



THE CHEETAH CHATTER

NOVEMBER 2019



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

Nov 4-8 Scholastic Book Fair



Nov 7 – End of 1st Semester

Nov 7-8 - NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov 12 - Picture Day



Oct 18 – 2nd grade Field Trip to Ascension Hospital

Nov 22 – Mr. Hass’s class field trip to The Villa Nursing Home

Nov 25 – Kohl’s Theater 1:30PM

Nov 27 – 29 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK



Please sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences with your child’s teacher. Please call the office if you need assistance

Come to the Giese Scholastic Book Fair

Nov 4 – 6 Open 7:15 – 8:00am and 2:51 -3:30pm

Nov 7 – Open during conferences

Nov 8 – Open until noon

ALL STUDENTS ARE TO ENTER THROUGH FRONT DOOR CLASSROOM DOORS WILL ONLY BE USED FOR DISMISSAL

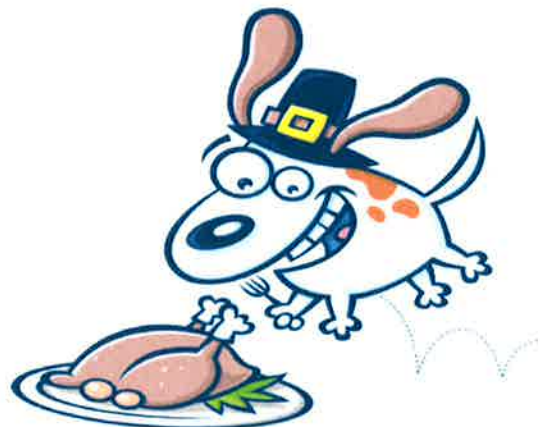
4K enters through their outside classroom doors

7:50AM FIRST BELL

8:00AM SCHOOL STARTS

2:51PM DISMISSAL

AFTER 8:05 YOUR CHILD WILL BE MARKED AS TARDY





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November 1, 2019

Happy November Cheetah Families,

I hope you and your child are happy with the culture, climate and academic offerings at Giese Elementary. I'd like to share a few important notes with you.

Fall Conferences are coming soon. If you have not yet set a time with your child's teacher please do so as soon as possible, we can't wait to tell you all of the wonderful things we've learned together thus far. **4th and 5th grade teachers will also be receiving their child's Forward Exam Report.**

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.

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**' begins. This means time will move back an hour. It is important to know that this may affect 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 "falling back" and then back to their old schedule on the "new time", effectively moving 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 the 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.

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

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please let me know if there are any questions

Tangella King, Principal
Giese Elementary School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec.2- Talent Show

Dec. 5- KG in class Zoo visit

Dec. 16 – SCAN program for 4th grade

Dec. 19 – 5th grade field trip to Wustum Museum

Dec. 24 – End of 1st semester

Dec. 23 – Jan. 3 Christmas Vacation-return Jan. 6

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

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 letters, working on reading our names, listening for sounds the 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 with their names or initials, so we can help keep the right pieces with the right kids. We have a lot 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. 7 or Nov. 8.

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

We are learning the names and sounds of the letters of the alphabet. **Please practice** with your child by asking “what is this letter? Can you tell me the sound of that letter?” Can you tell me a word that starts with that sound?” We have now learned half of the alphabet and almost every vowel. Recognizing and practicing the letters and sounds will help your child when we begin to move forward with putting the letters together to spell/read words. We are also **exploring numbers** by recognizing them and knowing how many each number represents. We are currently focusing on the numbers 0-10. We will learn about the larger numbers later in the year. Since October is Fire Safety Awareness Month, we’ve talked about **fire safety** and even had a fire fighter present a fire safety program and watched a video. Please speak to your child about where to meet the family if there was a fire at home.

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

First Grade Learns and Shows Gratitude This Month! The school year is off to an incredible start! Students are reviewing letter sounds and moving toward blending more challenging words. **In Reader’s Workshop**, we are establishing good reading habits, and building upon grammar rules learned in Kindergarten, while building vocabulary. **In math**, we’ve begun our module on time and measurement, while continuing to practice addition and subtraction math facts.

At home, ask your child to “become the teacher” and let them show you what they’ve been learning across special classes, reading, writing, and math.

Morning Meeting: Did you know morning meeting is an important part of your child’s day? Morning meeting is a fun, effective and research-based tool used to build class and school community through activities and sharing. Children learn to build healthy relationships with others while strengthening character traits (respect, grit, gratitude, courage, kindness, compassion, honesty, loyalty... and so much more).

This month, we’ve been discussing gratitude. What is gratitude? What are we grateful for? How can we show gratitude? What can we do when someone shows gratitude for something we do? Who are *you* grateful for? Please have your children in school by 8 am so they can participate in morning meeting.

Brrr! It’s cold outside! Students should be dressed appropriately for the change of season. An extra change of clothes can be kept in class, including an extra pair of socks for soggy days.

Parent Teacher Conferences: We’re excited to meet with you at parent teacher conferences! This is when we will discuss student progress, and specific ways you can help and enrich your child’s growth. This is also a time when your child can share their work and classroom with you. **Please sign up for a time** if you have not done so already. Happy November!

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

We are approaching the end of the first quarter of the school year. We have been working hard in our **Reader's and Writer's Workshop** and pressing forward in Origo math. The students are also learning a lot during our Foundations lessons. Please continue to encourage your child daily to read to you at home and practice the math facts.

Our swimming sessions at the YMCA were a success. Thank you for your support with this experience. We hope the students remember all of the water safety skills that they were taught.

Parent-teacher conferences will take place Thursday November 7th and Friday November 8th. If you have not already signed up for a conference please notify your child's teacher so that an appointment can be scheduled. We look forward to meeting with all of our second grade families!

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

We have been working really hard in third grade. **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 5s and 10s multiplication facts. Please continue to work on reading for at least 20 minutes and basic math facts for at least 20 minutes every day at home.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 7th and 8th 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.

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

We've made it two months in 4th grade. We are currently busy learning about nonfiction reading and writing. **Please encourage students to read** this genre at home (magazines, newspapers, animal or people books, etc). We are learning about multiplication, area and perimeter **in math** and then will be moving on to subtraction and fractions. **Please keep up with students' homework** so you know what they are working on. Spelling words are also sent home each week. **Please make sure you have a conference set up for next week.** If not, please call us or send a message on ClassDojo. Thank you.

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

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!

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

Department of Health Services

GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING SICK CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL

Students should remain home when:

- Appears severely ill – such as unusually quiet and tired, more irritable, has difficulty breathing, or blistered/quickly spreading rash.
- Fever (temperature above 101 degrees or above) **and** other symptoms such as change in behavior, cough, sore throat, rash, vomiting, or diarrhea. An elevated temperature alone is not a reason to stay home.
- Vomiting more than 2 times in the previous 24 hours, unless the vomiting is determined to be due to a non-communicable condition such as vomiting with coughing due to asthma or gastric reflux.
- Diarrhea – more than two watery stools in the previous 24 hours not associated with dietary changes.
- Rash with fever or behavioral changes until it has been determined non-communicable by a health care provider.
- Severe cough associated **with difficulty breathing.**
- Abdominal pain that continues for more than 2 hours or is associated with fever or other symptoms.
- Any time there is a recommendation from the child's health care provider or a public health department to keep the child home.

Children do not need to stay home with:

- Common cold symptoms such as a runny nose and cough.
- Nasal drainage – the color does not matter.
- Cough with mucus (most young children swallow mucus, not spit it out).
- Fever without other symptoms.
- Pinkeye
- Vomiting associated with non-communicable known medical condition such as gastric reflux unless there is a danger of dehydration.

POPCORN 

Popcorn will be sold for \$1.00 on Wednesdays



Elementary School Breakfast Menu

October 2019



1

Maple Brown Sugar Bar
Pretzel Goldfish

Craisins
100% Fruit Juice

C Day

2

Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal
Cinnamon Goldfish
Graham

Applesauce Cup
100% Fruit Juice

A Day

3

Trix Cereal Bar
Jungle Crackers

Craisins
100% Fruit Juice

B Day

4

Chocolate Chip Oat Bar
Graham Bites

Applesauce Cup
100% Fruit Juice

C Day

7

Blueberry Muffin
Graham Bites

Applesauce Cup
100% Fruit Juice

A Day

8

Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Bar
Scooby Doo Grahams

Craisins
100% Fruit Juice

B Day

9

Golden Grahams Cereal
Cinnamon Goldfish
Graham

Applesauce Cup
100% Fruit Juice

C Day

10

Double Chocolate Chip Muffin
Pretzel Goldfish

Craisins
100% Fruit Juice

A Day

11

Strawberry Nutrigrain Bar
Bug Bites

Applesauce Cup
100% Fruit Juice

B Day

14

Apple Cinnamon Muffin
Pretzel Goldfish

Applesauce Cup
100% Fruit Juice

C Day

15

Cocoa Krispies Granola Bar
Jungle Crackers

Craisins
100% Fruit Juice

A Day

16

Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal
Cinnamon Goldfish
Graham

Applesauce Cup
100% Fruit Juice

B Day

17

Golden Graham Cereal Bar
Animal Crackers

Craisins
100% Fruit Juice

C Day

18

Cinnamon Bun Crunch Crackers

Applesauce Cup
100% Fruit Juice

A Day

21

Chocolate Chip Oat Bar
Pretzel Goldfish

Applesauce Cup
100% Fruit Juice

B Day

22

Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Bar
Scooby Doo Grahams

Craisins
100% Fruit Juice

C Day

23

Golden Grahams Cereal
Cinnamon Goldfish
Graham

Applesauce Cup
100% Fruit Juice

A Day

24

No School

25

28

Cocoa Puff Cereal Bar
Animal Crackers

Applesauce Cup
100% Fruit Juice

B Day

29

Cinnamon Bun Crunch Crackers

Craisins
100% Fruit Juice

C Day

30

Frosted Flakes Cereal
Cinnamon Goldfish
Graham

Applesauce Cup
100% Fruit Juice

A Day

31

Apple Nutrigrain Bar
Bug Bites

Craisins
100% Fruit Juice

B Day



Served Daily

White Skim Milk
White 1% Milk

More info...

Wake up to School Breakfast! All of our grains are whole grain rich! Fruit and juice served daily!!