

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.

Learning Plan Change Request to Hybrid Learning

We are always excited to see more students in the building. Several grade levels have space available for hybrid (in-person) instruction. If you are considering a learning plan change from remote to hybrid learning, please contact Culver Administration. We will make every effort possible to honor your request.

In-person learning provides more targeted instruction and teacher attention for students, and we have many fun events on the horizon, including the following :

- Field day
- Spirit days
- Special treat days
- PAW House/SWAP Shop every Friday

Spirit Days

Speaking of school spirit, please click our [Spirit Day schedule](#) for Friday Spirit Days.

Picture Day

Picture Days are next week. Please see the *attached* information. Please reach out to Kim Gordon at kgordon@niles71.org with any questions.

Special Treat

All in-person students will receive a special treat during snack break on Wednesday, March 17th. **Enjoy!**

Erin's Law

This spring, we will again provide instruction in compliance with Erin's Law, a state law that mandates, age-appropriate sexual abuse prevention education program for

students in preschool through high school. The purpose of these developmentally appropriate lessons is to help students develop knowledge, decision-making skills, and behaviors which promote safe living in the home, school, and community. The lessons will be presented by Jessica Caccavallo, MSW, LSW, a prevention educator from Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault.

Please review the letter(s) below that are specific to the grade level(s) of your child(ren). [Preschool Letter](#), [Kindergarten-5th Grade Letter](#), [6th Grade Letter](#), [7th Grade Letter](#), [8th Grade Letter](#)

Smiles Mobile Dentist

Please see the *attachment* about the Smiles Mobile Dentist coming to Culver on Tuesday, April 27th.

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.

From the PTA - Boxtops for Education

Please see the *attached* information for an easy way for Culver's PTA to earn credit for Boxtops for Education.

Preschool Application for 2021-2022

The Preschool Application is open! The preschool application is not first come, first serve, but is based on eligibility criteria. [Please click on this link to start the application online](#) and then additional paperwork will be emailed to you for you to complete and submit by March 25th.

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)

Love Bingo?

Mark your calendars for our first PTA Virtual Bingo Night!

Friday, March 19th - 7:00 pm.

Please sign up through the email sent earlier this week.

Yearbook

The Culver School 2020-2021 yearbooks are now available for pre-order! This year we will offer a 40 page, all-color, yearbook for \$16.00 per book. If you would like to order your child/ren a yearbook please go to our website and process your online payment through our E-Pay portal (niles71.org → click on parents → click on epay on the left hand side).

To ensure your child receives a yearbook this year, please place your order no later than **next Friday, March 12th**. Picture Days will be scheduled during March, and that information will be forthcoming. Please contact Kim Gordon if you have any questions.

Weekly School Meals

Weekly meals are distributed from 12:30-1:30 each Wednesday, from our west lot. All families are welcome to receive meals.

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.

In honor of Women's History Month, this week's book is *Rad American Women A-Z* written by Kate Schatz, illustrated by Miriam Klein Stahl - From Goodreads, "Like all A-Z books, this one illustrates the alphabet—but instead of "A is for Apple", A is for Angela—as in Angela Davis, the iconic political activist. B is for Billie Jean King, who shattered the glass ceiling of sports; C is for Carol Burnett, who defied assumptions about women in comedy; D is for Dolores Huerta, who organized farmworkers; and E is for Ella Baker, who mentored Dr. Martin Luther King and helped shape the Civil Rights Movement."

Upcoming Calendar Reminders:

Monday, March 8:

- 8th Grade Picture Day

Tuesday, March 9:

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Wednesday, March 10 :

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

Thursday, March 11:

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Friday, March 12:

- Yearbook orders due today!

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
Friday, March 26- Originally scheduled as an early release	Friday, March 26th- Now will be a day of student non-attendance; remote instruction may be shared
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.