

We hope you and your families are all safe and healthy.

Please contact 847-644-1812 to report any suspected case of COVID in your household. Please do not send students with COVID symptoms to school. Please do not send your child if anyone in the household has symptoms.

Little Free Library

Read all about it! Culver now has a Little Free Library. Pick up a book or donate a book! It's located near our front drive, by the bike rack. Please see the *attached* picture.

March 24th Parent Survey: Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback in the parent survey sent out March 24th. We are seeking your feedback as we look into the future.

If you haven't done so yet, please take a few minutes to complete this [survey](#). Please complete it by Wednesday, April 7th.

Playground Use

We have seen many people enjoying our playground/basketball court space after school. Reminder - masks should be worn, and we need to maintain physical distance. Also, let's keep our community clean. Please place garbage in the trash cans and help keep Culver tidy.

Statewide Assessment Update (ACCESS, IAR and Illinois Science Assessment)

The Illinois State Board of Education has allowed school districts the choice to take state assessments in the spring of this school year or the fall of next school year. Because many of our students are learning remotely without the ability to take the tests, the district chose the fall option and all students will take these tests next year.

From the Nurse's Office

Parents/Guardians of students currently enrolled in kindergarten, second grade, and sixth grade,

The State of Illinois [Proof of School Dental Examination](#) form is due on or before May 15, 2021, for students in Kindergarten, Second Grade, and Sixth Grade. Please schedule a dental appointment for your child if you have not already submitted the

required form to the school. Consider using the [SMILE Programs Mobile Dental Services](#) scheduled to be at Culver School on April 27th for your child to receive dental services while at school and to fulfill the school dental requirement. Please contact the health office with any questions or concerns.

Spirit Days

Please click our [schedule](#) for Spirit Days.

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

The Advocate Children's Hospital Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is scheduled to visit Culver School on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Please see the *attachment* for details.

Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022

Tell your neighbors! Registration for incoming kindergarten students is open! All students who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2021, are kindergarten students. *If your child is currently enrolled in our preschool program, you do not need to re-register.*

How do I register my child?

- Contact Ms. Gordon at 847-966-9280 x 1102 or at kgordon@niles71.org 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 or May. This may be virtual and/or in-person.
- Parents will submit required registration paperwork, including:
 - Original birth certificate
 - Required state paperwork
- Over the summer, parents submit the required proof of residency documentation (dates TBD)

Weekly School Meals

There is no meal distribution this Wednesday, March 31st. Meal distribution will resume the following Wednesday.

Principal's Bookshelf

Each week, Dr. Smolinski will highlight and recommend a book for our community. Then, she raffles it to a family. Please email esmolinski@niles71.org if you would like to enter the raffle.

This week's book is in celebration of Culver's Little Free Library!

The Little Library written by Margaret McNamara, illustrated by G. Brian Karas. From Goodreads, "Everyone in Mr. Tiffin's class couldn't be more excited that the new school library has finally opened. Everyone except Jake. Jake is a slow and careful reader. Sometimes he reads the same page more than once to figure everything out. And he often feels left behind on class Library Day.

All that changes when Librarian Beck notices Jake running his fingers across the grooves of a brand-new bookshelf and offers him an old, worn book: *Woodworking for Young Hands*. Jake checks the book out, studies the pictures and instructions, and renews the book again and again. When the school year comes to an end, Jake has the perfect gift idea for the librarian who changed his life--and he makes it with his own two hands."

Upcoming Calendar Reminders:

Monday, April 5th

- Professional Development Day for Staff - asynchronous work assigned

Tuesday, April 6th

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Wednesday, April 7th

- Meal Pick Up - All Families Welcome - 12:30-1:30 - West Parking Lot

Thursday, April 8th:

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Friday, April 9th:

- Last Day of Quarter 3

Revisions to the 2020-2021 School Calendar

The Illinois State Board of Education has granted schools with 5 additional professional development days to use this school year. As a result, the following revisions have been made to our school calendar.

Date According to Original School Calendar	Revision to School Calendar
Monday, April 5th- Originally scheduled as a full day of attendance	Monday, April 5th- Now will be a day of student non-attendance
Friday, April 30th- Originally scheduled as an early release	Friday, April 30th- Now will be a day of student non-attendance; remote instruction may be shared
Friday, May 28th- Originally scheduled as an early release	Friday, May 28th- Now will be a day of student non-attendance; remote instruction may be shared
Monday, June 7th- Originally scheduled as the final day of the school year	Monday, June 7th- Now will be a day of student non-attendance

Appreciation & Final Thoughts

If you or your family are experiencing any hardships or are in need of assistance, please be sure to email Dr. Smolinski at esmolinski@niles71.org. Our staff is available to help.

The pandemic is a fluid situation, resulting in uncertainty which makes it difficult for families to plan for the next school year and has required us all to be patiently persistent. We appreciate your continued support, as we all work toward the ultimate goal of returning all of our students to in-person instruction as soon as safely possible.