BULLDOG BULLETIN

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting takes place on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:30pm in our Board Room.

Culver School
4-22-19

Culver Admin Corner
By ~ Mr. Suarez, Ms. Guarraci, Dr. Smolinski

Culver Admin Corner

~We are excited to announce our parent events for the upcoming school year. Specific dates and times TBD. Looking forward to connecting with you next year! ~

CULVER PARENT ACADEMY Learning. Growing. Together.

1. New Family Welcome - August
2. Preschool & Kindergarten Info Night - August
3. Curriculum Night - September
4. Parent Book Club- September
5. EL Literacy Night - September
6. Erin's Law Parent Session - October
7. 4-5 Book Club - October
8. EL Report Card Night - November
9. K-3 Book Club - December
10. Parent Education Night, Topic TBD – January
11. 6-8th Book Club Breakfast- February
12. EL Family Math Night - March

Hope to see you there!

Kathy Morrissey

School Nurse

04/22/2019
Health Office Information:

Please note that children currently in kindergarten, second grade and sixth grade must submit to school the Proof of School Dental Examination form by May 15, 2019. If you have not already submitted to school the Proof of School Dental Examination form please schedule the examination and submit to school the required form by May, 15, 2019. Proof of Dental Examination forms may be obtained from the school office or downloaded off the school website.

For the 2019-20 school year, according to The School Code of Illinois:

Children entering **Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, Sixth Grade, or new to Illinois schools** must submit a State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination dated no earlier than the first of the year in which their child is enrolled. The completed certificate must include proof of up-to-date immunizations, a completed health history, a completed and current physical exam, a blood lead screening if age 6 years or younger, and diabetic screening. Additionally, any student trying out for an interscholastic team or cheerleading must have a current physical examination form on record with the school **PRIOR** to tryouts and current throughout the sport**.** The health certificate should be submitted before or on the first day of school.

Children entering **Kindergarten or New to Illinois Schools** must submit the State of Illinois Eye Examination dated no earlier than the first of the year in which their child is enrolled. The report is due by October 15 of the year in which the student is enrolled.

Children entering **Kindergarten, Second Grade, and Sixth Grade** must submit a Proof of Dental Examination Form by May 15 of the school year in which the student is enrolled.

Necessary forms can be obtained from the school office or downloaded off the school website. Please do not hesitate to contact the school health office if you have questions.

Mr. Schlessinger

When I arrived at Culver School 20 years ago, I had no idea how important the school and community would become in my life. Culver has become my second family and staff have become my brothers and sisters. Our staff has had and continues to have the most dedicated and passionate individuals I have had the pleasure to work alongside. Lifelong friendships have developed from this extended family of mine. I remember how we supported each other both personally and professionally. I will always remember great times we shared both in and out of school. Most of those times probably include some pranks and a lot of laughter. No one survives Jr. High without a good sense of humor.

While I will miss the staff of Culver, I will equally miss my students. They are the driving force of why we have decided to enter this noble profession. It might sound cliché, but coming to school each day has not seemed like my job. I actually left a job to fulfill my passion and my joy. Each of my students has had an impact on my life. I try not to think of the date that approaches, but am savoring the days I have left. Thank you students of Culver, I will miss you all. Be proud that we will always be Bulldogs.

In closing, thank you Culver for welcoming this eclectic, slightly quirky, and borderline weird teacher into your school.

Fred Schlessinger

Dear Culver Community,

As I approach retirement, I wish to humbly thank you for making my career, and by extension, a large part of my heart so very full for all of my years of service. Never could I have imagined that upon graduating college, I would find myself in a community which would embrace me and allow me to help foster in their children a deep love of music for 34 years. Thank you for supporting me and my belief that the arts is invaluable to the success of our youth. What a tremendous honor.

As teachers, we are accustomed to students coming and going, for we can only call them our own for up to nine years at Culver. I know I will miss this- for I have long considered your children to be a special part of my family. To the dear families in this community, I will not soon forget your willingness to help with every concert, contest, production, community event, and everything in between. To my colleagues now and before in our tight-knit music department, thank you for sharing your craft and artistry, as well as for our sincere camaraderie which was founded on mutual respect and doing all we could to do right by our students and one another.

Like musicians on a stage, we are only as strong as the players and singers on either side of us. Because of your support, that of the School Board, Administration, teachers and staff these last three and a half decades have played like a beautiful song.

With love and profound happiness,

Christine Dworak

Pre-School Screening

Niles Elementary School District 71 offers free pre-school screenings for residents who have children ages birth through 5.

What is a pre-school screening?

A pre-school screening is a way to determine if a child is progressing typically for his/her age in conceptual, communication, socialization, motor skill and social emotional development. It is designed to identify any child who may need further assessment or monitoring or may be eligible for early intervention services (birth through 2 years old) or special education services through the school district (ages 3 through 5).

What is the process?

1. Contact Ms. Laura Guarraci, the Director of Student Services, at 847-470-3405 or Lguarraci@niles71.org to share your concerns about your child's development
2. Come to Culver School to prove residency within the district
3. Complete a screening packet and return it to the school
4. Within two weeks of returning the screening packet to school, parents will be notified of the results of the screening.

Children ages birth through 2 who score below the cutoffs will be referred to Early Intervention for a more comprehensive evaluation.

Children ages 3 through 5 who score below the cutoffs will be considered for further assessment or monitoring by the school district.

Ms. Laura S. Guarraci

Director of Student Services

847-470-3405

Lguarraci@niles71.org

Culver School

Niles Elementary School District 71

6901 W. Oakton St.

Niles, IL 60714

Family Literacy/Math Night - Thursday, April 25th 5:00-7:00

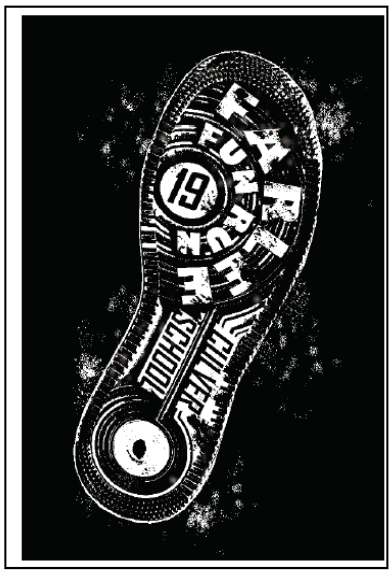
Evening Schedule~ 5:00-7:00
5:00-5:30 - dinner served, author speaking - cafeteria
5:30-5:50 - session 1
5:50-6:00 - transition/visit book fair
6:00-6:20 - session 2
6:20-6:30 - transition/visit book fair
6:30-6:50 - session 3
6:50-7:00 - closing, cafeteria

Sessions~All sessions are offered during all time slots, except Mrs. Kraus's sessions.

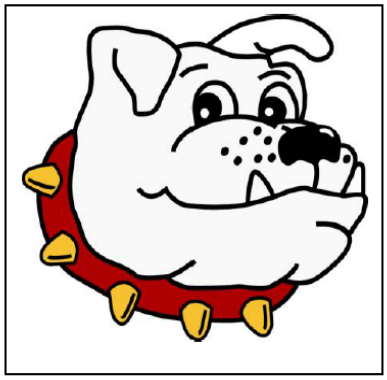
1. **Mrs. Nerwin and Dr. D'Anniballe** - grades 6,7,8 - Room 213 - Brave Step into the world of Berrybrook Middle School where we see the world through Jensen's eyes as he learns who his true friends are, how to deal with bullies and what it means to be courageous. Join us to discuss this graphic novel, and we will create our own comic strip for one of the novel's story elements.
2. **Mrs. Conklin** - grades 4-6 book club - Room 222 - Eventown - Join us for a discussion of *Eventown*, a dystopian middle grade novel that explores identity, change, loss, and the power of family. We will reflect on the importance of memories and sharing stories in our lives and create our own story capsules.
3. **Mrs. Montcalm** - Poetry - grades 2 and 3 - Room 214 - Did you know April is ***National Poetry Month***! Well, come celebrate in Mrs. Montcalm's session, where parents and their children will explore and enjoy the magical, playful world of poetry. Together we will engage in a variety of fun poetry activities and there will be lots of cool parent resources to take home to keep the fun going.
4. **Mrs. Jensen** - PreK-2 - Room 143 has been transformed into Camp-Read-A Lot! Please join us for some camping-style fun, including a camping read-aloud and many literacy centers to get into the camping spirit!- reading session - *A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee -*
5. **Mrs. McGarry** - grades 5-6 math session - Room 218 - Please join us for witty and enjoyable math games such as Sets, Make 100, Make 24, and Make It Equal.
6. **Mrs. Chmura** - grade 3 math session- Room 219 - 3rd Grade Math Room Factors and Multiples: Take turns marking off factors and multiple chains. Be the last player to be able to mark off a number! (partner/small group) Place Value Trail: Be the first to complete your entire trail by ordering your numbers from smallest to largest. Be careful where you place your numbers so you don't miss a turn!
7. **Mrs. Nelson** - grade 4 math games - Room 228 - Have a Fun Filled night playing Fraction games with Fourth grade Friends and Family!

8. **Mrs. Kraus** - PreK-5 literacy sessions - Room 138 - This session is designed to introduce parents and children to books designed to support social emotional learning.
    a. **5:30-5:50 - session 1** - PreK-2 - The Rabbit Listened
    b. **6:00-6:20 - session 2** - 3-5 - Drawn Together
    c. **6:30-6:50 - session 3** - PreK-5 - Giraffes Can't Dance
9. **Ms. Klauer and Mrs. Paisley** - middle school math - Join room 217 for some Marvelous Middle School Math games, such as Multi - Tic - Tac - Toe, Twinks, and Graphing for Treasure. Come learn how to play and take home games to share with your family and friends!
10. **Mrs. Baum** - grades 1-2 math session - Room 221 - **Race to a Dollar**--... The object of the **game** is to be the first player to exchange pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters for a **dollar**. The **game** will strengthen the children's ability to recognize coins & their values, to add simple numbers, and to recognize equivalent values among coins.
11. **Ms. McGowan** - PreK-3 - Room 142 - - This session will feature learning stations consisting of games and activities that will help Culver families understand how to assist their student in building their sight word vocabulary. Sight words are commonly used words that can immediately be recognized without the use of decoding strategies.
12. **Ms. Macejik.** - Grades 1-3 - Room 150 - "Word Detective" incorporates grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and phonics elements to help students identify a vocabulary word.
13. **Dr. Kosirog** - Grades PreK-3 - Room 139 - Join Dr. Kosirog for a wonderful session on this great book - Giraffe Problems Everyone has problems, from short creatures to tall. Enjoy the exploration of how our problems can actually be gifts!
14. **Mr. Suarez.** - Grades K-3 reading session - Boardroom - Oh, The Places You'll Go! Sometimes life takes you up, and then others, it takes you down. There are times it takes you all around! Come join Mr. Suarez on a reading adventure, seeing all the places you will go!
15. **Dr. Smolinski** - Grades 6-8 book club -Dr. Smolinski's office- The Maze Runner - Explore this popular middle school book, learning all about the dystopian world of The Glade.
16. **Book Fair** - Media Center - all night
17. **Dinner/author speaking** - cafeteria

~Please RSVP to Dr. Smolinski at esmolinski@niles71.org ~



The Ann Farlee Culver Fun Run



Order Information

(Please only fill out one form per family.)

Student Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Grade: _____ Classroom: _____

Shirt Information: **All shirts are $10 each**

How many shirts do you want of each size?

Youth	Quantity
Small	
Medium	
Large	

Adult	Quantity
Small	
Medium	
Large	
XL	
2XL	

Total Due:
Number of shirts_____ x $10 =_____ Number of shirts =_____
Total Due: $_____

Payment Information:
Payments can be made in check or cash form. This order form and payment can be turned in to your child's homeroom/classroom teacher or to the front office. Checks can be made payable to "Culver School or Niles School District 71".

Physical Education News

We are very fortunate to have a spin lab at Culver School! Spinning is a safe, healthy & low impact form of exercise that is fun and easy to learn. The benefits include the development of physical fitness including strength and cardiovascular endurance. In addition, students improve their social skills and develop lifelong healthy habits.

Each student in 6-8th grade spins at least once a week starting Quarter 2. A spinning workout employs a stationary bike, which has various tension levels. Students are encouraged to earn 5 out of 6 badges for being in their target heart rate zone for 25 minutes. Wearing a heart rate strap with an attached sensor allows the students to view their heart rate which enables them to stay in their zone.

Research shows that physical activity is essential for mental health and cognitive functioning. Overall, exercise improves learning!

As a result of the Polar Heart Rate Technology…

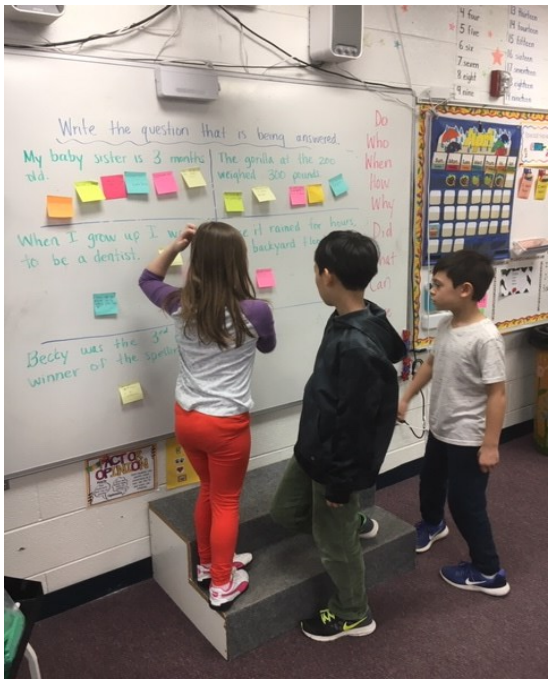
The P.E. teacher can:

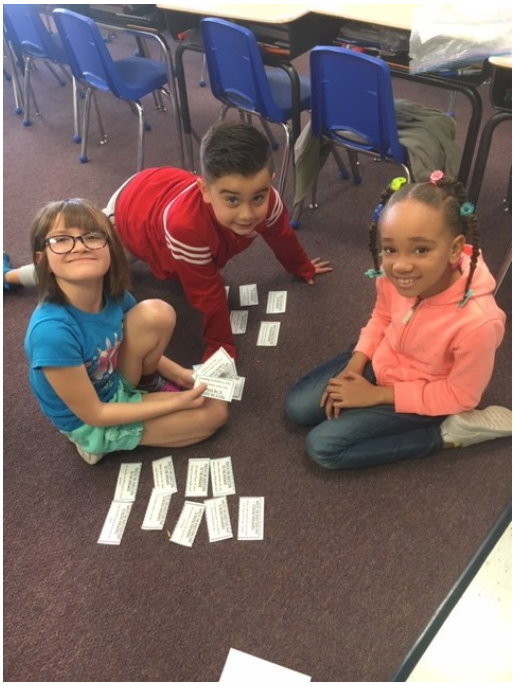
- See up to 40 students' heart rates on a screen during a PE lesson and guide the whole class in real time or each student individually.
- Individualize instruction to allow students to work in a safe heart rate zone.
- Analyze & evaluate the lesson.
- Teach students the health benefits of exercising @ different intensities.
- Motivate students to lead a healthy and active lifestyle.
- Evaluate individual effort.

The **11th Annual Ann Farlee Fun Run/Field Day** will be held on **Thursday May 16th, 2019.** (Rain Date: Monday, May 20th, 2019)

2nd GRADE

The second grade students are practicing how to restate a question in their answer. This is an important skill for third grade. In this activity, students are matching a question to a restated answer.





3B

The 3B students enjoyed the novel, Wishtree by Katherine Applegate. They embraced the message that all people should feel welcome in their communities. Attached to the branches are our selfless wishes written on ribbons, just as the characters did in the novel. We invite you to take the "Pledge to Welcome All."

Also, the 3rd graders and Mrs. Lamancusa would like to thank Ms. Lurie, the art teacher, for all of her hard work in creating the foundation of our "Wishtree." We'd also like to thank Ms. Glaser for allowing us to use the Media Center to display our "Wishtree."

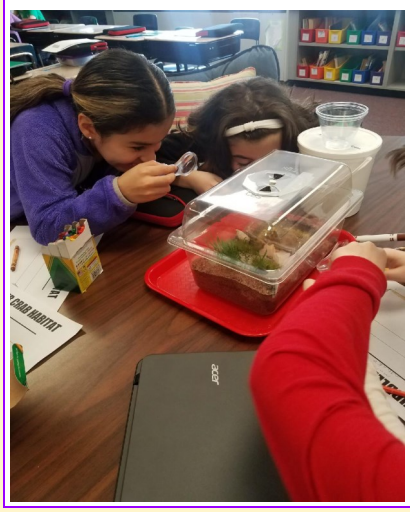
THIRD GRADE

THIRD GRADE SCIENCE NEWS!

The third grade students have started a very exciting science unit on animal studies! They have been rotating to new classrooms to learn about millipedes, frogs, and crabs.

So far, the students have helped construct habitats for the frogs, millipedes, and crabs. They have learned about adaptations needed for survival and have had opportunities to observe each habitat!

There are many more exciting lessons to come in this unit. Please be sure to ask your third grade student to share what they have learned so far in science class.



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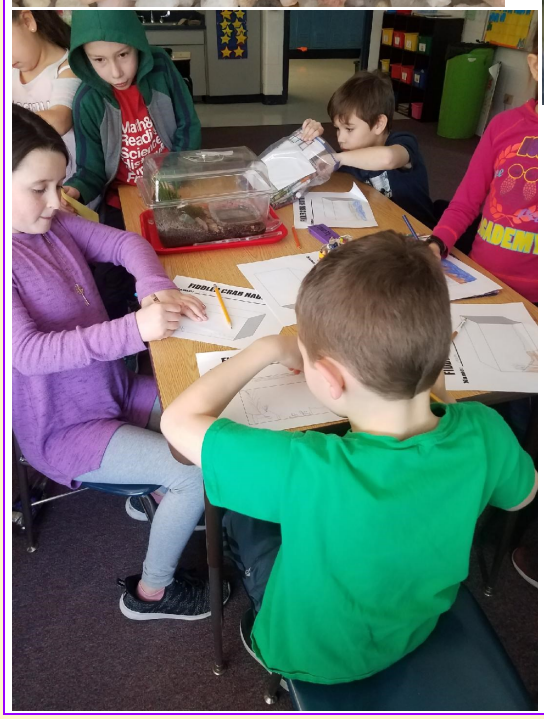


The fifth grade enjoyed a field trip to the Shedd Aquarium. The students were excited to experience first-hand much of what we have been studying in science during our Ocean Exploration.

Congratulations to 6th grade students Samer Hikmat and Lena Schultz for receiving Special Recognition Awards for their submissions to the 2019 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Poster, Poetry, and Prose Contest. The theme for this year's contest was "Green Transportation - Keeping the Air Clean for a Healthy Future!". Samer and Lena will be recognized at the award ceremony in Springfield, and their work will be exhibited at the Old State Capitol.

The fourth graders are having a great time exploring how energy works using our science activities. We are also working on fractions and long division in math. We recently completed some excellent narrative writing on a personal story. We are working hard and having fun doing it!

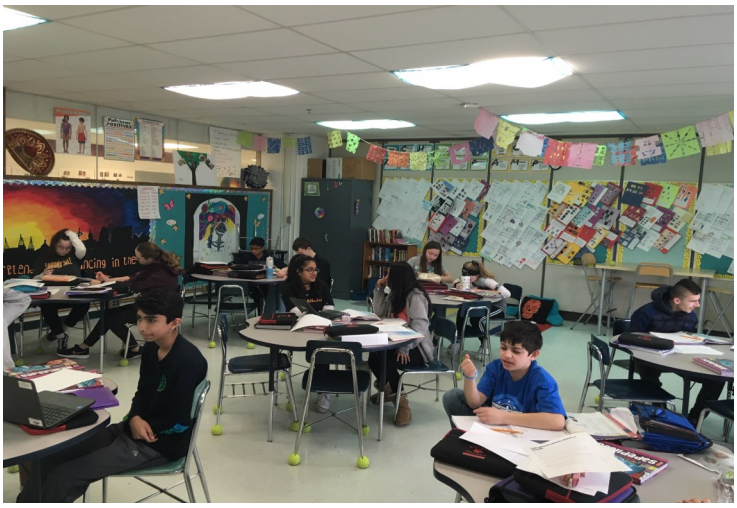
6TH GRADE

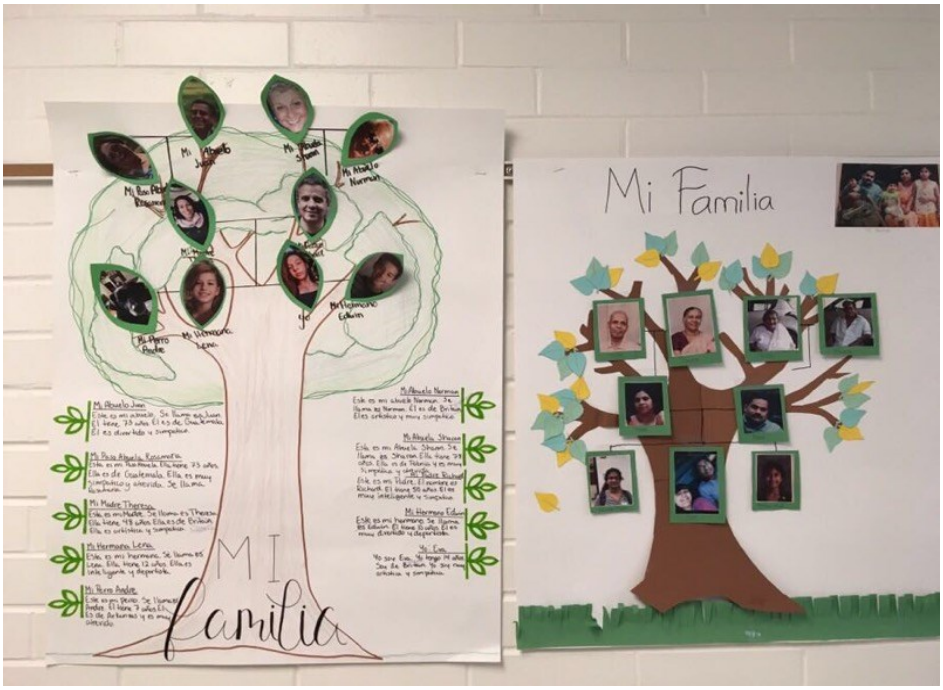
Here are some pictures of 6th grade students sharing their narrative essays to one another.

7th & 8th Grade Spanish Classes

In 7th-grade Spanish class, students completed a unit about the classroom. 7th-graders learned how to describe locations of items in the classroom using the verb "estar" and location words such as under, on top and beside. To conclude the unit, students drew diagrams of the classroom and described where the items are located.

In 8th-grade Spanish, students finished a unit about family, foods, and celebrations. Students learned vocabulary about food, family members and as a project, students created "Arboles genealógicos" or family trees to demonstrate knowledge of vocabulary. Many of these family trees are displayed in the 7-8th grade hallway. In addition, students wrote a restaurant review using vocabulary and grammar learned in the unit.





Seventh & Eighth Grade

What's happening in seventh and eighth grade Language Arts? Students are wrapping up their novels during their book clubs. All of the novels selected for the book clubs are centered on a specific theme. The seventh grade theme is about child labor during the Industrial Revolution and the eighth grade theme is about looking at life through a different lens. Students are given a choice and select a texts from several options. During the book clubs students read the book, take notes, and discuss the book with their book club group.

This photograph is from 7th grade Language Arts during their book clubs.

This photograph is from 8th grade Language Arts during their book clubs.

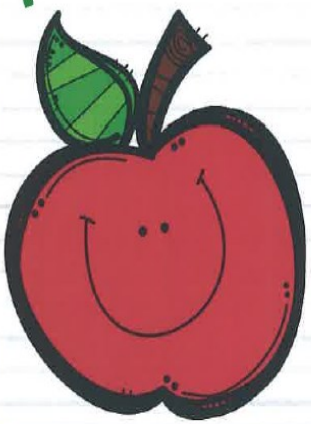
Kindergarten Boot Camp

Cost $50 per student

July 22nd- August 8th

Monday-Thursday

9:00-11:30am



Introduction to the classroom environment.

Open to all pre-registered Culver Kindergarten Students

Prepares children for learning and the struggles of family separation

Teaches the "student role"

If you are interested, please contact the school office at (847) 966-9280.

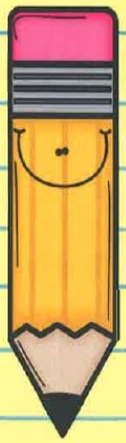
Jumpstart 1st Grade

Cost $50 per student

July 22nd- August 8th

Monday-Thursday

9:00-11:30am



Prepares students for the rigor of 1st grade.

Teaches students to manage personal materials and have a locker in the hallway.

PBIS expectations are reviewed and reinforced.

Transitions students from learning and working at tables to working at desks.

If you are interested, please contact the school office at (847) 966-9280.

Age Groups: 5th - 8th Grade

Dates: June 10th - July 3rd
*No class on July 4th, Field Trip on July 3rd

Days: Monday - Thursday

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cost: $120

Incoming 5th through 8th grade students are invited to join Mrs. Lazaris, Mrs. Lurie, Mrs. DeCicco and Mr. Palazzolo for an exciting summer experience at Culver School. "Summer Blast" means more STEAM, more Art and more sports activities to keep students learning and active. Students spend their mornings engineering in Minecraft, sculpting with clay, making mosaics, print-making, playing ultimate frisbee, practicing yoga, and much, much more! Fill out the registration form below and return to the front office by April 12th to secure your enrollment in our program. Space is limited.

Name:_____ Fall Grade Level:_____ Phone #:_____

Parent Signature:_____Parent Email_____

Method of Payment: _____ Cash _____ Check _____ e-Payment

Niles Elementary School District No. 71

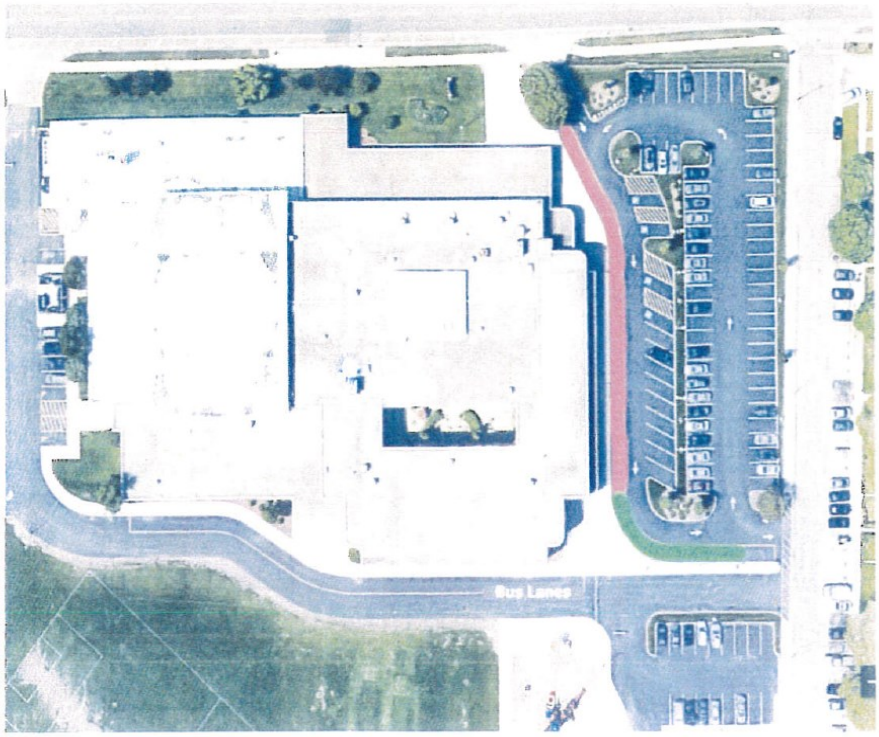
Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are really concerned about the safety of our students at both arrival and dismissal. As a result, we have instituted procedures to keep all students safe during this time. It is important that we adhere to the procedures outlined below:

- Pull forward in the green zone
- Do not drop off in the red zone next to the fence
- Unload on the passenger side
- Walk to your designated area
- If your child is not able to get in or out of the car by himself or herself, please park in the lot and walk to the designated lines

Please contact the office with any questions.

Thank you for working together to keep our community safe,
The Culver Staff

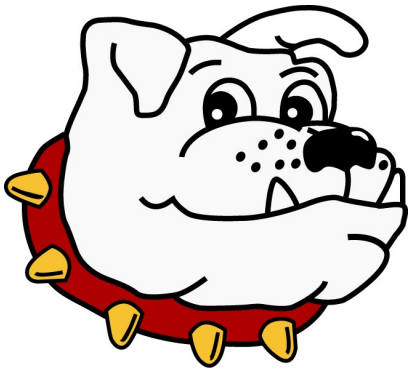


Niles School District 71

A Community of Excellence

The Niles 71 website now features a resources page! As we teach our children to ask for help when they need it, we also encourage families to ask for help when they need it. To support our mission of developing the whole child, Niles School District 71 is providing a list of resources for parents to access as needed. On this page, we are highlighting community resources that may be useful to our families.
Included in this list of resources are:

- Basic Needs
- Financial
- Mental health
- Language
- Health
- Multi-needs resources

If you have any questions about these resources or need additional resource information please contact: Kathy Morrissey, School Nurse, Linda Kraus, School Social Worker, or Liz Lawrence, School Psychologist.

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