

Culver Community Update

Save the Date!

March 25th-29th

April 1

April 2nd-19th

Spring Break - no school

Quarter 4 Begins

IAR Assessment Grades 3-8

Authors Coming to Culver!

We are thrilled to welcome Alex Willan for a family evening event on Thursday, April 4th, from 5:00-6:30 pm. This event is aimed for PreK-3rd grade families. Please see more information [here](#).

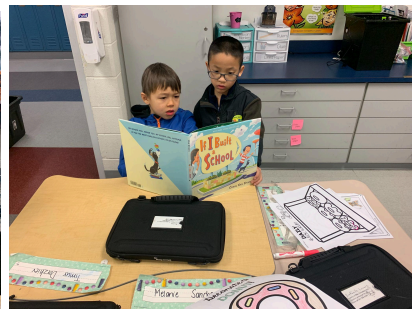
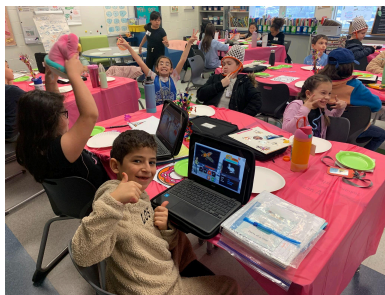
Grades 3-8 will enjoy Michael Witwer's words of writing wisdom this spring, as well. You can read more about Michael's work [here](#).

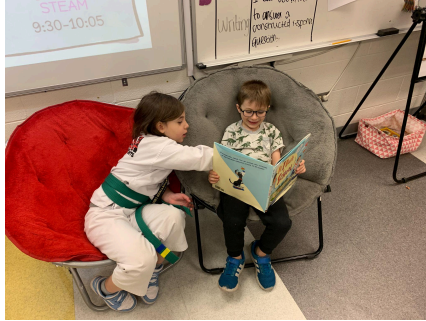
Looking forward to enhancing Culver's love of literacy through these author presentations.

Classroom Corner

3rd grade students are...

Enjoying their time with their first grade book buddies, making slime, and practicing their painting skills!





In Case You Missed It...

Spring Break Office Hours

Monday, March 25th - Office open 8-12
Tuesday, March 26th - School closed
Wednesday, March 27th - Office open 8-12
Thursday, March 28th - Office open 8-12
Friday, March 29th - School closed

Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)

Culver students in grades 3-8 will soon take the state mandated tests in math, reading, and writing called the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, or IAR. The testing window is April 2nd through April 19th.

These tests measure the ability and growth of our students in the three subjects. The results from the IAR are important because it tells us how our students are performing in comparison to the state standards. This information is also made available on our school district report card. All students in grades 3-8 are required to take these examinations.

Culver's Summer Program

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

PBIS Survey

We value your feedback! If you have not yet, please take a few minutes to complete this valuable PBIS survey. [This is a survey](#) about the PBIS program (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) at Culver School. The PBIS School Team includes administrators, teachers, and other staff members. Please answer the following questions as honestly as possible to guide us in a beneficial direction. Thank you!
-Culver PBIS Committee

PBIS Update

We love celebrating and recognizing students' respectful, responsible and safe behaviors. Students are recognized for these behaviors instantaneously by staff with PAWs which are exchanged for tangible rewards in the PAW house (K-5th grade) or the SWAP Shop (6-8th grade) every Friday morning. Additionally, students are recognized for their positive, respectful and responsible behavior through Positive Office Referrals. Here are a few pictures of our weekly celebration.



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](#).

Young Authors

Calling all student writers! It's time for Young Authors! Each year, we celebrate student authors by encouraging them to submit a piece; then, we come together for a Young Authors breakfast in May. Interested students can check out the guidelines [here](#). We look forward to reading your children's writing!

5Essentials

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey is a tool that measures five key areas linked to student success: effective leadership, collaborative teachers, involved families, supportive environments, and ambitious instruction. By taking the survey, our school can gain valuable insights into our school's strengths and weaknesses in these areas. It will also help us develop targeted strategies to create a more positive learning environment for all students.

The survey is now open and will close on Friday, March 29th.

Link for parents to take the survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

Niles West Athletic Summer Camps

Please see Niles West Athletic Summer Camp info [here](#).

ParentSquare

You should have received a signup email for our new communication platform, ParentSquare. Although it is not required, we encourage every parent to login, review the platform, and establish language and notification preferences. There is also a free ParentSquare app available in all app stores.

ParentSquare gives you more control over how you receive and send messages with school staff. Choose from email, text, or in-app messaging to fit your preferences. Plus, stay informed in your own language – ParentSquare supports over 100 languages!

Setting up a ParentSquare account allows you to:

- Quickly view recent school updates.
- Stay informed with a detailed school calendar.
- Set your language preferences.
- Set you notification and communication preferences

We're excited to launch ParentSquare and hope you'll be early adopters!

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!