

## Culver Community Update

### Save the Date!

April 2nd-19th  
Week of April 22nd

IAR Assessment Grades 3-8  
PTA's Book Fair

### 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 encouraging all parents/guardians to take a few moments and complete this survey:

<https://bit.ly/niles71survey>

This survey focuses on the following school community components:

- **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 share your feedback via this survey.

### Fun Run Shirts

The Fun Run is coming up - Thursday, May 16th. Each year, we design Fun Run shirts, specific to the event. Interested in getting a shirt this year? Please see the order form [here](#).

### Solar Eclipse

We loved experiencing this epic event together. Please see our photo collection [here](#).

### Future School Calendars

Due to construction, school is scheduled to begin one week later, come fall. Our schedule will return to normal the following school year. Please see our next year and tentative 2025-2026 calendars on [our website](#).

### Working Together to Stop Bullying

We take bullying seriously at Culver School. If you or your child suspect bullying, here are some ways to report it:

- Talk to a teacher: They can investigate and support your child.
- Report online: Use our anonymous reporting form on the [school website](#)
- Call the main office: Ask to speak with an administrator about bullying.

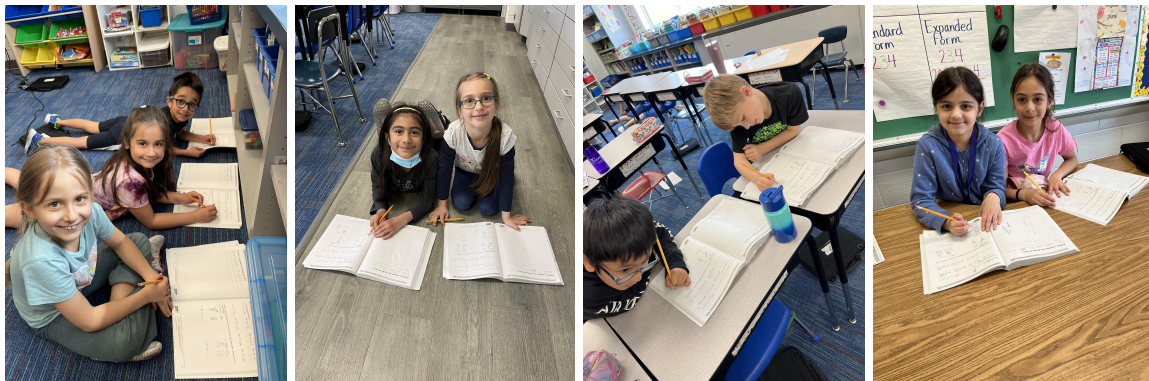
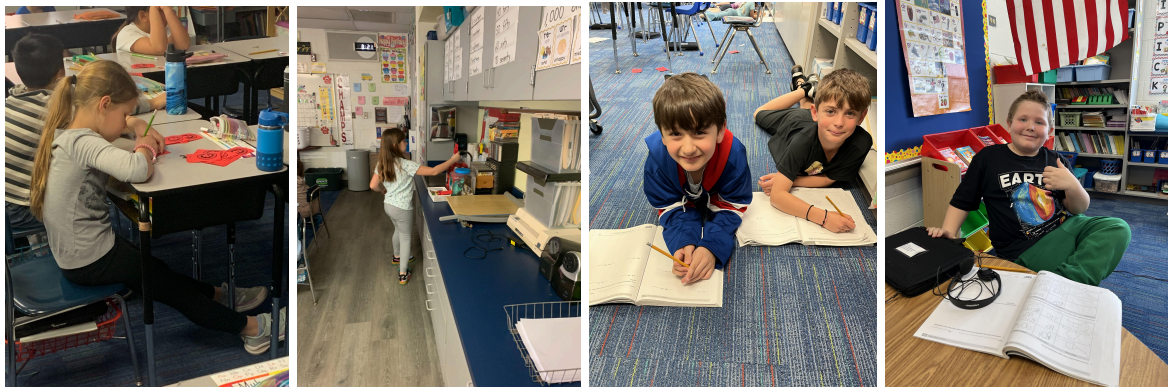
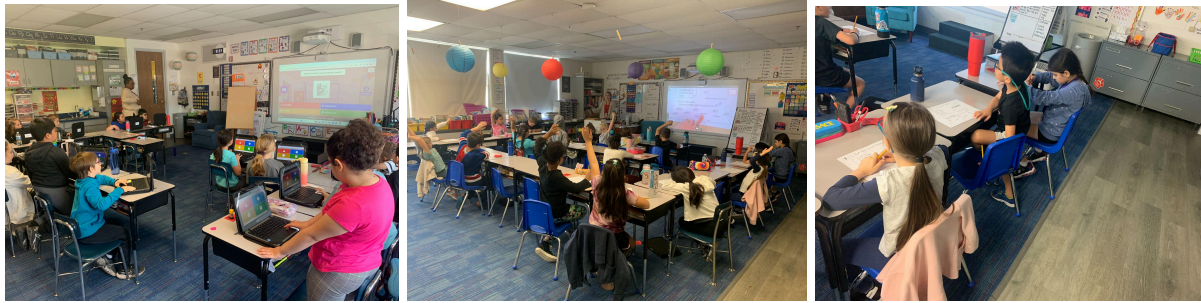
Remember, your child's well-being is our priority.

## Measles Information for School Families

Please see the letter [here](#) from Mrs. Morrissey, regarding measles.

### Classroom Corner

2nd graders are very busy. Here, you see some getting their PAWs ready for this Friday's PAW house and working on prefixes in their grammar/word part study, and studying math!



### 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](#). If your child would like a copy of Michael's book, please use [this pre order form](#).

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.

### **Niles West Spring/Summer Camps**

Please see the info about Niles West Spring/Summer camps [here](#).

### **In Case You Missed It...**

#### **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!

#### **April Spirit Days**

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

#### **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 18<sup>th</sup>!

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **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 report form requirement for students enrolled in kindergarten, second grade, and sixth grade [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!**