

## The Cheetah Chatter

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Dear Giese Families,

**Fall Conferences** are coming soon. If you have not yet set a time with your child's teacher please do so as soon as . We can't wait to tell you all of the wonderful things we've learned together thus far.

**Changing Weather** The weather outside is a'changing! Please dress students in layers and with proper gear for outdoor play (Gloves, Hats, Scarves, and Snow pants when necessary). If you are in need of a coat or other winter gear please let our School Social Worker, Mrs. Podskarbi or our School Counselor, Mrs. Howard know.

**Meds At School** - With so many changes in weather, it is inevitable that students will get sick this season. Please note ALL medications (including throat lozenges) must follow the RUSD Policy Protocol for Meds at School. Please speak with Nurse Jordan if your child will need any medication administered throughout the day. Students will not be allowed to self medicate.

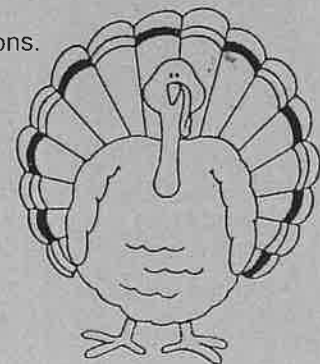
Next Week '**Daylight Savings**' ends. This means time will move back an hour. It is important to know that this may effect your child's sleeping pattern. Fortunately, this is pretty easy to address. Move your child's sleep period later by 30 minutes for three days before the time changes. When we change to the new time this will effectively move their sleep period an hour later. In this example, you will have your child go to sleep at 8:30 PM to 6:30 AM for three days before falling back. Then move them back to the old schedule at new time (8 PM to 6 AM). This approach will hopefully cushion the landing from "falling back" and help you get a little more shuteye.

**LET US GIVE THANKS AND SO MUCH MORE!**- You are invited to our Annual Title One Meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner. I enjoyed meeting with you all during the Ice Cream Social. I would like an opportunity to meet you again. We will share a meal together and you will get some important information regarding our Title One Programming. You will also have the opportunity to win a themed basket. Some basket themes are: The Chocolate Basket, The Kitchen Basket and The Movie Night Basket. No Purchase Necessary.

Our **Pennies for Patients** fundraiser is underway. Your child brought home information about this last week. Please help us raise funds for kids who are suffering from Leukemia and Lymphoma.

If you have not visited the **Parent Portal** in **Infinite Campus** you may not be receiving the Messenger Calls from Giese or from Racine Unified. Please update immediately when changes occur. Changes can include: **Change in Phone Numbers and Additional Emergency Contacts.**

Thank you for taking time to read our newsletter. Please let me know if there are any questions. Have a great month and a Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours.



## **FOUR YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN**

**LOTS OF FUN:** October was a busy month in our 4K rooms. We enjoyed meeting families at the Pumpkin Farm for our first Family Engagement Day. We had our Character Parade to the Nursing home and enjoyed spreading a little cheer to the residents in our fun costumes.

**LOTS OF LEARNING:** We have been learning many letter, working on reading our names, listening for sounds letters make, and rhyming fun.

**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 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 4K students participated in the PALS literacy screening. First term report cards will be available at Parent Teacher Conferences on Nov. 8 and Nov. 9.

**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.

## **KINDERGARTEN**

We have been working really hard in third grade. Please continue to work on reading for at least 20 minutes and basic math facts for at least 20 minutes every day at home. In reading we have started our Mystery Unit. We are learning that when we read a mystery we should ask "What's the mystery here?" and "Who is the crime solver?". We also need to pay attention to clues, try to predict what will happen, and think about how stories tend to go and use that information to learn how mysteries usually go.

In math we have started to learn some strategies to figure out multiplication facts. We have learned how to figure out 2s and 4s multiplication facts. We are going to start working with telling time. Telling time to the nearest minute on an analog (face) clock and being able to tell how many minutes past the hour or until the next hour.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> there is no school on either of those days. Reminders will be sent home. Please contact us as soon as possible if you have not sent in times that work with your schedule.

## **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 you 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** on November 8 or 9 for conferences.

### SECOND GRADE

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

We will begin our 6 weeks of swimming lessons on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

If you have not already signed up for a parent-teacher conference please notify your child's teacher so that an appointment can be scheduled.

### THIRD GRADE

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## FOURTH GRADE

Coming up in November will be parent/teacher conferences. Please watch for the final reminder of your day and time. We'd like to meet with as many parents as possible. If you can't make it, we can always do a phone conference.

In math, we will be continuing with multiplication skills before moving on to division. These skills are easy to practice at home with flashcards or websites such as Prodigy. The students know their logins and passwords.

In social studies, we'll be studying chapter 5, which is the states of the western United States. The students will need to know the states and capitals as well as topics like geography, people and places of the west.

Continue encouraging your child to read aloud at home. This helps with fluency and comprehension skills

As always, feel free to contact us by phone or email with any concerns or questions.



## Fifth grade "Just Say No" Club

Thank you for your participation in Red Ribbon Week last month. We were happy to raise awareness of drugs and the negative affects they have on our bodies. This month fifth graders will be learning about marijuana and the side effects it has on our body. Peer pressure can be a challenge. We will talk about ways to stand firm and keep your body healthy!

## Fifth Grade

Fifth grade has been busy researching and reading non-fiction texts. We will be presenting our research to our class. Ask your child what he/she is researching. Reading daily is so important for stamina building and growth. Please encourage your child to read. Our book fair is coming the week of conferences. Check out the great books that will be for sale.

We look forward to meeting with you at conferences. There are so many positive things happening here in our classrooms and school. Please be sure to stop for your quick 20 minute conference and get the scoop!

As the weather gets cooler, please send a sweatshirt that can stay in the room for when we get chilly. It is unpredictable some days. Also, any donations of Kleenex are appreciated. We are already starting to run low. As always, Thank you for your support!

Giese Families

# You're Invited to the Title I Annual Parent Meeting!

Thursday, November 15th, 5:00pm-6:30pm

**Feel empowered and join us to:**


- Learn about Giese's participation in the Title I program.
- Review our Title I curriculum and the academic assessments used to measure student progress.
- Discover the District- and School-level Engagement Activities.
- Share your ideas on how to improve our **Title I School Policy** and the **Title I School-Parent Compact**.

Snacks and refreshments will be served by our Giese staff.

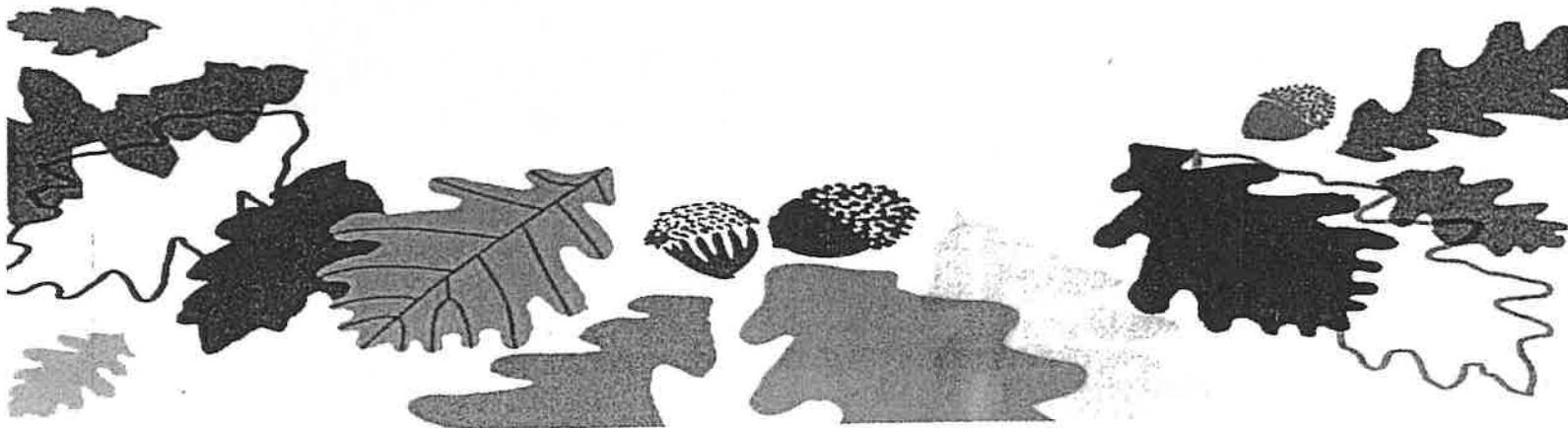
Enter to win a gift basket for your family donated by Giese staff members and community organizations.

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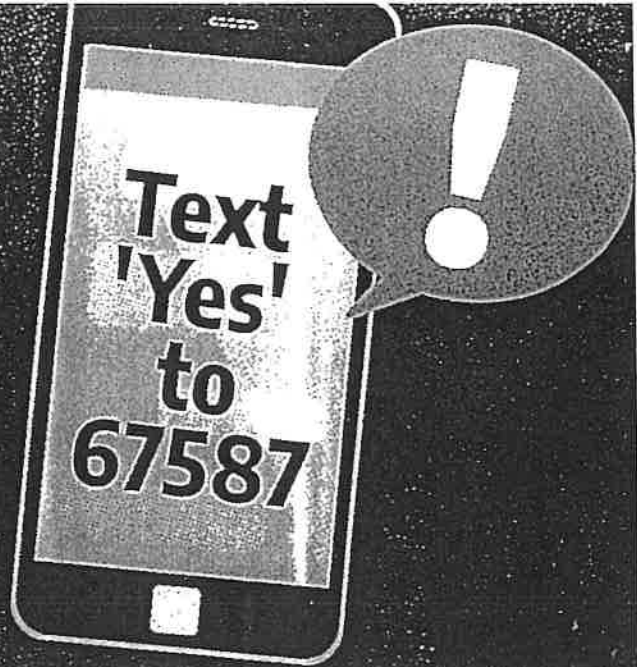
**Please R.S.V.P. by November 13th in 1 of 3 ways!**

1. Giese Elementary School on 
2. Email: [michelle.wisniewski@rusd.org](mailto:michelle.wisniewski@rusd.org)
3. Return this form to the office

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of people attending \_\_\_\_\_



# Sign up for Text Alerts



You can now get all the latest RUSD information straight to your cell phone without ever having to answer the phone! RUSD will now notify parents and guardians via text message with important District and/or school information. In the past, RUSD has only utilized text messages for emergencies.

How do I sign up?

Parents/guardians can sign up just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587. You will receive a confirmation text letting you know you have opted-in to District text messages.

District text messages will also be sent out in Spanish. Please note that the program does not allow us to enter special characters. Therefore, messages will not have the following accent marks, á é í ó ú, ü, ÿ.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [info@rusd.org](mailto:info@rusd.org).

## 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.

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A COMMUNITY PROGRAM SINCE 1929

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 2018:

<i>Size of Family / Per Week Gross Unit</i>	
1.....	\$350.19
2.....	\$474.81
3.....	\$599.42
4.....	\$724.04

<i>Size of Family / Per Week Gross Unit</i>	
5.....	\$848.65
6.....	\$973.27
7.....	\$1,097.88
8.....	\$1,222.50

## 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 2nd through December 4th (final day for registration). Registration is also available on Saturday, October 6th; Monday, November 26th; Saturday, December 1st and Monday, December 3rd.
3. Closed the week of November 19-23 for Thanksgiving.
4. Last pick-up date is Saturday, December 8th.
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 2, 2018 on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

Phone Number: 262-633-1379

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UN PROGRAMA DE LA COMUNIDAD DESE 1929

En colaboraci3n coporativa voluntaria conseja de Racine – The Giving Tree

# AYUDANDO FAMILIAS

## Para Participar:

1. Usted debe ser un residente del Condado de Racine.
2. Debe presentar prueba de que usted es el padre / tutor de los ni1os y que tiene la custodia de los hijos.
3. Por Favor deber1 presentarse la siguiente:
  - a. Identificaci3n con foto o licencia de conducir del padre o tutor.
  - b. Certificado de nacimiento, o tarjeta de vacunaci3n para cada uno de sus hijos, u otras pruebas de edades desde el nacimiento hasta los 12 a1os.
4. Si usted tiene bajo ingreso, por favor traiga su 1ltimo tal3n de cheque o tarjeta m1dica. Utilizamos las siguientes pautas federales.

## Directrices de la pobreza 2018:

### *Tama1o de la Familia / salario bruto semana*

1.....	\$350.19
2.....	\$474.81
3.....	\$599.42
4.....	\$724.04

### *Tama1o de la Familia / salario bruto semana*

5.....	\$848.65
6.....	\$973.27
7.....	\$1,097.88
8.....	\$1,222.50

## Para Registrarse:

1. Aplicar personalmente en el anexo del Ayuntamiento situada a 800 Center Calle 8:00 a.m. el 11:00 a.m.
2. Registre los Martes, Mi3rcoles y Jueves a partir del 2 de Octubre hasta el 4 de Diciembre (d1a final de inscripci3n). El registro tambi3n est1 disponible el S1bado, 6 de Octubre; Lunes, 26 de Noviembre; S1bado, 1 de Diciembre y Lunes, 3 de Diciembre.
3. Cerramos la semana de Acci3n de Gracias, 19 al 23 Noviembre.
4. La 1ltima fecha de recoger los regalos es S1bado, 8 de Diciembre.
5. Destinatarios pueden aplicar s3lo una vez por a1o.
6. La disponibilidad de regalos dependen de los n1meros de registro.

El Consejo de Voluntariado Corporativo - Giving Tree tambi3n aceptar1 inscripciones comenzando el 2 de Octubre de 2018 en una base de primer llegado, primer servido.

Sitio Web: [www.texreynoldstoysfortots.com](http://www.texreynoldstoysfortots.com)

N1mero de Tel3fono: 262-633-1379



# Attend an Aramark Hiring Event at Racine Unified School District!

**Aramark is currently looking to hire:**

- Food Service Workers

**Friday, November 9, 2018**

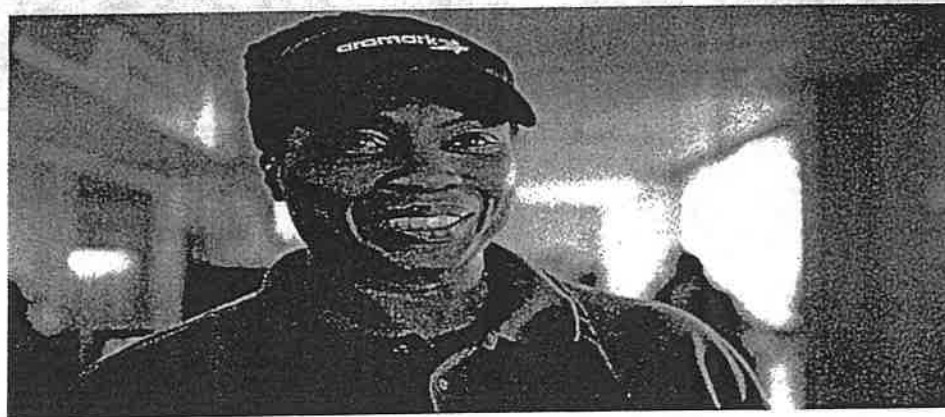
**10:00am – 3:00pm**

**at**

**2333 Northwestern Ave**

**Racine, WI 53404**

**No Nights!, No Weekends!, No Holidays! Summers Off!**



Please apply online **before** attending event at:  
**[http://adtrk.tw/tp/rj6-hP3j\\_y\\_K](http://adtrk.tw/tp/rj6-hP3j_y_K)**

**(Case Sensitive)**

- Aramark is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or protected veteran status and will not be discriminated against on the basis of disability.
- A background check and drug screen are required for these positions.
- FRAUD ALERT: Aramark will never ask an applicant to supply his or her social security number electronically or via email to apply for a job with Aramark



**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.



**Giese Elementary**



# Racine Elementary Schools Lunch Menu

November 2018

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**1**  
French Toast Sticks  
w/Syrup  
Sausage Patty  
Hash Brown  
  
Applesauce  
Dragon Juice

**2**  
Cheese Pizza  
  
Fresh Broccoli  
Fresh Cauliflower  
Diced Peaches

**5**  
Rotini & Meatballs with  
Garlic Bread  
  
Side Salad  
Grape Juice  
Chocolate Rice Krispie Treat

**6**  
Sweet & Sour  
Popcorn Chicken  
with Brown Rice  
  
Cucumber Slices  
Baby Carrots  
Diced Pears

**7**  
Waffles with  
Sausage Patty  
  
Fresh Broccoli  
Apple-Half  
Dragon Punch Juice

**8**  
No School

**9**  
No School

**12**  
Pancakes with  
Cheddar Omelet  
  
Fresh Broccoli  
Oranges Wedges  
Dragon Punch Juice

**13**  
Chicken Patty  
Sandwich  
  
Green Beans  
Apple Juice

**14**  
Broccoli Cheddar  
Baked Potato  
Wedges w/ Dinner  
Roll  
  
Diced Peaches

**15**  
Beef Soft Tacos  
  
Kickin' Pinto Beans  
Apple Wedges

**16**  
Hot Dog  
  
Baby Carrots  
Warm Cinnamon  
Apples

**19**  
Cheeseburger  
  
Seasoned Waffle Fries  
Fresh Pear Half

**20**  
Popcorn Chicken  
Potato Bowl  
w/ Dinner Roll  
  
Applesauce

**21**  
Beef and Bean  
Burrito  
  
Celery Sticks  
Steamed Carrots  
Orange Juice  
Chocolate Graham  
Bears

**22**  
No School

**23**  
No School

**26**  
Mini Corn Dogs  
  
Fresh Broccoli  
Baked Beans  
Orange Wedges

**27**  
Chicken Soft Tacos  
  
Steamed Corn  
Apple Juice

**28**  
French Toast Sticks  
w/Syrup  
Sausage Patty  
Hash Brown  
  
Applesauce  
Dragon Juice

**29**  
Pizza Dippers  
w/ Marinara Sauce  
  
Marinara Sauce  
Green Beans  
Orange Wedges



**30**  
Nacho Cheese Tater  
Bites w/Mini Pretzel  
  
Side Salad  
Diced Pears

**Served Daily**  
White Skim Milk  
White 1% Milk  
Chocolate Skim Milk

**More info...**  
Welcome Back! Aramark is proud to be your new food service provider. Check out our new menus & get to know us better!



# November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 YLA Parent Meeting 5:30-6:15 Cheer Practice A-DAY	2 B-DAY	3
4	5 "C-DAY"	6 Picture Retake Day Election Day "A-DAY"	7 Gr. 3 to Racine Zoo 9:30-12:00 "B-DAY"	8 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences	9 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences	10
11 Veterans Day	12 "C-DAY"	13 "A-DAY"	14 "B-DAY"	15 Gr. 2 Swimming Cheer Practice Title One Annual Meeting 5:00-6:30. C-DAY	16 A-DAY	17
18	19 "B-DAY"	20 "C-DAY"	21 "A-DAY"	22 Thanksgiving Day	23 	24
25	26 SCAN Program Room 23 12:45-1:30 B-DAY	27 SCAN Program Rm. 22 12:45-1:30 "C-DAY"	28 "A-DAY"	29 Gr. 22 Swimming Cheer Practice "B-DAY"	30 "C-DAY"	