

# Miner PTO General Meeting

October 6, 2020

**Walk to School Day is TOMORROW! Join us at Lincoln Park at 7:30am or take your own socially distant walk and tag us on social media!**

# Agenda

**6:00 - 6:05 Welcome & Reading of the Minutes**

**6:05 - 6:15 Principal's Report**

**6:15 - 6:20 Community School Update**

**6:20 - 6:40 School Committee Reports**

6:20 Equity Team

6:25 Green Team

6:30 LSAT

6:35 PreK Parent Committee

**6:40 - 6:45 PTO President & VP Report**

**6:45 - 6:50 Treasurer & Teacher Representative Reports**

**6:50 - 6:55 PTO Committee Reports**

**6:55 - 7:00 Upcoming Events, Reminders, Opportunities**

**Open Comment:** Other joys, concerns, or questions?



# Welcome!

- Welcome to our October Virtual PTO General Meeting!
- Please remain on mute if you aren't speaking.
- All questions can be asked in the chat box - we will do our best to answer them all but if we miss yours, please ask again or feel free to email us at [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com) and we will be sure to answer!
- After the meeting, please reach out to us at [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com) to let us know what you did/did not like about the virtual format - we would LOVE your feedback!
- Next PTO meeting date: Tuesday, November 10, at 6:00pm
- Reading of the Minutes from the September PTO General Meeting



# Principal's Report

Principal Jackson





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# October PTO Meeting SY 20-21

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## Principals Report



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# Leadership Team Vision

Our vision for Miner Elementary School is to create a connected community that fosters academically prepared and socially conscious citizens who persevere through challenges to become leaders in a 21st century society.



# Term 1 Midpoint (K-5)

Term 1 ended on Friday  
(October 2)

Progress reports for K-5 will be  
mailed on Friday, October 9th



# Parent-Teacher Conference Day

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

Sign up for a time directly with  
your child's teacher.





# Indigenous Peoples Day

No School for Students  
(school closed)

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>



# Enrollment

Enrollment Goal: 385

Actual Enrollment: 400



# DCPS Plans for Term 2

## Updates



# Miner Playground

## Next Steps



# Community School Update

Ms. Monica Woodson

<https://www.minerelementary.org/community-school.html>



# Upcoming Events

Calling all performers and writers! This year Miner students can create a short film with Arena Stage! The film will be about who they are, the things they care about and the Miner Community. Students will meet on-line with Arena Stage artists once a week and work together to make a final, group project.

Grades: Students grades 3-5 are invited to participate.

When: Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Students should attend rehearsals every week.

How to Join: Send an email to Monica Woodson at [mwoodson@ebfsc.org](mailto:mwoodson@ebfsc.org)

Questions: If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca at [rcampana@arenastage.org](mailto:rcampana@arenastage.org) or Ashley at [aforman@arenastage.org](mailto:aforman@arenastage.org)



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Arena Stage  
presents

# Let's Make a Movie

Interest Meeting  
**October 7th**  
**10:00 AM**

CLASSES WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM OR GOOGLE HANGOUTS. Hope to SEE YOU THERE!

Calling all 3rd- 5th grade performers and writers!  
This year some of Miner students will create a short film with Arena Stage on issues that they care about.

Come hear about the class schedule, forms, etc.

**JOIN AND REGISTER NOW!**

By sending an email to Monica Woodson at [mwoodson@ebfsc.org](mailto:mwoodson@ebfsc.org)

**HURRY NOW, SEATS ARE LIMITED**





## ATTENTION:

**Are you a Miner E.S. parent or guardian who is interested in afterschool programming for your child, but you aren't sure of your options? Look no further! At no cost to you, The Fishing School (TFS) is providing afterschool programming to parents and students virtually via Microsoft Teams. We would like to welcome you to apply for the 2020-2021 school year!**

**With 30 years of experience working with youth and families, TFS is specifically designed to improve students' academic performance and life skills. Our after school program runs Monday through Friday from 3:30-6:30 PM and includes the following:**

- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) Projects
- Life Skills lessons
- College readiness/HBCU lessons
- Online math and reading tutorials
- Clubs
- Homework help

As part of The Fishing School community, parents will have access to:

- A Site Manager who oversees programming
- Parent centered workshops and activities (i.e. parent mixers, career training, etc.)
- TFS' Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
- Family engagement events such as Literacy Night, Math & Science Night, Family Game Night and more!

Interested?

**CONTACT:** TFS Sr. Site Manager Ashley Johnson at [AJohnson@FishingSchool.org](mailto:AJohnson@FishingSchool.org)  
**OR REGISTER HERE:** <https://www.fishingschool.org/enrollment/>

**ENROLLMENT  
IS OPEN!  
REGISTER  
QUICKLY! SPACES  
ARE LIMITED!!**

# School Committee Reports

Equity Team

Green Team

LSAT

PreK Parent Committee





# Equity Team Report

Co-Facilitators: LaShawn Oliver and David Treat  
Next Meeting: October 13 at 5pm

<https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html>

Sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/BZeYZHByi4GHVrDKA>



# Equity Team Introduction

## Who we are

- A decentralized working group consisting of Miner parents, teachers, staff, and community members who are:
  - Working collaboratively to advance equity and inclusiveness at Miner
  - Incorporating the trust and relationship-building components of a Kindred dialogue group
  - Focusing heavily on taking action to address equity-related challenges within the school community

## Our purpose

- To build and strengthen the Miner community by ensuring that everyone is represented, and that everyone has a voice that is heard. This is done by:
  - Advising school leaders (administration, PTO, LSAT) about issues relating to equity and inclusiveness
  - Taking direct action within our school community toward these same goals



# Year 1 Priorities

## Completed

- Develop ideas for improving communications from school leaders (admin, PTO, LSAT) to parents and families
- Recommend equity-related school priorities to LSAT and admin in advance of budget season

## In work

- Bring in a group on how to talk to kids about race

## Ready to start work on

- Assist the school with outreach and communications to families for the school's mission/vision work, as well as support feedback collection
- Develop ideas for how to get more parents involved as leaders and as general volunteers

## Not yet started

- Identify any issues hindering good day-to-day customer service in the school
- Reach out to Latino families and make them feel welcome
- Assist in updating school-wide needs assessment if the school undertakes such an assessment
- Host a “Meet & Greet” event for the Grade 3-5 team (or presentation by them)
- Help white families learn/understand how to be charitable and directly help families in need without being a “white savior”



# Active Direct Action Teams

- **Miner Mutual Aid Network:** Great success in forming community relationships and collecting resources to help members of the Miner community that may need extra assistance because of the pandemic. Fourth “Community Table” event at Miner to distribute resources is being planned for October 24 or 31.
- **Solidarity:** Planning events and activities that demonstrate Miner's support for social justice and racial equity, including a workshop for parents on how to talk to kids about race.
- **Return to Learning:** Tracking multiple areas to try and ensure equity for all students and families in a virtual learning environment. Will also now identify and track areas to ensure safety during a return to in-person learning.
- **Mighty Bear Learning Network:** Working on equitable ways to ensure that any Miner student or family who wants to be a part of an in-person "learning hub" (i.e. “pod”) with other students is able to do so, regardless of income or family situation.

*If you are interested in helping out any of these groups, just email [minerquityteam@gmail.com](mailto:minerquityteam@gmail.com)*



# Join the Equity Team!

Interested in joining the team, or just learning more about it?

Membership is open to anyone in the Miner community who has an interest in increasing equity and inclusiveness in our school and our community. Team members are the heart of Miner's equity work, and are responsible for taking the lead to identify needs, develop ideas, and put plans into action.

To join:

- Email [minerequityteam@gmail.com](mailto:minerequityteam@gmail.com)
- Come to any meeting
- Reach out to our two co-facilitators: LaShawn Oliver ([lashawnoliver81@yahoo.com](mailto:lashawnoliver81@yahoo.com)) and David Treat ([dtreat2mars@gmail.com](mailto:dtreat2mars@gmail.com))
- Fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/BZeYZHByi4GHVrDKA>

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 13 at 5pm on Zoom (link TBD)

Tired of meetings? Our most important work occurs between meetings, so attendance at the meetings themselves is not mandatory; come to as many or as few as you like.

For more information, visit the Equity Team page on Miner's website:

<https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html>



# Green Team Report

Ms. Sydney Lawson,  
FoodCorps Service Member  
[sydney.lawson@foodcorps.org](mailto:sydney.lawson@foodcorps.org)



# Miner Elementary School

## October Garden Newsletter



The garden is open for community use  
Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 3:30. Stop on by!

### Whats Growing?

Pumpkins  
Cauliflower  
Broccoli  
Hot Peppers  
Sweet Peppers  
Potatoes  
Sweet Potatoes  
Collard Greens  
Kale  
Carrots  
Beets  
Chives  
Thyme  
Oregano  
Mint  
Wildflowers

## What is new in the garden?

Thanks to a generous grant from the Capitol Hill Community Foundation, Ms. Harding-Wright's preschool class was able to purchase materials to study monarch caterpillars. Students are learning about the life cycle of the monarch and rearing caterpillars at home. Monarchs are dependent on milkweed to survive. In order to support monarchs and this project, we will be planting milkweed in the garden at Miner Elementary. Head to the garden and carefully observe these butterflies in their habitat!



Check us out on Instagram @minerelementarygarden





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Follow

12 posts

25 followers

47 following

Miner Elementary School Garden

The Learning Garden at Miner Elementary School 🌈🌻

POSTS

TAGGED





# LSAT Report

Co-Chairs: Mr. Yoho and Bernadette Wittschen

Next Meeting: October 20 at 5:00pm

<https://www.minerelementary.org/lsat.html>



# Local School Advisory Team

The LSAT consists of the following members:

- 4 Teacher Representatives
  - Ms. Coles (Instructional Coach)
  - Ms. Halley (Special Education)
  - Ms. Hillenbrand (5th Grade Math)
  - Mr. Yoho (Kindergarten) - Co-Chair
- 1 Staff Representative
  - Ms. Loving (PreK Paraprofessional)
- 1 Washington Teacher's Union Representative
  - Mr. Martin (2nd Grade Math)
- 4 Parent Representatives
  - Marissa Gunn (K Parent)
  - Latoya McCarthy-Scott (K Parent)
  - David Treat (3rd and K Parent)
  - Bernadette Wittschen (2nd and PreK4 Parent) - Co-Chair
- 1 Parent Organization Representative
  - Julie Muir (1st and PreK4 Parent)
- 1 Community Representative (TBD)



# PreK Parent Committee Report



# Regular PTO Business



# President & VP Reports

- Walk to School Day is TOMORROW!
- PTO is looking for a Treasurer in addition to Committee Members. For more info on the PTO or any of its Committees, visit:  
<https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html>
- Bear Paw Fund has raised \$1,500. Please consider donating if you can - any amount helps!  
<https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html>
- Playground evening and weekend hours - short open discussion





WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020

LINCOLN PARK

EAST CAPITOL & 13<sup>TH</sup> ST SE

7:30-8:15AM

**\*Please wear a mask & your school gear  
and keep physical distance \***



Join the #GoodTroubleWalk – a Walk to School Day Tribute to John Lewis

Register to Vote • Have your Ballot? Walk to a Ballot Drop Box Together

• Join a Public Art Project •

Pledge to Engage in Good Trouble • SEE Your School Friends!



W6pspo.org



@w6pspo

#GoodTroubleWalk

capitol hill  
community foundation



lwwdc.org

# Walk to School Day is October 7 at 7:30am!

- Good Trouble Walk in honor of John Lewis
- Wear your Miner gear and meet us at Lincoln Park at 7:30am (near the Emancipation Statue)
- Sign the [Good Trouble pledge](#)
- Public Art project
- Walk to Miner for coffee and donuts
- Not comfortable in a group? Do your own socially distant walk to the [closest ballot box](#) (there's one at Rosedale). Wear Miner gear, take pictures, and post to social media using #GoodTroubleWalk (don't forget to tag [@MinerPTO](#) and [@MinerElementary](#) on Twitter).
- Masks and social distancing required







# The Good Trouble Pledge

October 2020

In 2017, John Lewis spoke at the Ward 6 Public Schools Parent Organization (W6PSPO) Walk-to-School Day event. John Lewis said throughout his life “When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, say something. Do something. Get in trouble. Good trouble.” In remembering John Lewis’ legacy we ask you to sign this pledge to get in good trouble. Whether it is helping someone in need or working to right a wrong or standing up for what is right, just do something!

Make the pledge and join us in person or virtually on Walk to School Day (October 7, 2020, 7:30am - at Lincoln Park OR via IG and Twitter @w6pspo #GoodTroubleWalk)



# Treasurer Report



# Treasurer Report (This Period)

*Cash Summary 9/10/20 - 10/5/20*

Balance as of September 10, 2020:	\$	<b>18,845</b>
Plus: Income (Sept 10 - Oct 5, 2020):	\$	127*
Less: Expenses (Sept 10 - Oct 5, 2020):	\$	(2,597)
<b>Balance as of October 5, 2020:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,375*</b>

*\*Does not include just over \$1,100 in donations to be deposited this week.*



# Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Emma Halley, PTO Teacher Representative



# PTO Committee Reports

- Appreciation & Recognition:
- Communications: John Muir
  - Spirit Store!
- Community Engagement: Brandon Scott
  - Walk to School Day tomorrow morning!
- Family Engagement & Events: Latoya McCarthy-Scott
  - Possible Halloween/Community Event - details to follow
- Fundraising & Grants: Abby McGill
  - Bear Paw Fund
  - Holiday Greenery Sale: Save the Date - December 4-5!



# Miner Spirit Store

Two ways to purchase:

- Purchase car magnets, yard signs, and t-shirts (sizes 3T - adult XXL) by emailing [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com)
- Visit our online spirit store at <https://www.cafepress.com/minerelementaryschoolspiritstore>



# Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities



# Upcoming Events (1 of 2)

## Wednesday, October 7

- **7:30 AM - 8:15 AM in Lincoln Park and Online // Walk-to-School Day:** Join families from Miner and our sister schools on Capitol Hill for this annual tradition! Meet in the park or (take your own socially distant walk) to gather and hear speeches from local dignitaries, then walk together to Miner and/or your local ballot drop box to start the day! Please wear a mask and your school gear - and keep physical distance. [Click here for details.](#)

## Friday, October 9

- **No Virtual Learning:** Parent-Teacher Conferences

## Monday, October 12

- **School Closed / No Virtual Learning:** Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday

## Tuesday, October 13

- **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM on Zoom // Miner Equity Team meeting:** All members of the Miner community are welcome to join the Equity Team as we build relationships and develop ideas and actions to improve racial equity and inclusion at Miner. Visit the [Equity Team webpage](#) for all the details. Email [minerequityteam@gmail.com](mailto:minerequityteam@gmail.com) for the meeting login information.



# Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

## Tuesday, October 20

- **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM on Zoom // LSAT Meeting:** All are welcome to observe the Local School Advisory Team's discussions with Principal Jackson. More information about the LSAT [here](#).

## Tuesday, November 3

- **School Closed / No Virtual Learning:** Election Day

## Friday, November 6

- **No Virtual Learning:** Professional Development Day for Teachers and Records Day

## Tuesday, November 10

- **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Zoom // PTO General Meeting:** Join us for the PTO's regular monthly meeting for membership to hear the latest news, developments, and plans from the PTO leadership, Principal Jackson, and special guests.





# Reminders & Opportunities

- If you would like to volunteer at the Miner Mutual Aid Network's next Community Table (or support them in another way), visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html> and email [minermutualaid@gmail.com](mailto:minermutualaid@gmail.com)
- If you are interested in becoming more involved in the garden/with the Green Team, contact Ms. Sydney Lawson at [sydney.lawson@foodcorps.org](mailto:sydney.lawson@foodcorps.org)
- If you are interested in joining the Equity Team, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html> and email [minerequityteam@gmail.com](mailto:minerequityteam@gmail.com)
- If you are interested in serving as PTO Treasurer or joining a Committee, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html> and email [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com)



# Thank You!

Any joys, questions, or concerns that you'd like to share?