



W.C. Giese Elementary School  
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### The Cheetah Chatter

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Dear Giese Families,

Can you believe it's already October? The air is getting brisk, so please ensure students have on layers with the shift in temps, kids can quickly become too cool or too warm. I want to thank you all so much for the warm reception I have received from the Giese Families. Please join us next Friday, October 5th for an Ice Cream Social/Meet and Greet so that I may meet you and share some things with you about me and my vision for an awesome school year.

We've just finished the first round of NWEA MAP Tests. These tests, taken 3 times a year help us know more about what your child has learned this far in or her academic career and where we need to go to maximize their academic growth.

One sure fire way to help at home is to Read, Read, Read. Did you know that reading more strengthens your brain, improves concentration, and helps children achieve better in school.

Many families have asked about Birthday Treats and other food related queries. Here's a quick breakdown: Students may bring a birthday treat which will be shared at the end of the day. You are encouraged to bring healthy snacks, which are individually wrapped, no homemade treats are allowed. Also, if students receive a school provided hot lunch they may not bring additional snacks or desserts (Doritos or twinkies for example). Students may also choose to bring a cold lunch to eat during the lunch period. The contents of the lunch is at the parent's discretion. If there are more questions or concerns please feel free to ask me.

Our Character Dress up Parade is October 31, 2018. Students may dress up as their favorite character. Please refrain from gruesome (blood, weapons, etc.) costumes and face masks. We will parade West on Byrd Avenue down to the nursing home and head back East on Byrd to the school. Please come see all of our many characters. The Parade begins at 1:00 pm.

We have been closely monitoring our Pick up and Drop Off procedures. In the next few weeks there will be changes to the morning drop off and afternoon pick up. As we continue to make changes that ensure your kiddos safety, please be mindful of the students who are crossing in the roundabout on the front of the school. Also, please remember parking in the lot is reserved for staff. There is no stopping or parking in the roundabout area as our school busses need access to

Please note: Students who are being picked up for an early dismissal will need to be picked up by 2:35. We will continue to unite students and parents in cases of emergency which occur past 2:35. Reminder: We are asking that parents wait for students outside of classroom doors. Parents are invited to wait in the front vestibule during inclement weather should you arrive prior to the dismissal bell. Please refrain from reporting directly to the classroom during the dismissal procedures. I do apologize for any inconvenience our changes may cause. All changes made are for the greater good of the students we serve. If you should have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call.

There is No School this Friday, . We will see students back at Giese Monday, October 1st, 2018.

Respectfully,

Tangella King  
Principal



**URGENT REQUEST:** The office is in need of boys & girls clothing (especially bottoms) for our students that have an accident at school and need a change of clothes. If you are cleaning out your children's closets and find clothes they have outgrown, we would much appreciate any donations to our clothing bank. Thank you in advance.

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**ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES:**

It is very important to notify the office on our attendance line at **664-8255** if your child is going to be absent from school. If you do not notify us of your child's absence, we are obligated to call your home to find out the reason why he/she is not in school.

If your child is going to be late and needs a hot lunch, please call the main office at **664-8250** before 9:00 a.m. to order one. If you do not call and bring your child in late you will be responsible for providing a cold lunch for them.

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**GIESE PICTURE DAY:**

Giese Picture day is next Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. All picture packages are pre-pay. All children will get their picture taken for the yearbook regardless if you are purchasing a picture package. If your child is absent that day our picture retake day is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Get the scoop on your new principal!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – 5-7 pm**  
**@ Giese Elementary**  
**5120 Byrd Avenue, 53406**

**You are cordially invited to an Ice Cream Social  
Meet & Greet with Giese Principal, Tangella King**

- ◆ Ice cream sundaes, coffee, water, and juice provided
- ◆ Gift Basket Raffle – raffles tickets for purchase at event
- ◆ \$5 for 6 tickets & \$20 for 25 tickets
- ◆ Face painting
- ◆ Dancing with Mr. Griffin
- ◆ PTA membership sign up

If you have an organization that you would like to set up at this event, please contact Joanne Beaulieu: [joanne.beaulieu@rusd.org](mailto:joanne.beaulieu@rusd.org)

## FOUR YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

**RULE TIME:** The children are learning new rules for school. We are reminded from Busy Bee to "be Safe and be Kind." We also will be learning how to solve problems using solution cards and a technique our friend Tucker Turtle will teach us. Our school wide PBIS rules are "be respectful, be responsible, be safe, and be kind."

**LEARNING TIME:** Children are also getting use to a schedule full of learning, fun, and friendship. We are working on how to take turns, share, be good listeners, and get along with each other. We also want to stress a learning attitude saying "I Think I Can, I Think I Can" (or at least I can try.) The best way to learn is to try and experiment and try again and again. In the month we will begin our PALS Literacy Screening. Once completed we will send you results.

**WEATHER TIME:** Wisconsin weather is constantly changing. Just a reminder to please dress your child for the weather especially for being outside for the daily 15 minute 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.

**FUN TIMES:** October is a busy month with the change of season and harvest time. We will have a Fire Prevention week. Also, all 4 year old kindergartners and their families are invited to join us at Borzynski's Pumpkin Farm. RSVPs and Fees are due 10/4/18. Just a reminder Volunteers or Chaperones must be WINGS approved to attend (apply on-line.) Near the end of the month we will have a Costume Parade and Party in our homerooms and volunteers are welcome to join in on the fun.

**FAMILY TIMES:** Thank you to all the families for sharing the evening with us at open house. It was a pleasure to meet you and share our excitement about teaching your child. Conferences will be coming up in November, more information will be sent home by your homeroom teacher during the month to select a conference time. Also, please complete ASQ questionnaires passed out at Parent Orientation. We are off to a great start. If you have any questions, please let us know. Thanks so much for your wonderful family involvement.

## KINDERGARTEN

**Rule Time:** We have been having a lot of fun in kindergarten making friends and spending time together building positive relationships. We also have been very busy learning and practicing all the new rules at school. It is not easy remembering to raise our hand if we have something we want to share and walking in a straight line. These are things that we are continuing to practice daily so we can get better at it. We have been having so much fun learning new songs and playing games that encourage communication, taking turns, and positive interactions with one another. Please continue to talk with your child about the importance of following our rules at school so we can have a safe, happy, and successful school year together.

**Learning Time-** We have been working hard on strengthening our fine motor skills by practicing how to write our names daily. We also have been working on writing the letters t, b, and f. We have been talking about the writing rules and working hard on writing our letters on the correct lines. We encourage your child to practice writing their names and letters the correct way daily at home to reinforce what they have been working on in school.

**Fun Times-** We have a field trip to the Pumpkin Farm and River Bend that will be coming up soon so watch for information that will be sent home about that. We also will be having a costume parade and party towards the end of the month.

We are off to a great start! Thanks so much to all the amazing families that attended open house it was so great to see you there. We appreciate all your help and support! If you have any questions or concerns don't be afraid to speak with us. Thank you!

## **FIRST GRADE**

We would like to thank all the families who came to Open House.

Please continue to practice Kindergarten sight words. There are 37 Kindergarten sight words in all. Watch for new words to come home throughout the year. All students should be able to read these words without sounding them out. Read with your child daily.

Our Math series is Origo. We have finished Module One. Module Two will teach our students how to use different math strategies to add. It will also give an introduction to measuring with non-standard unit. Please practice basic addition and subtraction math facts. Flash cards would be beneficial.

Please go online and fill out your WINGS volunteer forms if you plan on being a chaperone or working as a volunteer in our classrooms or school this year. It can take a while to get approved so get it in ASAP. Our first field trip is October 3rd. We will go to Hawthorne Hollow. We leave at 8:45 and return around 11:30. We will be outside so please dress accordingly.

Please, check with your child or their teacher for any school supplies that your child may be missing. Send any missing supplies to school as soon as possible. If you have not gone to the Parent Portal to fill out your emergency information, please do so.

## **SECOND GRADE**

It's hard to believe that the first month of school is over! We have completed our MAP tests and are beginning to set goals for learning growth. All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be going to the YMCA for six weeks of swimming lessons starting on Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup>. These lessons will focus on water safety. Your child will need to bring a swimsuit and towel. Permission slips will be coming home in the next couple of weeks.

We are setting our classroom rules and expectations in place. Please support us by reinforcing the importance of following rules and being respectful at school. Both second grade classrooms are using ClassDojo. This is a classroom management tool that makes it easy to communicate with families. The log-in information was sent home with each student. Please take some time to set up your account so that you can be informed of how your child is doing in school each day. We are looking forward to a great year of learning!

### **THIRD GRADE**

Third grade is off to a great start. Your child's success in third grade depends on reinforcement work at home. Helping your child at home will be very beneficial to his/her success. Your child should be reading and practicing math facts at home nightly. This is in addition to any other homework that may be sent home.

Please check to see if your child has a working pair of headphones at school. We use the computers every day so it is very important to have working headphones (or earbuds if your child prefers).

As a school we are working on a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies) skill of the month. September's skill is "respect". Some of the students have been having some difficulty in this area. Please help us by reinforcing the importance of being respectful at all times.

Keep an eye out for a letter to come home about our Halloween party.  
Please feel free to contact us with questions and/or concerns.

### **FOURTH GRADE**

September has come to a close already. We've been hard at work. We finished chapter 1 in math which dealt with place value. We'll be moving on to addition and subtraction strategies. We're coming to the end of social studies chapter 7 which is the Midwest. Students are learning about the people, places states, and capitals of the 12 Midwestern states. Test will be Tuesday, Oct 2. We will then moving on to science for the month of October. Our reading stamina is up to 15 minutes without stopping. Writing stamina has been building but we still have work to do. Please encourage your children to read and/or write 15-20 minutes per day to improve skills.

Parents/guardians, if you haven't already, could you please give us your email address so we can connect with you via Class Dojo? We use it for daily behavior points as well as sending messages about upcoming events or other important information.

### **FIFTH GRADE**

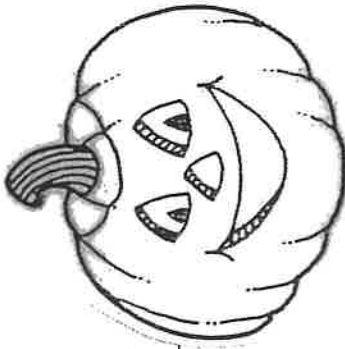
Fifth grade is off to a fabulous start! We took our first field trip to the Racine Food Bank where we learned about community food programs and the need to help others. A follow up lesson will take place at school the first week of October. We will also take a second field trip to the Golden Rondelle on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There we will learn about technology. This trip is a donation from Johnson's Wax.

MAP testing is complete. We will be using those results to differentiate our instruction. Please encourage your child to continue to strive to do their best daily.

At the end of the month information regarding Halloween/Fall celebrations will come home. Watch for that!

Students are still in need of head phones or ear buds. Please ask your child if they have them. Thank you for your support. WE appreciate all that you do!

# October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LIBRARY WEEK	1 "A-DAY"	2 Fire Dept here for gr. Level presentations Gr. 5 to Golden Rondelle B-DAY	3 Gr. 1 to Hawthorne Hollow 8:45-11:20 C-DAY	4 PICTURE DAY A-DAY	5 Ice Cream Social & Meet & Greet 5-7 B-DAY	6
7	8 Columbus Day C-DAY	9 Grade 2 RAM A-DAY	10 Gr. 4 to Wustum Museum 8:45-11:45 B-DAY	11 C-DAY	12 Rm 16 & 18 To Riverbend 9:30-11:30 A-DAY	13
14 LIBRARY WEEK	15 B-DAY	16 Kindergarten To Swan Farm 8:45-10:50 C-DAY	17 A-DAY	18 B-DAY	19 4K Parent Involvement to Borszynski's 9:00-10:30 C-DAY	20
21	22 A-DAY	23 B-DAY	24 Room 17 to Riverbend 8:30-10:30 C-DAY	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27
28 LIBRARY WEEK	29 A-DAY	30 B-DAY	31 Costume Parade to Nursing Home 12:30 C-DAY			





# Racine Elementary Schools Breakfast Menu

October 2018

1

## Strawberry Pop Tart w/Pretzel Goldfish

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

2

## Cinnamon Bun Crunch Crackers

Strawberry Craisins  
Apple Juice

3

## Cocoa Puff Cereal Bar w/Honey Bear Grahams

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

4

## Blueberry Muffin w/ Pretzel Goldfish

Strawberry Craisins  
Apple Juice

5

## Cocoa Krispies Chewy Granola Bar w/ Jungle Crackers

Strawberry Craisins  
Apple Juice

8

## Chocolate Chip Breakfast Round

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

9

## Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal w/Cinnamon Goldfish Graham

Strawberry Craisins  
Apple Juice

10

## Strawberry Pop Tart w/Pretzel Goldfish

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

11

## Cinnamon Bun Crunch Crackers

Strawberry Craisins  
Apple Juice

12

## Cocoa Puff Cereal Bar w/Honey Bear Grahams

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

15

## Blueberry Pop Tart w/ Pretzel Goldfish

Strawberry Craisins  
Apple Juice

16

## Cinnamon Breakfast Round

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

17

## Cocoa Krispies Chewy Granola Bar w/ Jungle Crackers

Strawberry Craisins  
Apple Juice

18

## Blueberry Muffin w/ Honey Graham Bears

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

19

## Chocolate Chip Breakfast Round

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

22

## Lucky Charms Cereal w/Cinnamon Goldfish Graham

Strawberry Craisins  
Apple Juice

23

## Strawberry Pop Tart w/ Pretzel Goldfish

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

24

## Cinnamon Bun Crunch Crackers

Strawberry Craisins  
Apple Juice

25

## Cocoa Puff Cereal Bar w/Honey Bear Crackers

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

26

## Double Chocolate Chip Muffin w/ Pretzel Goldfish

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

29

## Cinnamon Breakfast Round

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

30

## Cocoa Krispies Chewy Granola Bar w/ Jungle Crackers

Strawberry Craisins  
Apple Juice

31

## Fruity Cheerios Cereal Bar w/ Honey Graham Bear Crackers

Cinnamon Applesauce  
Cup  
Apple Juice

## Served Daily

White Skim Milk  
White 1% Milk  
Chocolate Skim Milk

## More info...

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# Racine Elementary Schools Lunch Menu

October 2018

1

**Rotini & Meatballs  
with Garlic Bread**

Side Salad  
Grape Juice

2

**Sweet & Sour  
Popcorn Chicken  
with Brown Rice**

Cucumber Slices  
Baby Carrots  
Diced Pears

3

**Waffles with  
Sausage Patty**

Fresh Broccoli  
Apple Half  
Dragon Punch Juice

4

**Personal Cheese  
Pizza**

Baby Carrots  
Fresh Celery Sticks  
Oranges Wedges

5

**Chicken Nuggets  
w/Cheez It Crackers**

Baked Vegetarian  
Beans  
Fruit Mix

8

**Pancakes with  
Cheddar Omelet**

Fresh Broccoli  
Oranges Wedges  
Dragon Punch Juice

9

**Chicken Patty  
Sandwich**

Green Beans  
Apple Juice

10

**Broccoli Cheddar  
Baked Potato  
Wedges w/ Dinner  
Roll**

Diced Peaches

11

**Beef Soft Tacos**

Kickin' Pinto Beans  
Apple Wedges

12

**Hot Dog**

Baby Carrots  
Warm Cinnamon  
Apples

15

**Cheeseburger**

Seasoned Waffle Fries  
Fresh Pear Half

16

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

Applesauce

17

**Beef and Bean  
Burrito**

Celery Sticks  
Steamed Carrots  
Orange Juice  
Chocolate Graham  
Bears

18

**Chicken Tenders  
w/ Cheez It Crackers**

Fresh Broccoli,  
Baked Beans  
Apple Juice

19

**Cheese Pizza**

Fresh Broccoli  
Fresh Cauliflower  
Mixed Fruit

22

**Mini Corn Dogs**

Fresh Broccoli  
Baked Beans  
Orange Wedges

23

**Chicken Soft Tacos**

Steamed Corn  
Apple Juice

24

**Popcorn Chicken  
w/ Vegetable LoMein**

Fresh Baby Carrots  
Fresh Apple Half

25

**Pizza Dippers  
w/ Marinara Sauce**

Marinara Sauce  
Green Beans  
Orange Wedges

26

**Nacho Cheese Tater  
Bites w/Mini Pretzel**

Side Salad  
Diced Pears

29

**Chicken Drumsticks  
w/ Dinner Roll**

Fresh Broccoli  
Campfire Beans  
Grape Juice

30

**Macaroni and  
Cheese w/ Pretzel  
Goldfish**

Steamed Carrots  
Banana

31

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

Fresh Apple Half

**Served Daily**

White Skim Milk  
White 1% Milk  
Chocolate Skim Milk

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