

Culver Community Update

Save the Date!

April 2nd-19th

IAR Assessment Grades 3-8

Report Cards

Report cards are coming home today, Friday, April 5th.

Strategic Planning

The district is working on a strategic planning process to engage stakeholders in the future of Culver School. Your voice matters, which is why we're hosting a **Parent Focus Group on Monday, April 8th at 6:30 PM in the library.**

Can't make it? Share your thoughts through our district-wide survey:

<https://bit.ly/niles71survey>

This focus group, facilitated by our strategic planning partner, Educational Leadership Solutions, will be an open discussion about:

- **Community values:** What defines our school?
- **Strengths and challenges:** What are we doing well, and where can we improve?
- **Priorities:** What issues are most important to address in the next few years?
- **Vision for the future:** Where do we want Culver School to be?

We encourage you to attend the focus group meeting!

Welcome back, Mr. Eramia

Hello Culver School parents and community! I'm Elbron Eramia, and will be filling in as the new Technology/Code and Interventionist teacher here at Culver School. Having grown up in Niles and as a former student here at Culver, it's a privilege to give back to this community that gave me the opportunity to be a teacher here. Some of my past experiences at Culver also included guiding students as a special education teacher assistant and directing the school play "*Disney's Aladdin Jr*" back in 2019. I'll now have the opportunity to fill in for my former teacher, Alan Hirsch, and provide the students a positive and impactful learning experience, help students enhance their digital literacy, practice coding, and create real-world based projects that impact our community through technology. Thank you to the staff, students, and community for the warm welcome and support. Looking forward to helping our students continue to grow and flourish here at Culver as we begin the 4th quarter!

Author Visit

Michael Witwer is coming to Culver Friday, April 19th to present to grades 4-8 and Friday, May 3rd to present to 3rd grade. Michael has written a middle grade fantasy book, which he will sign for those who purchase. If your family is interested in getting a copy, please use [this link](#).

Volunteer Training

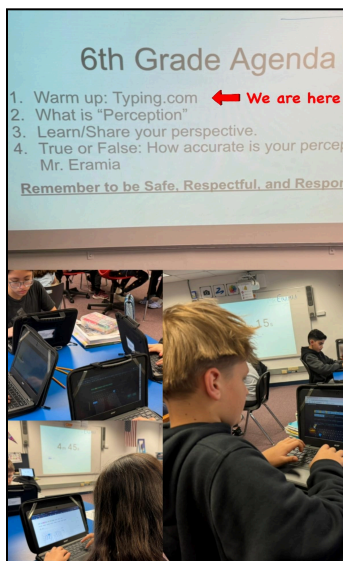
Want to volunteer in a classroom or chaperone a field trip? All classroom volunteers /visitors and field trip chaperones need to take volunteer training one time while their child/ren attend Culver. Our next training opportunity is Wednesday, April 10th, at 2:35pm. No need to RSVP. Please check in at the main office.

April Spirit Days

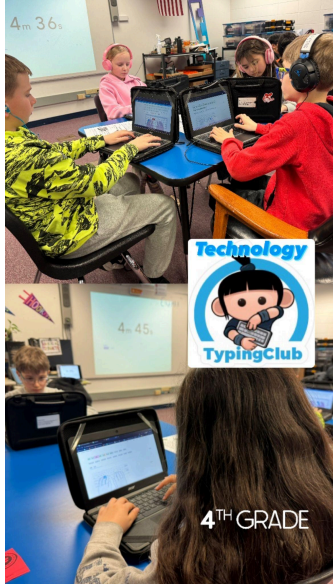
Please see our April Spirit Days [here](#), sponsored by Student Council.

Classroom Corner

Welcome to Mr. Eramia's code/technology 6th grade! Here's an inside look into us practicing our 5 min warm-up routine: Typing! Let's get those typing fingers ready, and then off to learning about how our perception impacts our classroom and technology!



It's never too late to practice classroom routines and build connections with one another. Here's a snapshot of 4th grade practicing our new 5 minute typing warm-up/routine before our lesson of the day. Today's lesson allowed students a chance to learn from one another (and their new teacher 🙌) by conducting a technology survey with partners!



First grade enjoying many different movement/team building activities in PE.



3rd grade running hard in a team relay in PE.



First grade is all smiles during lunch.



Chess Class - Next Session Registration

Culver Elementary 7-Week Spring 2024 Chess Class! Chess helps to develop a child's reading and math ability, critical thinking skills, as well as to build character and self-esteem. But most of all it's fun! Open to all students in grades K-8! The Culver Spring Chess Program starts on Thursday, April 18th!

Cost: \$115 for 7 Week Spring Chess Class that meets for 1 hour once a week on Thursdays, 3-4 pm for 7 weeks. Please send Zelle payment of \$115 to John at: chessteacher@comcast.net or phone: 773-414-2967. Also, please email John information about your child (name, grade, special needs, pickup yes or no, etc.) Please contact John at Chess Academy at chessteacher@comcast.net for any additional information! Remember to sign up early to ensure your child's registration! The Spring 2024 Chess Class dates are April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

In Case You Missed It...

Authors Coming to Culver!

Grades 3-8 will enjoy Michael Witwer's words of writing wisdom this spring, as well. You can read more about Michael's work [here](#).

Then, Rekha Rajan will present to K-2nd grade students with [this engaging book](#).

We will share book pre-order information soon. Looking forward to enhancing Culver's love of literacy through these author presentations.

Culver's Summer Program

It's time to start our summer planning! Please see our incoming K-8th grade summer program information [here](#).

Niles-Maine Public Library Cards

Interested in using the public library for its wealth of resources? Feel free to see the library card applications, *attached*. You can return these to the Niles-Maine District Library or with your child to Culver School. We will get all applications to the library; they will mail your library card to your home.

PTA's Spring Book Fair

We love reading and are super excited about PTA's upcoming book fair. Our Spring Book Fair is scheduled for April 22nd-26th. Please see the information [here](#).

From the Health Office

Please see the dental records and clinic reminder [here](#).

Absence Reporting and Tardiness

As a reminder, if you need to report a student absence, please call our attendance line at 847-966-9280 ext 1118. As a matter of safety, please notify the school of absences in advance of the school day. If a student is absent and we are not aware of the reason for the absence, our school nurse, Mrs. Morrissey, will be contacting the parent(s) and/or guardian(s).

Additionally, please make every attempt to have your child to school on time. Student late arrivals to the classroom are disruptive and delays the educational process. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Kindergarten Registration for 2024-2025

Registration for incoming kindergarten students begins on Thursday, February 1st. All students who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2024, are kindergarten students.

If your child is currently enrolled in our preschool program, they are automatically enrolled for kindergarten. There is nothing you need to do at this time.

How do I register my child?

- Beginning Thursday, Feb. 1st, contact the front office at 847-966-9280 and provide the following:
 - Child's name and date of birth
 - Parents' name, email, phone number and address
- All incoming kindergarteners will participate in a kindergarten screening in late April.
- Parents will submit required registration paperwork, including:
 - Original birth certificate
 - Required state paperwork
 - Required district paperwork
 - Required proof of residency documentation

Culver School PTA!

See the updated PTA newsletter *attached* for information and updates!

Hope you enjoy the weekend!