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The Cheetah Chatter

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Dear Giese Families,

Happy October! Now that we all have technology, It is my hope that you are getting acquainted with the devices, solidifying your schedules, and adjusting well. This is no easy task, we know and on behalf of the staff (faculty and staff) here at Giese, THANK YOU! We can not do this work without you.

Before we get too far into the chatter, we are seeking parents to be a part of our leadership team. We meet once a month and we'd love to have your input. Please call or email Ms. King at 262- 664-8252 or tangella.king@rusd.org if you are interested.

If you haven't already done so, please like our Page on FaceBook @Giese Elementary School. We have tons of great information for families. Don't have FaceBook? Visit our website @<https://www.rusd.org/giese>.

We have a few upcoming events that I'd like you to know about. 1st up our Annual Title One Meeting which happens Monday at 4:00. Join us by clicking on or copying and pasting this link into the address bar.: meet.google.com/nam-mrjq-kti

The second event I'd like to let you know about is our Taco Bell Family Night. Please come out and enjoy a meal with us. It could mean dollars for Giese. We use these funds to buy cool raffle prizes for students and so much more. More details are coming soon.

We practice PBIS at Giese. It is our way of addressing behavior in a positive manner. It is an incentive based format which uses positive reinforcements. These include: Dojo points, classroom celebrations, publicized (schoolwide) awards and more. In order that students and classes are able to be recognized during this Remote Learning Time I'd like to share some virtual Do's and Don'ts.: ***Do log into your class everyday. Do wear proper clothing. Do find a fantastic place to learn. Do arrive on time for class. Do all of your work. Do attend IXL, Intervention and/or Special Education Sessions. Do participate fully. Do turn in your work or check in with your teacher if you are unable to meet during the scheduled Synchronous times. Don't lie down on camera, Don't turn your camera off, Don't skip class, Don't eat on camera, Don't dance with your cat, Don't***

sleep on camera, Don't miss this time valuable learning time. Lastly, **Do call us if you need help.**

Finally, families we know that the state of Wisconsin has been listed as a CoViD-19 hotspot. Normally, we would be preparing for our Character Parade and I'd be saying **no masks**. However, this year I am urging families to wear masks, wash hands and practice social distancing to reduce the spread of Coronavirus.

Thank you for taking time out to read this update and don't hesitate to reach out if you need help.

Respectfully,

Tangella King

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Principal, Giese Elementary School

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

BREAKFAST - LUNCHES:

RUSD meal service will take place Mondays and Thursdays. Students will receive 3 days of meals on Mondays and 4 days of meals on Thursdays.

Meal Distribution Sites

- **Mitchell K8: Monday & Thursday 9-10 a.m.**
- **Knapp: Monday & Thursday 9-10 a.m.**
- **Olympia Brown: Monday & Thursday 9-10 a.m.**
- **Horlick HS: Monday & Thursday 10-11:30 a.m. & 4:30-6:00 p.m.**
- **Park HS: Monday & Thursday 10-11:30 a.m.**
- **Starbuck: Monday & Thursday 4:30-6:00 p.m.**
- **Gifford K8: Monday & Thursday 4:30-6:00 p.m.**
- **Dietary Needs:** If your child has special dietary needs and has a current medical statement completed by a physician on file with our food service office, please email dietitian@rusd.org to request meals for your child. This request should include the name and student ID# for this child, the location, day(s) and time you would like to pick up meals. Advance notice is requested to allow for the preparation of the special meals.

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. During this remote learning time it is very important that students are present daily for the synchronous learning time with the teacher.

However, if your child is unable to attend class but finishes the posted assignment within 48 hours they can still be marked as P= participated/present not absent or truant.

CLASSROOM NEWS

4-K- Mrs. Wamboldt Rm 8

4 Yr Old Kindergarten – October Newsletter 2020

FOR REMOTE START >>>

RULE TIME: The children are learning new rules for school. We are reminded by 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: Thank you families for leading your child in the start of our Remote Non-Technology learning. We have seen great attitudes, good listening, and even having an “I Can Attitude!” The best way to learn is to try and experiment and try again and again. It has been amazing to spend time one-on-one with your child. I look forward to when we go live with our District Technology each morning. Be ready at 8am each morning.

ASQ SCREENING TIME: I will continue to schedule ASQ screener meetings with your family and child. Part 1 is completing the Social & Emotional Questionnaire. Part 2 will take longer and your child will need to participate. We will cover these developmental areas of Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Communication, Problem Solving, and Personal and Social.

ATTENDANCE TIME: Please take the time to send your child’s daily participation. Here are the ways to show participation to be marked present for school:

- Daily check in form on the class website
- Upload a picture to class dojo student portfolio
- Message me with work completed either on class dojo or email

COMING SOON when we get our technology:

- Live Google Meet Learning Sessions
- Seesaw activities to complete (required)

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- Ms. Snorek Rm 16; Miss. Schmitt Rm 17; Ms. Mielke Rm 18

Kindergarten newsletter for September/October

We have started this school year with working on packets and awaiting the technology devices.

We ask

that the families contact the teachers daily with information as to what was done in the area of reading

and math so we may mark your child participating for the day.

For Phonics & Reading, we have now learned the letters Nn, Aa, Bb, & Ff. We are beginning to learn

about the letter Tt as well. We also have learned the word an. We’ve learned the importance of listening to sounds and have begun to learn how to count words in sentences and syllables in words.

During Math, we have been introduced to an array of skills such as positional words, numbers 1-20, the

beginning of adding by joining 2 groups, and recognizing some 2D & 3D shapes. We will now retrace our

steps and practice these skills at a slower pace to have a clearer understanding of them all. Each month, we will share one of the Standards you will see listed on the Progress Report so you can understand our goals for the year. This month, we will share: K.RF.2 – Demonstrate understanding spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes). This means your child will show how words and their parts go together by rhyming, dividing words into syllables, take apart sounds, and can tell the beginning, middle, and ending sounds of simple words. We also need to know the letters and their sounds so we can do this.

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

Hello, First Grade Families! We're excited to see you on Monday, October 5, 2020. Classes begin at 8 am. Prior to our first meeting, please ensure that your student is able to login through the Google Classroom Google Meet. We will be using that class code for all future remote class meetings. ***Your child's attendance in these remote class meetings is mandatory--and your child should be logged on from 8 am to 1:40 pm.***

There will be set breaks throughout the day; however, please be sure that your child returns promptly at the set end-of-break time.

Throughout these first few days and weeks, we will need your continuous support as we navigate this online learning environment. Here are a few class expectations we would like you to review with your child.

- How to treat your device
 - Keeping your device fully charged (plugging in at night)
 - Keep your device in a safe place.
 - Carry with two hands.
 - Use a moistened cloth to wipe the device down.
 - Keep food and drinks away from your device.
 - Login and use only district authorized websites.
 - Device should only be used for school work (videos, selfies, and pictures take up needed storage space)
- Find a comfortable and quiet place to do your work.
- School supplies should be at arm's reach, ready to be used throughout the school day.
- Your mic should be muted at all times, unless asked to do otherwise.
- Adhere to school rules, by being safe, being respectful, and being responsible.
- If these expectations are not met, there will be logical consequences.

The activities we will be doing may require some of the following supplies. These supplies may be found at your local Dollar Store. Having these supplies will contribute to your child's success in this new learning environment.

- Headphones (earbuds or over-the-ear)
- Dry erase marker
- Paper/notebook
- Pocket folder without rings

- Pencils/eraser/sharpener
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue

We are looking forward to a successful beginning of remote learning. Please be patient. We are in this together. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

SECOND GRADE-Mrs. Estrada Rm 22; Ms. Hammad Rm 23

Hello families, The first month of the school year flew by! We now have technology and materials for Second Graders! The pick up times are: October 1st from 3-7 pm and October 2nd from 8 am-3 pm at Giese Elementary School. It's important to pick it up because full time remote learning will start the following week Our first day of full time remote learning is currently October 5th, 2020. Please make an area for your child that will be optimal for their learning. During this time, if your child is having trouble with their technology please contact the Student Call Center. The number is 1-844-989-2943. They will be able to help with any technology problems.

We are going to be sending more information about the apps and programs we will be using in the classroom. We have already introduced Google Classroom but will also be using IXL, RazKids, SeeSaw and more. We will be sending out passwords and usernames for your child via ClassDojo soon.

The attendance recording will be changing when full time remote learning begins. Attendance will be taken in the morning and afternoon during the Google Meet instruction. In order for your child to be marked as participating for the day, your child must attend both morning and afternoon online class sessions. If your child is going to miss the morning or afternoon session please message your child's teacher via ClassDojo for the make-up work. The district guide states that your child can still be marked participating if all the work missed, is completed and turned in work within 48 hours. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher.

We are so excited to start full time remote learning and getting to see your child everyday! Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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

It has been a strange start of the 2020-2021 school year. Thank you so much to all of the adults that are helping out the students everyday. This is new to all of us. Thank you for being patient while we learn how to do things and teach things differently. Please make sure you are connected to the app ClassDojo and checking Google Classroom. Feel free to send messages to us asking any questions or bringing up any concerns. We are here to help.

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

Dear 4th graders and families,

We've made it through one month of school! We are so proud of everyone for working through this together. We've had difficulties but we've gotten through them. We keep learning every day. Keep up the great work.

Friendly reminders: Make sure you are on time to class at 8:00. Try to keep track of time when we log out for our breaks and lunch so everyone gets back to class at the right times. When the day starts, be dressed, awake and in a good spot for learning. Have all your materials near you so you don't need to leave during work time. While learning, keep the cameras on and the microphones off.

Things students can work on at home: raz-kids.com for reading, ixl.com for math, mystery science for science, brainpop and brainpop jr. for all subjects, etc. There are many apps on the students' launchpad.

In reading and writing, we've been learning about characters, plot and setting in realistic fiction stories. In math, we started with place value and then did a little work with multiplication. Our next math chapter will focus on addition of numbers up to 6 digits and more review of multiplication.

As always, please contact us with any questions. Classdojo is the quickest way.
Mrs. Lewno and Mrs. Mentink

FIFTH GRADE- Ms. Panyk Rm 38; Mr. Lay Rm 39

Wow it is hard to believe that the first month of school is complete! It has been great getting to know all of the students. Even though we are not together in the classroom we are working hard on building our classroom communities. We have come along way with our technology skills and have been helpful to classmates who are struggling. If your child is having trouble with their computer please call the Student Call Center. The number is 1-844-989-2943. Please remind your child to check their Google Classrooms daily for all assignments. We are reminded of this at the time the assignment is given and it is their responsibility to turn it in. This is why if you have connected as a parent to Google Classroom you will get missing assignment alerts. We understand that this is all new for them and if they are having trouble please let us know. A few reminders. If your child is going to be absent please let the office know first so that attendance can be recorded accordingly. You may also let your child's teacher know via Dojo as well. If you are not connected to Dojo please reach out to your child's teacher to get an invitation sent. If your child is unable to attend class they can still make up the work to be counted as present. Per the district attendance policy for virtual learning any child marked as not present has 48 hours to complete any missed work. The work will be posted in Google Classroom and it is their responsibility to complete the work before the 48 hours is up. If you have any questions, reach out to your child's teacher. Please have headphones available to all children, when sitting closely to an older sibling, the background noise can be quite confusing and is not allowing students to focus as well as they could.

MUSIC - Ms. Schacher Rm 32

Hi Giese Cheetahs! Ms. Schacher here, letting you know what's been happening in music class. So far, I've gotten to know a lot of students and listen to some great music with them. Third through fifth graders have been reviewing a lot of past concepts and have even gotten to do some drumming with "found" instruments from home. PreK through second grade has been reviewing music expectations, singing silly songs, and learning all about beats and the different ways we can show it with our bodies. This strange year is off to a fantastic start and I look forward to working more with all the students at Giese!

GYM -Mr. Wadzinski

Thank you to all the K-2 students that have been working so hard during their PE videos. A special shout-out to all that have been sending in pictures and comments of their kids doing the workout videos. It seems like they are enjoying themselves.

Grades 3-5 have been also hard at work with learning new workouts like, "Ta bata." Continue to check your teachers google classroom "classwork" tab to find your "Live PE" exit ticket for the day. Quick reminder to work on keeping the microphone button on mute so you don't accidentally distract and disrupt the class. Keep up the good work, Cheetahs!! Very proud of you!

Mr. Wadzinski

ART – Ms. Todaro Rm. 31

" Hello Giese Artists! I am blown away by the incredible talent at Giese! There are so many amazing artists here. I think that we are off to a great start. 4K-1st grade receive Art youtube playlists in their class dojos on their art day. This is either posted by me or is in a larger post their teacher creates. 2nd-5th grade all have new posts on each Art day in their google classrooms. To be prepared for Art, all grades 4K-5th grade should come to class with crayons and paper. When all students are prepared with crayons and paper, we can spend more time creating art during art class. I would also love to see your creations. 3rd-5th grade, please bring work you would like to share to the beginning of each class. So far things are going really well. I have a lot of spooky October Art lessons ready and am excited to share them with you." -Ms Anna



"Look at this outstanding "Dot" drawing that Nova and her Grandmother created side by side. I love receiving images of drawings that students created alongside their family members who also make art. Nova is in Ms Snorek's Kindergarten. Outstanding work ladies!"

A Note from Mrs. Howard-School Counselor:

I miss you all, but am loving visiting the classes and seeing your faces. We worked on a lot of topics in September and more in October. We've discussed Respect, Empathy, Perspective and Bully Prevention. We were able to have some great chats about respecting our bodies, families, friends, environment and our belongings. We read stories and had great discussions

about how we feel. We also talked about our Student Council and Leadership teams for 3rd-4th-5th graders. Our 5th graders will be working hard on leadership, communication and goals. Our Leukemia/Lymphoma fundraiser starts soon as well. I am so proud of all of our Giese Cheetahs and hurdling over some of our challengers. We are all learning so much. Feel free to contact me anytime as I am seeing kids individually and small groups as needed. 262-664-8282 patricia.howard@rusd.org

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

Miss you all! Keep washing those hands and social distancing! Stay safe.

Love, Nurse Jordan & Nurse Suzi

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

Congratulations IXL Champions!

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September 28 - October 2, 2020

1st Place- Ms. Lewno's 4th gr = 10,006 questions answered

2nd Place- Ms. Mentink's 4th gr = 9,910 questions answered!

3rd Place- Mr. Lay's 5th gr = 7,993 questions answered!

Awesome Job!!! Keep up the Great Work!

IXL Champions

October 5th-9th

1st Place- Ms. Lewno's 4th gr = 12,771 questions answered

2nd Place- Ms. Mentink's 4th gr = 11,793 questions answered!

3rd Place- Mr. Lay's 5th gr = 10,846 questions answered!

Awesome Job!!! Keep up the Great Work!