

Miner PTO Meeting

April 4, 2017

Agenda

6:00 - 6:10 Icebreaker & Welcome

6:10 - 6:25 Special topics

6:25 - 6:35 Principal's Report

6:35 - 6:40 LSAT

6:40 - 6:45 Recent Events, Appreciation & Awards

6:45 - 7:00 Upcoming Events

7:00 - 7:30 Regular PTO Business

Welcome!

- Babysitting
 - Provided free of charge (including dinner) by The District Church
- Refreshments & Light Dinner
 - Suggested donation of \$2 per pizza slice
 - Please let us know if you'd like to contribute food or funding for future PTO meetings
- Next PTO meeting dates:

May 2 - June 6

**Special Topic:
Special Education
Ms. Ellis & Ms. Scott**

SPECIAL EDUCATION and Inclusive Educational Practices

at Miner Elementary School



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Special Education Programs at Miner ES

Special Education Coordinator: Mrs. Deirdre Ellis



Early Learning Support Program (ELS)

- PK3-2nd
- Full-time, early intervention
- Students have delays developmentally, cognitively, and emotionally.

- PreK3-K

Ms. Jaye Tolbert

Mrs. Patricia Stamper-educational aide

- K-2

Ms. Marie Olazo (on extended leave)

Ms. Angela Keeno -educational aide



Independence and Learning Support Program (ILS)

- 3rd -12th grade
- Full-time
- Students have a cognitive or intellectual disability.
- Teaches literacy and life skills to prepare students for employment and long-term independence.

- 3rd-5th

Mrs. Janal Hammond

Ms. Carolyn Wingfield-educational aide



Learning Labs: Resource Room and Inclusion

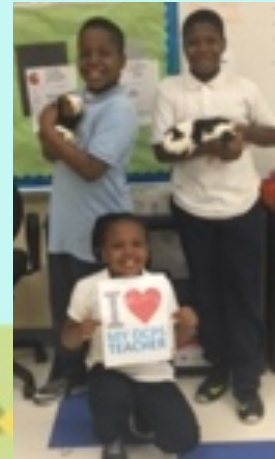
- Resource

Students are pulled from general education class for small group support.

- Inclusion

Students remain in general classroom with the special education teacher coming in to deliver specialized instruction and support all students.

- *Ms. Pamela Poblete K-2nd*
- *Ms. Emily Fisher 3rd/4th*
- *Mrs. Andrea Scott 4th/5th*
- *Courtney Cayard-educational aide*



Related Service Providers at Miner:

- **Physical Supports:**

Ms. Senawa Moyo OT

Ms. Denise Hagley PT

Ms. Iris Corbitt Adaptive PE

- **Mental /Behavior Supports:**

Ms. Monica Woodard

Mrs. Thomasine Coates

- **Psychology:**

Dr. Eva Ramsey

- **Speech and Language:**

Ms. Tonyua Patterson

- **Audiology:**

Dr. Tracey Wallace



CLOSING:

Simply stated, inclusive education means that all students are full and accepted members of their school community, in which their educational setting is the same as their non-disabled peers, including field trips, grade level activities, and funding.



At Miner, we ensure that ALL students are accepted as part of our Panda Family!



Special Topic:
Standardized Testing
Ms. Torrence

April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 PARCC Teacher Training	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Spring Break					
23	24 PARCC Prep Rally	25 5 th Grade ELA Session 1	26 5 th Grade ELA Session 2	27 5 th Grade ELA Session 3	28	29
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May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 5 th Grade Math Session 1/2	3 5 th Grade Math Session 3/4	4 3 rd Grade Math Sessions 1/2	5 3 rd Grade Math Sessions 3/4	6
7	8	9 3 rd Grade ELA Session 1	10 3 rd Grade ELA Session 2	11 3 rd Grade ELA Session 3	12 3 rd Grade ELA Session 4	13
14	15 5 th Grade Science Session 1&2	16 4 th Grade Math Session 1 & 2	17 4 th Grade Math Session 3 & 4	18 PD Day	19 Parent Teacher Conferences	20
21	22	23 4 th Grade ELA Session 1	24 4 th Grade ELA Session 2	25 4 th Grade ELA Session 3	26 Make-Ups	27
28	29	30	31			

Principal's Report Ms. Mial

Miner Community Update

Andrea Mial, Principal

April 4, 2017

	<u>Completed/Ongoing</u>	<u>In Progress</u>	<u>Action Needed</u>
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter to launch in February. • M5 (Monday Morning Mocha...) calendar of topics for parents. • Roles and responsibilities staff profiles. • Joint communication of progress toward shared vision between parent and school community. (e.g. School Newsletter, PTO meetings, LSAT meetings) • Principal and leadership team reflection on observations from school visits and next steps • 1:1 and small group restorative conversations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from shared events will be highlighted in the bi-weekly newsletter. 	
Culture & Climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCPS Climate walkthrough report with recommendations for next steps • School-based climate committee to review and implement recommendations from Climate Report • DCPS Restorative Justice/Student Support Specialist will meet with Principal and LSAT to collaborate on next steps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCPS Climate walkthrough report with recommendations for next steps • Establish dates for bullying prevention workshops for students, staff and parents. • Cluster 5 Response to Intervention Specialist to increase support of school-based team with developing and monitoring individual student plans. 	
Early Childhood Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCPS ECE Family Services attended M5 on 1.23.17 • New cots have been ordered • Arrival and departure routines have been updated • Curriculum event for ECE parents 		
Safety &	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter clarifying procedures for drop-off, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper identification for all 	

Security Operations	<p>dismissal, and visitors to the building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Following DCPS protocol for volunteers in the building• Schedules and appropriate adult ratio for duty assignments• Active adult supervision of lunch, recess and transitions• Letter clarifying indoor/outdoor recess procedures.• Prompt communication of emerging health/safety issues; Nurse, DCPS Health Team and/or School Operations to provide relevant follow-up (e.g. informational pamphlets)	<p>visitors, volunteers and staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated parent/student handbook for SY17-18	
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LSAT - Kyle & Ms. Fisher

- SY2017-18 Budget Priorities:
 - Priority 1 – Continue to move toward the Community Schools Model
 - Priority 2 – Continue to improve reading scores
 - Priority 3 – Continue to improve the culture & climate at Miner
 - Priority 4 – STEM Instruction
 - Priority 5 – Improving math scores
 - Priority 6 – Classroom technology
- How were the priorities used?
 - Principal Mial used these priorities to guide her when creating the budget options to present to LSAT. In the end she created, and presented, 3 budget options for LSAT to review.
 - After much discussion, LSAT made their final recommendation to Principal Mial. Some of the above priorities were not able to be directly addressed in the budget, so LSAT & Principal Mial continue to work on alternate methods to achieve these priorities.
- Next LSAT meeting; Monday, April 24, 5 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room

Recent Events, Appreciation & Awards

Last Month's Events & Activities - Thank you!

- “Nifty Fifty” STEM guest speaker - Dr. Aprille Ericsson of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (Ms. Russey)
- Peace Garden work day (Victoria Mirowski & Amy Treat)
- Parent University (Mr. Brown, DCDOH)
- Companies for Causes (Joe Weedon)
- Book Fair (Ms. Williams & Adam Pan) - over \$3,000 in sales! Thank you all who participated!
- Literacy Night (Ms. Williams & Team)
- Miner Dad Happy Hour (Dan Harper)
- PAL Fun Night (Mr. Greer & the PAL Team)
- Field Trip to the National Building Museum (Miner ECE team & Dante Daniels) - made possible by Head Start buses & PTO class funding

STEM Speaker



Companies for Causes



Literacy Night



Perfect Attendance Awards

****Winners highlighted in blue**

PreK:

- Treat
- Butts
- Gochez-Swartz
- **Heitger****

2nd:

- Wellington
- Craven
- **White****

4th:

- Golden
- Mercer
- Miller
- Obi-Rapu
- Roberts
- Simmons
- Smyers
- **Taylor****
- Wooten

K:

- **Aguilar****
- Thomas
- Manning-Myles

3rd:

- Bryant
- Davis
- Morina
- Thomas
- **Chavez Argueta****
- Haynes
- Williams

5th:

- Frost
- Gray
- **Moore****

1st:

- **Butts****
- Robertson
- Rodriquez
- Evans

Any volunteers to lead this project for the remainder of the year? Just April & May remain.

Upcoming Events, Reminders & Opportunities

Upcoming Events (1 of 4)

THURSDAY, April 6

- **8:15am - 9:00am in the Parent Center // ECE Parent Committee:** PK3 and PK4 parents meet to discuss upcoming ECE events and get the latest news from DCPS' Early Childhood Division. (Contact: Matt Renaud)
- **4:30 at Miner // Soccer Game vs. Turner** (Contact: Mr. Gee)

FRIDAY, April 7

- **6:00pm - 8:00pm in the gym // Spring Family Dance:** We hope you'll join us in your Sunday Best for our first Spring Dance! There is no charge to attend, and light refreshments will be provided. All students must be escorted by a family member or guardian. See the flyers sent home in student backpacks last week for information and an RSVP form. Or RSVP online: <http://bit.ly/MinerDance>. Sign up here to help out: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084DAFA823ABFB6-spring> (Contact: Kristina Butts or Ms. Dorsey)

SATURDAY, April 8

- **4:00pm Kickoff at RFK Stadium // DCPS Night at DC United:** Miner families will be joining with other DCPS schools for "DCPS Night" at D.C. United's game at RFK on Saturday, April 8th. DC United will take on NYCFC who have former world cup winners David Villa and Andrea Pirlo. (Contact: David Treat)

Upcoming Events (2 of 4)

MONDAY, April 10

- **9am - 10am in the Parent Center // Monday Morning Mocha with Mial at Miner (M5):** Come join with Principal Mial for a cup of coffee or tea and discuss Miner's anti-bullying program, standardized assessments, or whatever else may be on your mind. (Contact: Principal Mial)

WEDNESDAY, April 12

- **3pm - 5 pm // Cultivate the City Garden Market & CSA Pickup:** Come see and purchase locally-grown produce and fruits from Miner's garden partner, Cultivate the City (<http://www.cultivatethecity.com>). If you've purchased a CSA share, you can pick it up at this time. (Contact: Amy Treat)

THURSDAY, April 13

- **4:30 at Miner // Soccer Game vs. Orr** (Contact: Mr. Gee)

SATURDAY, April 15

- **9am in the ECE Garden // ECE Garden Prep Day & Prospective Family Playdate** (Contact: Matt Renaud)

Upcoming Events (3 of 4)

MONDAY, April 17 - FRIDAY, April 21: SPRING BREAK!

MONDAY, April 24

- **9am - 10am in the Parent Center // Monday Morning Mocha with Mial at Miner (M5):** Come join with Principal Mial for a cup of coffee or tea and discuss summer programs or whatever else may be on your mind. (Contact: Principal Mial)
- **5pm - 6:30pm in the Large Group Instruction Room // LSAT Meeting** (Contact: Kyle Serrette or Ms. Fisher)

WEDNESDAY, April 26

- **3pm - 5 pm // Cultivate the City Garden Market & CSA Pickup:** Come see and purchase locally-grown produce and fruits from Miner's garden partner, Cultivate the City (<http://www.cultivatethecity.com>). If you've purchased a CSA share, you can pick it up at this time. (Contact: Amy Treat)

THURSDAY, April 27

- **4:30 at Miner // Soccer Game vs. Leckie** (Contact: Mr. Gee)
- **4:30pm - 6:30pm in the ECE Garden // ECE Garden & Craft Event** (Contact: Matt Renaud)

Upcoming Events (4 of 4)

MONDAY, May 1 - FRIDAY, May 5: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

TUESDAY, May 2

- 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the cafeteria // PTO General Meeting (Contact: David Treat)

Thursday, May 4

- 8:30am - 9:00am in the ECE Common Area // Teacher Appreciation Craft Event (Contact: Matt Renaud)

Date TBD

- Time TBD // Teacher Appreciation Lunch (Contact: Sheryl Freedman)

SATURDAY, May 6

- 9:00am - noon // **Second Annual Community Yard Sale:** planning has started! If you have any items you would like to donate, please feel free to bring them at any time to the Parent Center (Room 143) by the east entrance. (Contact: Holly Harper)

Want Miner's shared calendar to appear in your device's calendar application and stay synced? See instruction here <https://support.google.com/calendar/answer/37100?src=soctw> to add minerelementary@gmail.com's calendar.

Reminders

PARENT INTENTION SURVEY FOR SY17-18

- Now that the lottery results are out, please consider filling out this short (and anonymous) survey to let us know if you're planning to stay at Miner next school year, or enroll in another school, and why: <https://goo.gl/forms/yll2bCnL1KHJlzbX2>. If you filled out the paper version sent home in backpacks, just drop it off at the front desk.

POTENTIAL COMMUNITY TOURS

- The PTO is still polling parents and friends of Miner to gauge interest in two opportunities for tours hosted by our school partner, Shrewsberry LLC (environmental & civil engineering firm). If you're interested in attending (or even think you might be), let us know by filling out the form here: <https://goo.gl/forms/TJrzdfsUh1LqHUvD3>. Once details become finalized, we'll reach out to those who have indicated interest in participating.
 - TBD date, Spring 2017: Worksite tour of the Anacostia River Tunnel
 - TBD date, Summer 2017: Tour of the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant

Other Opportunities to Volunteer & Donate

SATURDAY SCHOLARS (Saturday, April 8, 29, from 9am - noon)

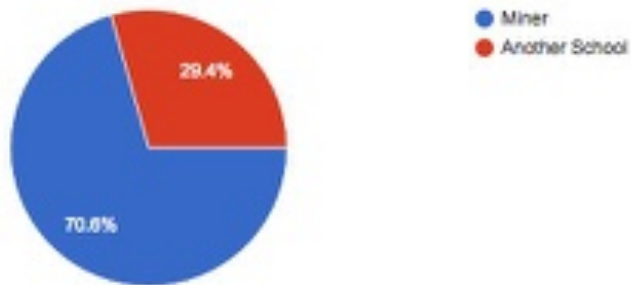
- Saturday Scholars is a new program at Miner that provides kids in grades 3-5 extra tutoring in ELA (English Language Arts) and Math, to help boost them to the next level of proficiency in the PARCC testing which starts later this spring. Each Saturday there are two 75 minute sessions. If you'd like to volunteer your time, please contact Miner's Dean of Students, Ms. Noakes (adrienne.gault@dc.gov)

Regular PTO Business

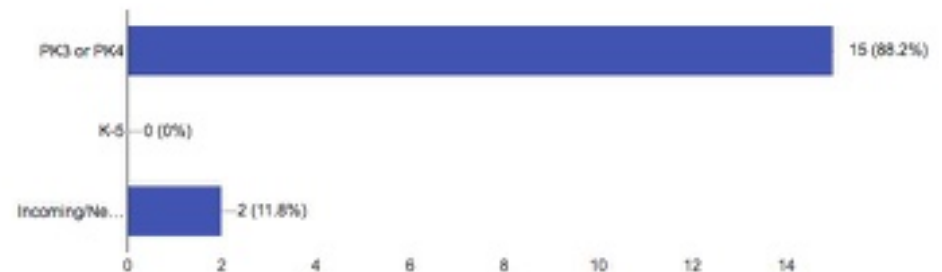
President & VP Report

- Retention Survey results (so far)

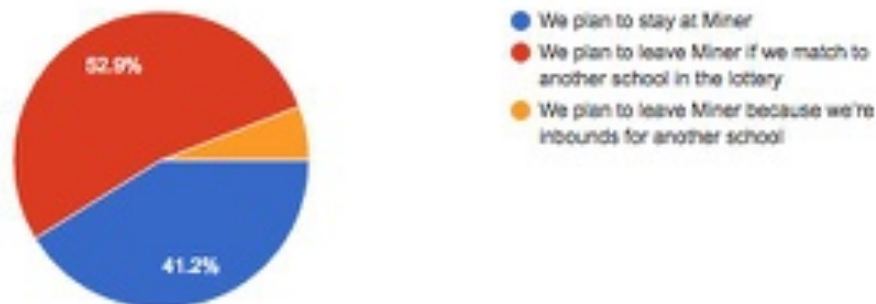
We live in the boundary for... (17 responses)



Our student is in grade level: (17 responses)



Our plans for next school year: (17 responses)



Treasurer's Report

Student Achievement	\$928.90
Perfect Attendance Awards	\$240.00
Perfect Attendance March - 296	\$80.00
April	
May	
Thrilling Thurs/fun Friday	\$800.00
Fun Friday Feb 283	\$65.94
Thrilling Thurs/fun Friday Feb 282	\$157.03
March	
April	
May	
Saturday Scholars	\$300.00
Saturday Scholars 3/14 286	\$150.65
Other/Misc	\$100.00
Roll of Tickets - 278	\$16.98
Gold Pencils - 278	\$40.50

Account 3 April	\$24,626.21
All Budgeted Amounts above	\$18,187.00
Remainder	\$6,439.21

Funding Requests

ECE Garden

- To create an herb and pollinator garden in the green space next to the ECE playground. This will complement the current trees plus the three additional trees to be donated from St. Mark's Church. The garden will beautify the space and provide an additional resource for the teachers to use in their curriculum. The garden is being planned in coordination with Cultivate the City.
- Amount requested: \$554 (The ECE Committee is applying for grants to cover as much of the cost as possible, but it is requesting up to the full budget of \$554 from the PTO in the event the grant funding does not come through.)

Special Ed, Social Workers & Related Services

- Amount requested: \$2,000 for 10 teachers/staff (in line with that allocated to other school-wide line items)

Bouncy Castle

- Buy vs rent? For discussion at April meeting, possible vote at May meeting

Teacher Representatives

- Carton2Garden contest
- Lessons in the Peace Garden
- ECE is in the early planning stages to take more grade-wide trips (using Head Start buses)
- Any PTO support required during testing activities?

Lessons in the Peace Garden



Visiting the Building Museum



Fundraising & Grants Committee

Submitted Grants

- ANC6a grant to fix the pottery kiln / \$1,100 – still pending
- Capitol Hill Community Foundation for pottery supplies – March / \$350

Upcoming Grants

- Game On Physical Education Grant – due April 7 / \$1,000
- OSSE PAY Grant + Playworks Program – March/April / \$10,000

Potential Grants

- United Way Out of School Time Grant (e.g., before/after care) – due April 28 / up to \$150,000
- Lowe's Toolbox for Education – due September 2017 / up to \$100,000 to fund technology upgrades, tools for STEM programs, facility renovations or safety improvements

Fundraising & Grants Committee

Upcoming Fundraisers

- Community Yard Sale (see Upcoming Events)

Continuing Fundraisers

- T-shirts and Yard Signs
- Amazon Smile
- Box Tops
- Star & Shamrock

Communications & Outreach Committee (Mariana)

- Reviewing use of mobile solutions for surveys and broadcast messaging
- Miner Notes and upcoming events submitted to the *Hill Rag* publication
- Website updates are in progress (<http://www.minerelementary.org/>). If there are errors or items you'd like to see posted, just let us know.

Volunteer Coordinators - Natalie & Tiffany

Family Engagement & Events - Kristina & Ms. Dorsey

- Other suggested events:
 - Boys & Girls banquet (Miner tradition)
 - Family Nights (karaoke, yoga)
 - Fun Run/Walk/5K
 - Arts Showcase
 - Talent Show

Family Support - Heather

Teacher Appreciation - Sheryl

- Teacher Appreciation Lunch: See Upcoming Events

Civic Liaison - Tammy

Partnerships

- Cub Scouts - Mr. Robinson
- Cultivate the City - Mr. Robinson & Amy
- Shrewsberry - Mr. Williams & Dave (see Reminders)
- Folger Theater - Ms. Hicks & LaTasha
- Estonian Embassy - Ms. Hicks
- Kennedy Center - Ms. Davis
- Summer Camps
 - Mr. Tony's Adventure Camp now enrolling

Special Projects

- Community & Inclusion - Gloria Roberts Henry
- Playground & Recreational Spaces - Lolly Axley
- Yearbook - Amy Treat & Sarah Dennis

ECE Parent Committee - Matt & Dante

- Planning is underway for a “New Parent Orientation” event the morning of May 18.

Thank You!

Any Joys, Questions, or Concerns that you'd like to share?

Backups

ECE Garden Funding Request Breakout

Item	Unit Cost	Units	Cost
Soil	\$250	1 cubic yard	\$250
Root pouches	\$12	15	\$180
Seedlings	\$3.6	15	\$54
Seeds	\$3.00	10	\$30
Paint & Paintbrushes (to paint stumps)	\$40	1	\$40
Total Funds Request			\$554