child's belongings, especially since we get lots of clothing that is similar (i.e. black gloves, black hats, black snow pants, etc.) In the classroom, the temperature fluctuates, so multiple layers to put on or take off help make the day comfortable. Also, during the winter months we have recess daily if the temperature and/ or wind chill is higher than 10 degrees. Recess is about 15-20 minutes, so please make sure your child is prepared with boots and snow pants, especially when the snow is on the ground. Also, a change of clothes including socks in your child's backpack can be helpful if your child has an accident.

FAMILY FUN DAY: Mark your calendars and come with your child on Friday, January 31 at 9am for a fun snowman day. Hopefully, we won't be snowed out like in past years!

Hope you and your family have a Happy New Year!

KINDERGARTEN- Ms. Snorek Rm 16; Miss. Schmitt Rm 17

We have learned the entire lower-case alphabet, but we really need to practice our letter sounds and how to write them. We will be **practicing blending** (putting the sounds together) Please help us **review at home**. We will **begin to learn the upper-case letters** next. We will learn them quite quickly. Each day, we will learn 2-3 uppercase letters. For Writing, we are learning that the skills we have learned in Reading are the same skills we need to use for Writing. We need to know our **letter sounds, punctuation, snap words, and picture powers**. We have been learning a lot about numbers. **We now know how to print the numbers 0-10**. We can also count objects to show the number. **We are beginning to learn how to add**.

FIRST GRADE- Mrs. Gupta Rm 18; Mrs. Ferguson Rm 19; Ms. Kossman Rm 20

More than 40 years of research demonstrates that **parent engagement may close the student achievement gap**. We welcome your active participation in reviewing spelling lists, high-frequency words, and encouraging your children to **read for a minimum of 15 minutes per night**. Raz Kids also offers children an opportunity to listen as books are read to them. Children are currently **analyzing informational texts** and learning to find the main idea or big idea, as well as supporting details. They are **writing "All About" books** to share their information about something they know about, whether that be recess, animals, or another topic of their choosing. They pull details from their own lives or from classroom resources. First Graders continue to build their knowledge of addition and subtraction strategies up to 20. Children are **learning about the holidays** and sharing how they spend their holidays during morning meeting.

Next month's character trait focuses on citizenship and what it means to be a good citizen. How do we care for our community and show that we care for our community? How do protect members of our community? How do we support our community? How do we support our country and our planet as citizens of the world? Please ask your children about what they're learning and support their growth in all areas.

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

We have **completed our winter NWEA MAP testing** for reading and math! The students' showed **growth in both areas**. We want to keep the momentum going for the second half of the school year. Please continue to help your child by **encouraging them to read daily** and by talking to them about what they are reading. As we continue in our Origio Math modules it will be crucial that the students **know their math facts**. Please continue to use the **flash cards given out at parent-teacher conferences** to help the students memorize their facts. Continue to **reinforce positive school behaviors** with your child, as we will continue focusing on these skills at school. We hope everyone enjoys a relaxing Holiday season with family and friends.

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

In reading we are working on learning how to **read non-fiction books**. We are also, working on **informational writing**.

In math we will be working on x9, division with 8's, 1's, 0's and, graphing. Please continue to **practice basic math facts** each night.

Continue to have your child **read each night**. They can earn a **FREE ticket to Six Flags Great America if they read 6 hours** between now and the beginning of February. A paper will be coming home shortly.

The cold weather has arrived, please make sure your child has a **warm coat, hat, and mittens**. It's a good idea to have a sweatshirt in the classroom as well.

FOURTH GRADE- Mrs. Lewno Rm 36; Ms. Johnson Rm 37

When we return in January, we will continue **learning about metric measurements in math**. We will begin our next **science chapter on matter**. Our reading unit will focus on the **American Revolution and nonfiction reading**. Please continue **practicing the Words Their Way spelling** words at home. Students should be **reading 15 minutes per night to practice** fluency and accuracy. We hope everyone has a safe, relaxing and wonderful holiday. As always, please contact with any questions or concerns. ClassDojo is the most convenient for us.

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

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We have **a lot of work ahead of us in 2020**. Winter is well upon us. The temperature inside and out varies. Please have your child come prepared for inside and outside weather. **Boots and snow pants are suggested while playing in the snow**. Any **donations of Kleenex** are well received since we are always running low.

NURSES- Mrs. Coe and Ms. Barbee: 664-8264

Most **head lice** are spread by direct head to head contact, for example; during play, slumber parties, or sports activities. Less often lice are spread during the school day.

Per RUSD Protocol/Policy under the direction from DPI, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, students identified with live head lice at school do **not** need to be sent home early from school. If a parent desires to sign out their child early, this will be an excused absence. The child's parent or guardian will be notified that day by telephone and/or a note sent home with their child stating that prompt, proper treatment of this condition is in the best interest of their child and his/her classmates. The parent/guardian is to complete the bottom portion of the note and return this to school the next day verifying that appropriate treatment has been completed. Students identified with head lice should be discouraged from close direct contact with others. The student may return to school immediately following treatment, however, must be checked by trained school staff before returning to class. They will be monitored for signs of re-infestation. If there is more than one child with live lice identified in a classroom, a letter will be sent home to the parents of the children in the affected classroom recommending that they check their children for any evidence of head lice. As school health service staff, we want to provide you with information you may need and support you and your family. Head lice can only be eradicated with parent/guardian involvement. There are necessary steps that must take place in the home. We appreciate how difficult it can be to get rid of head lice in a household. It is a difficult responsibility for you, and we are here to offer our support.

HAPPY ★ NEW YEAR

6
Crispy Popcorn Chicken

Steamed Green Peas
Grape Tomatoes
Sweet Diced Pears

7
Mini Corny Dogs

Baked Beans
Crunchy Carroteenies
Fresh Banana

8
Hot Chicken Ham & Cheese on a Pretzel Bun

Grape Tomatoes
Crunchy Celery Sticks
Awesome Applesauce

9
Personal Turkey Pepperoni Pizza

Fresh Broccoli Trees
Cucumber Rounds
Colorful Mixed Fruit

10
Boppin' Beef Nachos

Sweet Golden Corn
Amazing Apple Slices

Jerstad's Favorite!

13
Hot Diggity Dog

Baked Beans
Fresh Broccoli Trees
Amazing Apple Half

14
Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich

Mean Green Beans
Grape Tomatoes
100% Grape Juice

15
Maple French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage Patty Crispy Hashbrown

Crunchy Baby Carrots
Awesome Applesauce

Brunch for Lunch!

16
Kickin' Chicken Tenders w/ Cheez-its

Sweet Golden Corn
Cucumber Rounds
Orange Smiles

17
Personal Cheesy Pizza

Fresh Broccoli Trees
Fresh Cauliflower Trees
Sweet Diced Pears



21
Cheesy Pizza

Crunchy Baby Carrots
Cucumber Rounds
Colorful Mixed Fruit

22
Fluffy Pancakes w/ Cheesy Omelet

Grape Tomatoes
Crunchy Celery Sticks
Awesome Applesauce

Lucky Tray Day!

23
Crazy Cheeseburger

Criss Cut Fries
Fresh Broccoli Trees
100% Orange Juice

24
Zesty Beef Tacos

Sweet Golden Corn
Crunchy Celery Sticks
Amazing Apple Slices

27
Crispy Chicken Drumstick w/ Dinner Roll

Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Broccoli Trees
Sweet Diced Peaches

28
Crazy Cheeseburger

Baked Beans
Crunchy Celery Sticks
Amazing Apple Slices

29
Kickin' Chicken Nuggets w/ Graham Snack

Steamed Carrot Coins
Grape Tomatoes
100% Apple Juice

30
Cheesy Ravioli w/ Marinara & Garlic Toast

Cucumber Slices
Colorful Mixed Fruit
Mini Rice Krispy Treat

Treat Day!

31
Cheesy Pizza

Fresh Broccoli Trees
Fresh Cauliflower Trees
Sweet Diced Pears

Served Daily

White Skim Milk
White 1% Milk
Chocolate Skim Milk (Not Served at Bull EEC)

More info...

School Lunch is snow cool! All of our lunches have a serving of fruits, vegetables, & whole grains! Join us at lunch!



FREE MOVIE TICKET TO ALL STUDENTS
WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE
MONTH OF JANUARY, COURTESY OF
MARCUS THEATERS

GOOD LUCK!!!