




THE CHEETAH CHATTER OCTOBER 2019




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

Oct 3 – Picture Day 

Oct 4 - 4th grade Field Trip to Hawthorne Hollow 

Oct 7 – 2nd grade swimming classes starts 8:45 & 9:40am 

Oct 8 - RAM on the Road 2nd grade 

Oct 10 – Fire Prevention 1st – 5th grades 

Oct 14 - 2nd grade swimming class 8:45 & 9:40am 

Oct 21 - Assembly-Pennies for Patients

Oct 23 - 4K & KG Vision Screening 

OCT 1ST – OCT 28TH BOX TOPS CONTEST



A COLLECTION SHEET IS ATTACHED FOR COLLECTING BOX TOPS Please check expiration dates before submitting

You may now download the box tops ap to your phone and scan your receipts within 14 days OR send the receipt to school to be scanned. Eventually the box tops will become DIGITAL ONLY. Thank you for your support!

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

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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Dear Giese Families,

Can you believe it's already October? The air is getting brisk. Leaves are starting to change colors but it seems like summer too.. so many shifts. Please ensure students have on layers with the shift in temps, kids can quickly become too cool or too warm. Before we get to far into the chatter, we are seeking parents to be a part of our leadership team. We meet once a month and we need to have your input. Please see Ms. King if you are interested.

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 in his or her academic career and what will 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.

We often get questions about Birthday Treats and other food related questions. 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.

We practice PBIS at Giese. It is our way of addressing behavior in a positive manner. It is incentive based and will show up just about everywhere at Giese. From Dojo points to morning meeting to the signage in the halls reminding students of the expectations, PBIS is how we do what we do at Giese. Students are recognized for their good behavior in a variety of ways. Here are a few: Monthly Incentives, PBIS store, PAWS rewards, H"A"Y Day, Treasure Box Treats, and so much more. Ask your child's teacher about DOJO. The Character Dress up Parade is one of our incentives. On Thursday, October 31, 2019. Students who've earned it may dress up as their favorite characters. Please refrain from gruesome (blood, weapons, etc.) costumes and face masks will not be allowed. 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. Parents, for the safety of the children please refrain dropping students off in the middle of the street. Also, please remember parking in the lot is reserved for staff. 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.

Lastly, we have begun learning about ALiCE at Giese and we will practice what to do in the case of an armed intruder. Though it is surprising to have to prepare our kids for this while at school, we want them to be prepared not scared. If you have questions please see Ms. King. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Tangella King
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 18 – 2nd Grade Hospital Visit
Nov 28 – Thanksgiving No School
Nov 29 – No School

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 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**

CLASSROOMS

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

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 or 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: Just a reminder to please dress your child for the weather. Our class has a daily 15 minute, outside recess. It is also helpful to have an extra sweatshirt for chilly days in the classroom.

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 meet us at Borzynski Pumpkin Farm. RSVPs and Fees are due by Thursday 10/10/19. 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. Just a reminder **Volunteers or Chaperones must be WINGS approved to attend (apply on-line.)**

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 and schedule an ASQ conference to complete part 2. Thank you.

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

This has been a very busy month in Kindergarten! We have learned about the following characters: Tucker Turtle, Bumble Bee, Echo and Baby Echo. Ask your child to tell you about these special friends. These characters have helped us teach valuable lessons to your child. We have been working very hard at learning to read. At the moment, our reading is primarily looking at the pictures and telling a story about them. We also have learned to start at the front cover and continue to each page until we reach the back cover. **We will be working our letters and sounds for the first part of the year, please practice these sounds with your child.**

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

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. **Please review the math worksheets** that come home with your child. 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 fieldtrip is October 1th.

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.

Our **Halloween party, parade, and will be on Monday, October 31st.** More information will be coming home soon.

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

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. The second graders are half way through their water safety lessons at the YMCA. Please continue to **send your child's swimsuit and towel for the next two Mondays.** We have set 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- Mrs. Underkofler Rm 34; Mrs. Walquist Rm 35

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.

It is **very IMPORTANT** your child has a **working pair of headphones** (or earbuds) at school. **We use them DAILY.** Please check to be sure they have a pair.

As a school we are working on a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies) skill of the

month. September's skill was "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 and Parent-Teacher Conference sign up.

Please feel free to contact us with questions and/or concerns. If you have not signed up for **Class Dojo** please do so as it is a school wide communication app.

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

Welcome to October. We had a great field trip to the REC center by Root River in September. We hope everyone enjoyed it. MAP testing is finished for fall. If you didn't already get your child's scores, they will be sent home soon. Next testing will be Dec/Jan. Thank you to all those who participated in Hello Spirit Week. We have large class sizes this year so it's important to **remind everyone about rules and expectations in the classroom.** We have a lot to learn this year and need to be focused each day we come to school. Also, **please be on time.** Our learning starts right after breakfast!

Please contact us whenever you need anything. Email, phone or ClassDojo are always options.

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

Fifth grade is off to a good 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 this month.

MAP testing is complete and 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 for Halloween/Fall celebrations** will come home. Watch for that!

Students need are still **in need of headphones or earbuds.** Special education students need two sets. One for Mrs. Gross's room and one for their homeroom. Please ask your child if they have them. **Please send any school supplies to school that were purchased ASAP.** Thank you for your support. WE appreciate all you do!

MUSIC  **Mr. Griffin Rm 32**

CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL BE MONDAY AND WEDNESDAYS THAT SCHOOL IS IN SESSION OR UNLESS YOU ARE INFORMED OTHERWISE.

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

Exclusions for Immunizations is Oct 14th. **If your child is NOT up to date they will be included in the exclusion...**If you are unsure if your child is up to date on shots please speak with the nurse. For a list of places to go for immunizations stop in and talk with the nurses.

Student immunization law requirements:

PREK- 4 DTAP, 3 Polio, 3 Hep b, 1 MMR, 1 VAR

K-5- 4 DTAP, 4 Polio, 3 hep B, 2 MMR, 2 VAR

ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU OCTOBER 2019

<p>1st Diced Chicken w/Gravy and diner roll mashed potatoes fresh broccoli and diced peaches C Day</p>	<p>2ND Waffles w/ Sausage Patty Hashbrowns Dragon Punch Applesauce Treat Day! A Day</p>	<p>3RD Chicken Tenders w/Cheez Its Steamed broccoli cucumber slices and OJ B Day</p>	<p>4th 5 in Personal Cheese Pizza Fresh Broccoli Trees Fresh Cauliflower Sweet Diced Pears C Day</p>	
<p>7th Cheesy Ravioli w/ Marinara & Garlic Toast Green Side Salad Sweet Diced Peaches Lucky Tray Day A Day</p>	<p>8th Cheesy Pizza Baby Carrots Cucumber Rounds Colorful Mixed Fruit B Day</p>	<p>9th Maple Pancakes w/ Cheesy Omelet Grape Tomatoes Crunchy Celery Sticks Awesome Applesauce C Day</p>	<p>10th Crazy Cheeseburger Criss Cut Fries Fresh Broccoli Trees Sweet Pear Half A Day</p>	<p>11th Zesty Beef Tacos Refried Beans Crunchy Celery Sticks Amazing Apple Slices B Day</p>
<p>14th Country Chicken Drumstick w/ Soft Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Fresh Broccoli Sweet Diced Peaches C Day</p>	<p>15th Cheeseburger Baked Beans Crunchy Celery Sticks Amazing Apple Slices A Day</p>	<p>16th Cha-Cha Chicken Nuggets w/ Cheez-its Steamed Carrot Coins Grape Tomatoes Colorful Mixed Fruit B Day</p>	<p>17th Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/ Groovy Garlic Toast Cucumber Rounds Apple Juice National Pasta Day! C Day</p>	<p>18rd K Pop Cheesy Pizza Fresh Broccoli Trees Fresh Cauliflower Sweet Diced Pears A Day</p>
<p>21th Mini Turkey Corny Dogs Baked Beans Carroteenies Fresh Banana B Day</p>	<p>22th Zesty Chicken Tacos Steamed Golden Corn Amazing Apple Half C Day</p>	<p>23th Maple French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage Patty Hashbrown Baby Carrots Sweet Diced Pears A Day</p>	<p>24th No</p>	<p>25th School</p>
<p>28th Salisbury Steak w/ Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fresh Broccoli Orange B Day</p>	<p>29th Crispy Popcorn Chicken Steamed Green Peas Grape Tomatoes Sweet Diced Pears C Day</p>	<p>30th Hot Chicken Ham & Cheese on a Pretzel Bun Carrots Celery Applesauce A Day</p>	<p>31st Phantom Turkey Pepperoni Pizza Spooky Side Salad Cucumber Eyeballs Frightening Mixed Fruit B Day</p>	

POPCORN  **SMENCILS**

SALES START ON OCTOBER 2ND: Popcorn will be sold for \$1.00



Stay tuned for Smencil Sale information

Office of Operations Facilities & Maintenance Services

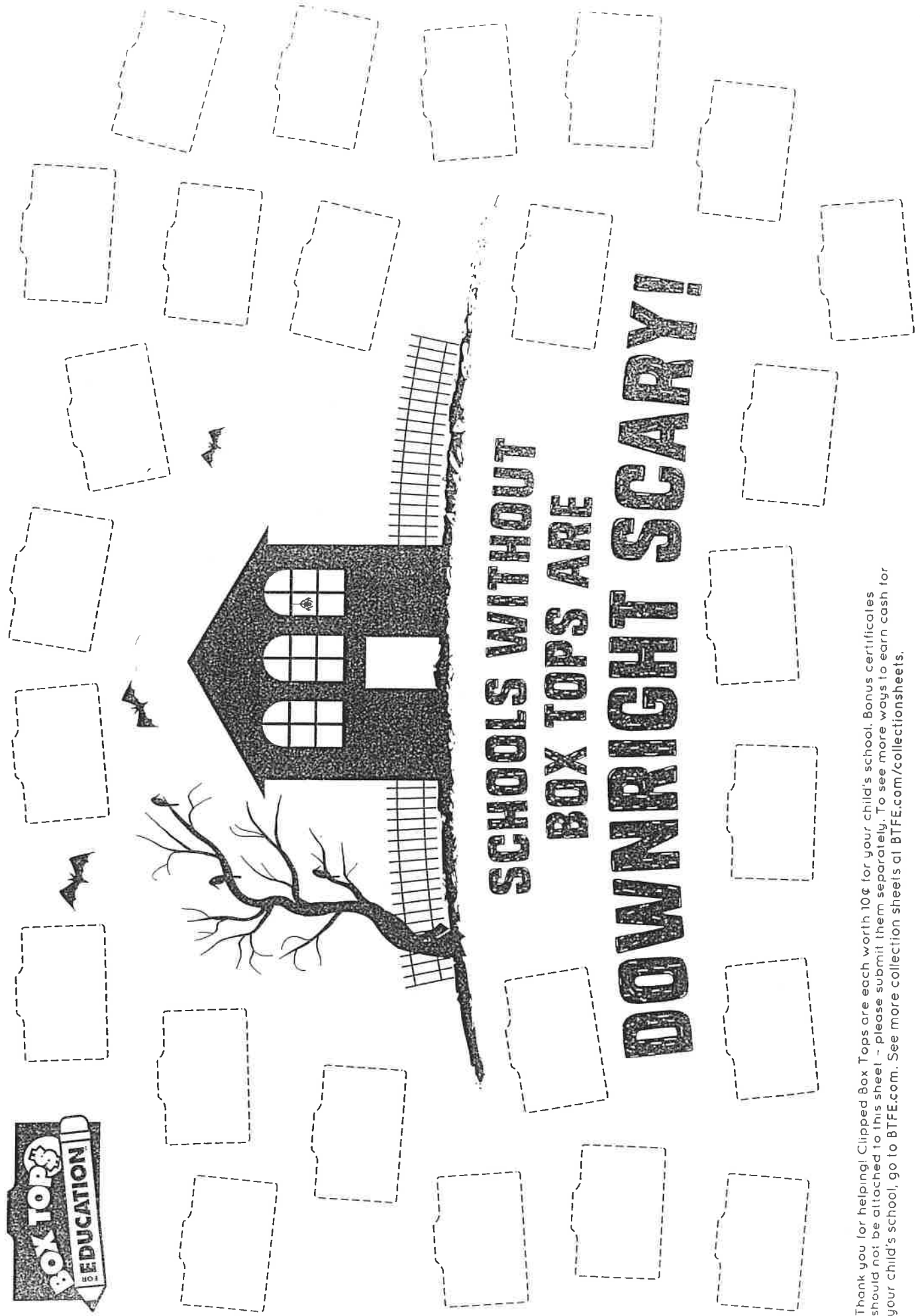
RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION 2019-2020 School Year Under AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), all primary and secondary schools are required to develop and implement a plan for managing all building materials which contain asbestos. Included in the AHERA Act is the requirement to annually notify all workers and building occupants (or their guardians) of asbestos-related activities. Beginning in 1988, all buildings owned, leased, or "under the control of" the School District were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors, with building material samples analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the School District prepared, and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for managing the asbestos. Where the asbestos-containing materials are found, the School District has an Operations and Maintenance Program in place. The School District has accomplished the following compliance mandates regarding the administration of asbestos in school buildings:

- Environmental Management Consulting, Inc. (EMC) was contracted to be the School District's consultant for asbestos for the school year.
- The School District is continuing with the Operations and Maintenance Program as designed. This ensures that all asbestos materials are kept in good condition.
- Periodic "surveillance" in each area containing asbestos has been completed every six (6) months by our consultant. Also, the buildings are re-inspected by an accredited inspector every three (3) years.
- In the past year, the School District conducted the following asbestos removal activities: Community Pathways Center, 2333 Northwestern Ave., Racine, WI 53404

All outside contractors shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work. The School District's goal is to be in full compliance with asbestos regulations. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review by contacting the District Office. Questions related to this plan or any other asbestos concerns should be directed to the School District's designated person, Robert F. Tajnai (262-497-7100).



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