



THE CHEETAH CHATTER

MARCH 2019



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

- March 1 – Last Basketball game 
- March 1 - **Krispy Kreme Forms Due** 
- March 4&5 – **Seal a Smile** 
- March 6 – Respect Day
- March 7 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8PM
- March 8 - 2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE 12:51PM RELEASE
- March 8 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:05-3:05PM
- March 14 – PTO Meeting 6PM
- March 12 – 5th Grade Field Trip to see Racine Symphony Orchestra
- March 13 – 3rd Grade Field Trip to Golden Rondell
- March 13 - **Krispy Kreme PICK UP 7:30-7:45am & 3:00-3:30PM** 
- March 18 - Forward Testing begins
- March 20 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Planetarium
- March 29 - 3rd quarter 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.



PLEASE CONTINUE COLLECTING BOX TOPS FOR OUR FALL BOX TOPS CONTEST. LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON!

 **READ ACROSS AMERICA MARCH 4TH – 8TH**
 **LIBRARY WEEKS March 11TH AND 25TH**

  **4TH/5TH Grade Students REMEMBER INSTRUMENTS/ BOOKS ON TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**



Hello Giese Families,

We're MARCHing into Spring with a pep in our step and a new attitude! Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for Monday Morning Meeting. We hope you loved it as much as we do and we hope your questions were answered during our "Coffee Chat". We've just finished our Winter MAP Test. If you'd like to receive a copy of your child's MAP progress report please join us for Parent Teacher Conferences March 7th from 3:15p-7:15p and March 8th from 1:05p-3:05p. We hope to see you there.

We will have an early release March 8, 2019. Students will be dismissed at 12:51pm. Please make arrangements to pick your student up.

Conferences are a good time to ask your child's teacher what is needed in the class. If you want to donate something (Kleenex, sanitizer, etc) to your child's class just ask your child's teacher what is needed. We appreciate your support. Thank you in advance.

Reminder: Parents, please remember the drop off procedures in the morning. If you are driving through the roundabout, simply drop students off in the right lane. The left lane is for passing only. Do not let students off in the left lane. Also, there is no parking in the roundabout. If you want to walk kiddos up to their doors you must park on the street.

Also be sure to get kids to school by 8:04a. At 8:05a students are tardy. This affects learning and also lunches. If students are tardy they run the risk of missing the lunch count. Please make sure they are here on time daily.

Daylights savings time is one week from Sunday. This time of the year is wonky for some kiddos. Research attributes this to internal clocks being "off-kilter". These attributes may include: later bedtimes, waking up earlier, and longer daylight hours. You can help your child transition easier by adjusting bedtimes and wake up times by 15 to 30 minutes in the days before the time change. This small change can yield huge results.

March 14 is PI Day. Pi (Greek letter " π ") is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159. On Pi(e) day we will have some fun with "pies". Students will be able to PIE the Principal for \$1.00. For \$1.00 students will receive a shaving cream pie and they'll get a chance to let me have it. Adults can purchase a pie for \$5.00. You can join us in the Gymnasium at 1:15pm on March 14.

Forward Exams begin March 18th. This is the exam taken by 3rd 4th and 5th graders statewide. It is imperative that students are present and on time. Parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will receive a more detailed letter with exact dates as we get closer to the test.

On behalf of the Giese Staff, I'd like to thank you for all you do. If there are any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call or schedule a visit.

Be well,

Tangella King, Principal
Giese Elementary School

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

April 3 – Kohl's Wild Theater 1:30pm
April 4 – Spring Pictures
April 18- Forward Testing Ends
April 18 –Ned Kindness Show 1:30pm
April 19- Spring Break Begins
April 29 –School Resumes
April 29 – Library Week

POPCORN



Popcorn will be sold on Wednesdays for \$1.00

SMENCILS



Smencils are being sold for \$1.00 by Mr. Griffin. Stay tuned for announcement

CLASSROOM NEWS

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

During March, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with fun spirit days. We will also have a reading celebration. Families are invited to meet us at the Racine Public Library on Friday 3/22 and then have a fun lunch together at Kewpees. Please watch for invitation and RSVP if you plan to attend.

Please talk about these topics with your child during month:

Good Attitude – a positive attitude can help your child deal with the challenges of the day. If you haven't heard this before, "Attitude is everything!" Good attitudes about learning and school make them very successful and happy. Let your child know how important school is.

Being Friendly – don't be a bully, instead, be a friend. Remind your child to be kind or be quiet. It is difficult in the classroom, lunchroom, playground, etc. when children are choosing unkind ways to treat and talk to each other. Talk up ways to be friendly and how to respond kindly if someone else is not being very nice. It is never OK to fight or fight back at school.

Being Prepared – start your day off in a good way, bring necessary items to school: book bags, folders/mailbags, and other notes. Dress appropriately for both inside and outside the classroom. Think about the daily changing weather and the wet playground. Consider having a change of clothes in your child's backpack, even an extra pair of socks can be helpful.

Thanks to all Giese Families! - Our 4K Field Trip Fundraiser, selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts, has helped us earn funds to help offset the cost of spring field trips for our students. Doughnuts and Coffee Pick up is on Wednesday, March 13th between 3-3:30pm.

Talk to your Teacher –Spring conferences are coming this month, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference. Spring is a great time to really see our children blossoming and enjoy a little warmer weather. Springtime is coming, it is worth repeating! Please contact us with any questions.

KINDERGARTEN- Ms. Snorek Rm 16; Miss. Schmitt Rm 17; Ms. Hays Rm 18

We are learning how to read and spell words. We've already learned a few spelling rules. We learned how silent e doesn't talk, but helps the other vowel say its name. We have also learned when to use letter c and when to use k at the beginning of a word. Please ask us to tell you about these rules, it is good practice. We will be learning more rules to help us to spell and read. We had a lot of fun celebrating our 100th Day of School. We are still counting to 100 by 1's, 5's and 10's. Can you let us practice counting while we are in the car or at home? For Math, we are learning how to add and subtract. We need to practice, but we are becoming good mathematicians!

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

It's exciting to watch the first graders use their newly acquired reading skills. Book browsing is a favorite all time activity. The Racine Public Library is a good source of reading materials and a great place for family interaction. Continue reading together every night! If you have access to the internet, working on RAZ Kids is something the kids enjoy. Memorizing basic addition (+) and subtraction (-) facts are important skills that should be reinforced at home. Practice counting by 5's, and 10's. Parent Teacher Conferences will be March 7th & 8th. Your child should have brought home a paper to sign up for a time. If you did not receive one, please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to meeting with you at conferences!

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

Spring is almost here! The Master Gardeners will be coming to teach the second grade students about plants and how they grow. The students will be making seed viewers to observe this process. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for March 7th and 8th. Please look for information coming home with your child. We look forward to meeting with you. As always, please continue to reinforce the importance of reading at home and practicing basic math facts. Many of the students are still struggling in these very important areas. Extra practice is essential.

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

In reading we have started the Testing Champions Assessment Unit. Students are learning good test taking skills to help them feel more prepared for the Forward Exam. Please continue to have your child read for at least 20 minutes every day. **In math** we are learning how to add three digit numbers using the standard algorithm, 9s division facts, and reading a scale that measures grams and kilogram. Please continue to practice basic math facts each night. Keep looking for your child's spelling/Words Their Way sheets coming home. Part of homework is to complete the contract on the back and practice spelling words each night. If you haven't signed up for a parent/teacher conference and would like to discuss your child's progress please be sure to contact us. The cold weather is still here, 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; Mrs. Eickmeyer Rm 37

Reading-Students should be reading 15 minutes each night to help with accuracy and fluency.

Science/Social Studies-We are just starting chapter 3 (animals) in science. Feel free to study vocabulary words and re-read the chapter with your child. After that, we will move to the eastern United States in social studies (chapter 3).

Math-We are working on 6-digit numbers-reading and writing them. We will then move on to measurement-metric and standard, including finding area and perimeter. Please replenish your child's supplies if needed. They almost all need pencils and erasers.

State Forward Testing- will begin soon. Please discuss with your child the importance of these tests. As always, let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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

Spring is hopefully on its way! We will spend the first few weeks of March preparing for the state Forward exam. In the middle of the month we will begin testing. We will give you a heads up on Dojo when we know the specific dates we will test. This exam is very important. Please take time to talk with your child about taking this seriously and doing the best they can. We believe with focus and determination all can find success. Good sleep is also important! We

appreciate your support. As the weather changes once again please be mindful of encouraging your child to have a second set of shoes and a sweat shirt to leave at school. The air temperatures change daily and mud will be on the rise. Thank you!

ART ROOM  -Mrs. Meisterheim Rm. 31

Hello, I am Mrs. Meisterheim, Giese Elementary's new art teacher. I started teaching on February 18th, and I am enjoying getting to know the students. We are working on the Color Wheel and Primary Color Mixing. More FUN to come!

MUSIC  Mr. Griffin Rm 32

Take time to relax and listen to your favorite music.

NURSE'S CORNER-Mrs. Coe and Mrs. Barbee

With Flu Season and all the other germs and bugs flying around please make sure to remind your children about good hand washing and covering their mouth and nose with their elbows when coughing and sneezing. Rule of thumb for hand washing sing the ABCs while washing your hands! IF your child has recently had vaccinations please contact Nurse Jordan to ensure all dates are in their record so they are compliant with the district, If you are unsure if your child is current you may also contact Nurse Jordan to find out. We are **looking for donations** to our Nurses office of the following items; **Empty ice cream buckets, Baby Wipes, Zip loc bags (variety of sizes) Disinfectant wipes**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS



BREAKFAST – begins at 7:50AM enter through classroom doors. **After 8:00AM enter through the front 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 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 MARCH 2019

1ST Hot Dog Baby Carrots Warm Cinnamon Apples B DAY				
4TH Cheeseburger Seasoned Waffle Fries Fresh Apple Half C DAY	5TH Popcorn Chicken w/ Dinner Roll Steamed Green Beans Diced Peaches A DAY	6TH Burrito Steamed Carrots Orange Juice Choc Graham Bears Treat Day B DAY	7TH Chicken Tenders w/ Cheez It Crackers Baked Beans Apple Juice C DAY	8TH Turkey Bologna & Cheese Sandwich Broccoli Baby Carrots Apple Half A DAY
11TH Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Banana B DAY	12TH Chicken Soft Tacos Steamed Corn Apple Juice C DAY	13TH Chicken Gray and Mashed Potatoes w/Dinner Roll Diced Peaches A DAY	14TH Pizza Dippers w/Marinara Sauce Steamed Carrots Apple Half B DAY	15TH Nacho Cheese Tater Bites w/Pretzel Rod Side Salad Diced Peaches Lucky Tray Day! C DAY
18TH Chicken Drum Stick w/Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Apple Half A DAY	19TH Cheese Pizza Broccoli Cauliflower Diced Peaches B DAY	20TH Cheeseburger Baked Beans Apple Half C DAY	21ST French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Hash Brown Applesauce Celery A DAY	22ND Chicken Patty Sandwich Steamed Carrots Apple Juice B DAY
25TH Waffles w/Sausage Patty Broccoli Applesauce Dragon Punch International Waffle Day C DAY	26TH Beef Nachos Steamed Corn Diced Pears A DAY	27TH Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/Garlic Bread Side Salad Grape Juice B DAY	28TH Hot Dog Baby Carrots Apple Half Baseball Opening Day C DAY	29TH Chicken Nuggets w/ Cheez Its Baked Beans Mixed Fruit A DAY

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 and search Racine Unified to view all open positions and apply. We look forward to meeting you.