

# Miner PTO General Meeting

November 10, 2020

**We have a new Instagram account!**

**You can find us at**

**[instagram.com/miner.pto](https://www.instagram.com/miner.pto)**

# 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 - 6:25 Kindred Update**

**6:25 - 6:40 School Committee Reports**

6:25 Equity Team

6:30 Green Team

6:35 LSAT

**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 November 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, December 1, at 6:00pm
- Reading of the Minutes from the October PTO General Meeting



# Principal's Report

Principal Jackson





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PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# Principals Report

## November PTO Meeting

### SY 20-21

10 November 2020



# Term 1

Term 1 ended on 6 November 2020

Report Card grades and comments are due from teachers on 16 November 2020

Parent Portal access moving forward! DCPS will begin to communicate out today about what to expect and when!

# Attendance

Please make sure students continue to log in daily!

Do not forget about special subjects' classes as well!

# Care Classroom

Care classrooms will open at Miner the week of 11/16

One Classroom – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Combo

Staff will be announced soon – but will NOT remove any teachers from classrooms. All those returning were volunteers.

# Building Walk with LSAT/WTU

Walk was completed on Monday 2 November 2020.

Classrooms and hallway spaces are set up for socially distanced classroom learning.

Parent Portal access moving forward! DCPS will begin to communicate out today about what to expect and when!

More items have arrived since the walk, including more PPE, bottled water, additional signage, and the HEPA filters. We have almost all of the items we need for opening next week.

# Questions?

# Community School Update

Ms. Monica Woodson

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



# Upcoming Events

A poster for a Community School Advisory Board Meeting. The background is dark with a faint silhouette of a city skyline. A large white speech bubble is the central focus. To the left of the bubble is a red circle with the text 'FREE ENTRY' in white. Below the bubble, a megaphone is shown with a red diagonal line over it. At the bottom, there is a line of text inviting people to discuss the Community School Model.

**FREE ENTRY**

**COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL ADVISORY  
BOARD MEETING**

**November 18th @6PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
**Meeting ID: 868 6182 0202**  
**Passcode: 526231**

Come out and let's discuss the Community School Model, it's vision and how to incorporate different ideas within the school!

# Kindred Update

Azeb Kinder, Organizer and Facilitator





***PAVE for the 11/10 Miner  
Elementary School PTO  
Meeting!***



# What is PAVE?

## Our Mission

PAVE connects, informs, and empowers parent leaders to give families in DC a voice and choice in the vision for education in our city.

## Our Vision

Parents are partners and leaders with schools and policymakers to develop a diversity of safe, nurturing, and great schools for every child in every ward and community.



PARENTS AMPLIFYING  
VOICES in EDUCATION

# Parents wrote their own COVID-19 Response and Recovery Statements of Beliefs!

## #ParentPriorities in the DC FY21 Budget!



3% increase in  
Uniform Per Student  
Funding Formula  
(UPSFF)



+\$300k for funding  
for at-risk students



Almost +\$4M for  
social emotional  
learning



+\$3.3M for  
school-based  
mental health



+\$5M for emergency  
child care funding,  
+\$1.4M for FY21



+\$6.9M distance  
learning supports  
(tech, internet)



+\$9M for relief for  
excluded workers



+\$500k for Out of  
School Time  
(OST) programs



Funding to implement your  
#WeBudgetTogether vision

# PAVE Parent Leaders in Action

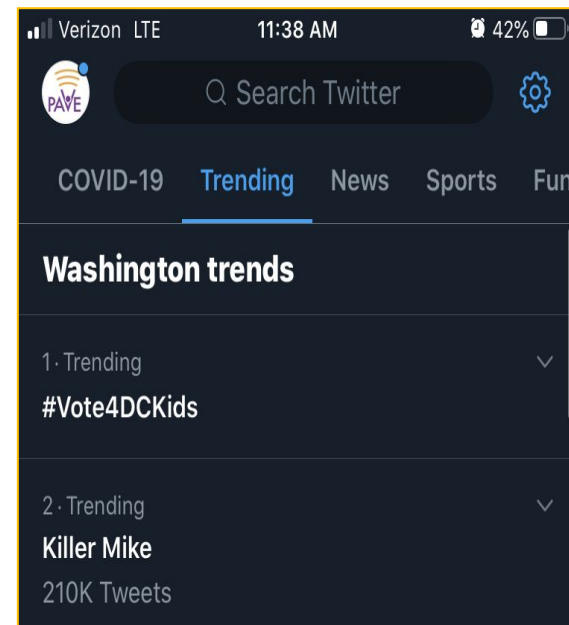


- Met with the...
  - *Deputy Mayor for Education*
  - *Councilmembers*
  - *Chairman of the Council*
  - *State Superintendent for Education*
  - *Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs*
- 70+ virtual *testimonies*
- 40+ *parent meetings*
- #DCSchoolsRecovery  
*#1 on DC Twitter*

# PAVE Parent Leaders in Action



- Held **3 virtual candidates** forums in Wards 4, 7, and 8 each with 50+ attendees
- Hosted a **virtual #Vote4DCKids Summit** with 100+ attendees
- **Parent Texting Captains** to get other parents to commit to #Vote4DCKids
- **1472 commitments to #Vote4DCKids** in one month!



# Upcoming PAVE Events!

- JOIN US for our third VIRTUAL PAVE House meeting – *Where the Power Lies.*
- During this meeting, we will give you the tools you need to know how DC's education system works, the key players, and how education policy gets made!
- Tuesday, 11/17  
6:30-7:30pm



# Próximos Eventos de PAVE!

- ¡Únase a nosotros para una **Reunión de Familias LatinX de PAVE: Cuidando Nuestro Bienestar!**
- Durante esta reunión, aprenderemos algunas formas nuevas de manejar los desafíos y el estrés durante este tiempo, habrá tiempo para compartir cómo están y cómo ayudarnos unos a otros!
- Jueves, 3 de diciembre  
5:30-7pm



# ***PAVE Resources for Families***

***Community Organizer: Manny Ramirez -774.284.0772 // [manny.ramirez@dcpave.org](mailto:manny.ramirez@dcpave.org)***

# School Committee Reports

Equity Team  
Green Team  
LSAT



# Equity Team Report

Co-Facilitators:

Dominique Foster, Billy Lynch, & Latoya McCarthy-Scott

Next Meeting: November 24 at 5pm

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

Sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/BZeYZHByi4GHVrDKA>



# New Co-Facilitators

Beginning Thursday, November 12, the Equity Team will have 3 new co-facilitators. Thank you so much to LaShawn Oliver and David Treat for all your hard work in forming and starting this important part of Miner Elementary!

New co-facilitators:

- Dominique Foster
- Billy Lynch
- Latoya McCarthy-Scott



# Mutual Aid Network

- The next Community Table will be on Saturday, November 21 from 11am-2pm. We will be seeking volunteers from 10am-3pm, and we will be sending out a sign-up form tomorrow, but you can also email us at [minermutualaid@gmail.com](mailto:minermutualaid@gmail.com) to volunteer.
- We're seeking donations of winter clothing and Thanksgiving food. Donations can be brought on the day-of at 10am or can be arranged ahead of time with Ms. Sydney Lawson, to be dropped at the Miner garden between 1-4pm on M,W,F. Email her at [sydney.lawson@foodcorps.org](mailto:sydney.lawson@foodcorps.org) to arrange a drop-off.
- We will again be offering flu shots for anyone age 12 and up.
- Please visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html> for more information about the Miner Mutual Aid Network!



# 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



# Priorities

- 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 / Increase parent involvement in PTO (relationship of PTO with parents of color)
- 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)
- Establish a room parent program to assist with classroom communications and possibly event planning
- Continue community relationship building
- Determine how to balance property protection with community access to grounds



# 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. Fifth “Community Table” event at Miner to distribute resources is being planned for November 21.
- **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
- Fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/BZeYZHByi4GHVrDKA>

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 24 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)



# Thanksgiving Food Drive

- Miner's Green Team, Equity Team, and PTO are partnering with [Arcadia Mobile Market](#) to collect food and donations to create holiday food boxes for local families.
- To donate to this "Give a Box" campaign, donate via the [PTO's Donation webpage](#) or click on the QR Code below

This year, Miner Elementary's Green Team is partnering with Arcadia's Mobile Market to bring local produce to the community! We will be holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive on November 21st from 11-2. If you would like to donate a box of fresh fruits and vegetables to a family in need, please follow the steps below. We will be accepting donations until November 18th.



*Website*

Hold your phone camera up to the QR code on following page. This will bring you to Miner Elementary's Donation Portal.



*Payment Method*

Choose your payment option. You can pay via credit card or PayPal Giving Fund. Click the link of your choice.



*Donate*

Donate a box! Each box is \$15.00. You can donate multiple boxes. Please title your payment "Food Drive".



# Miner Elementary School

## November Garden Newsletter



### Whats Growing?

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

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

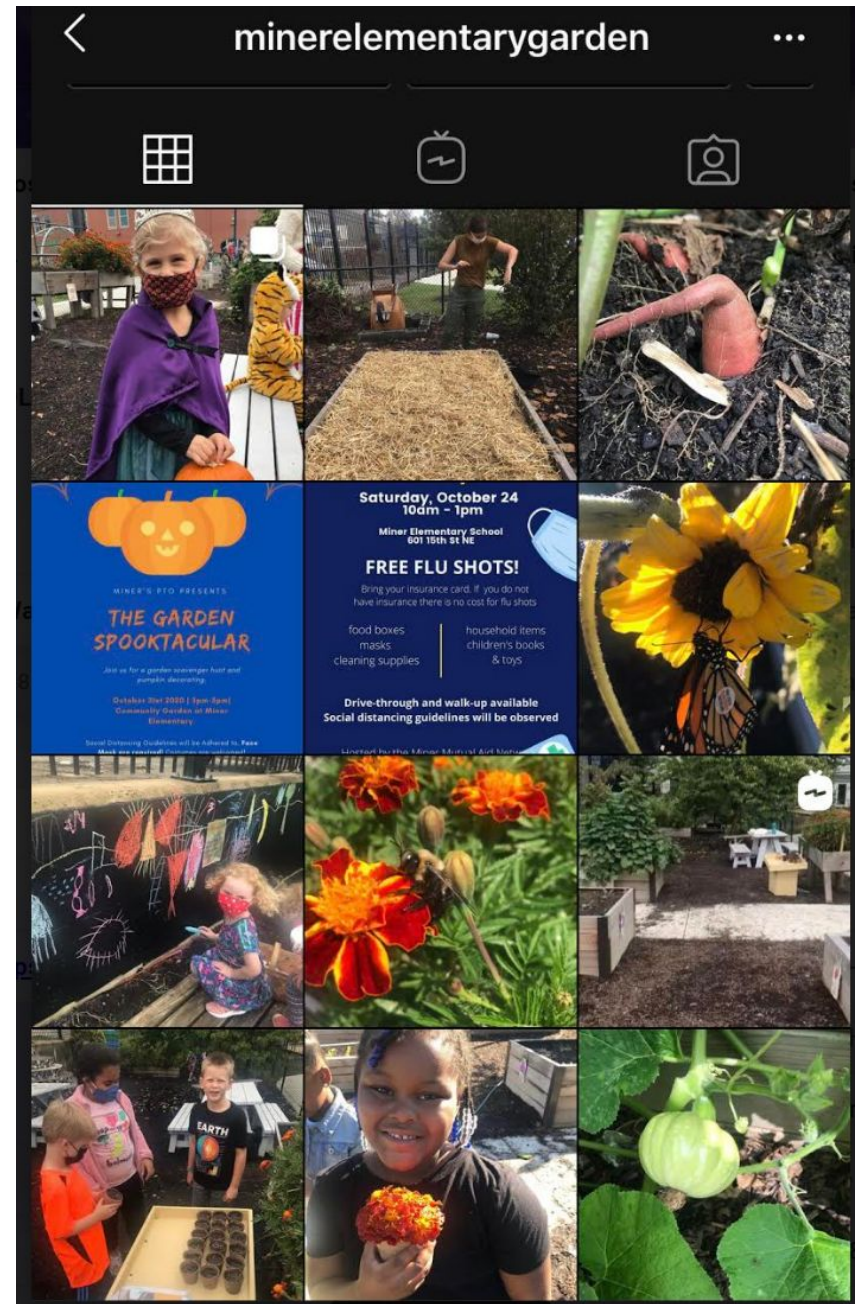
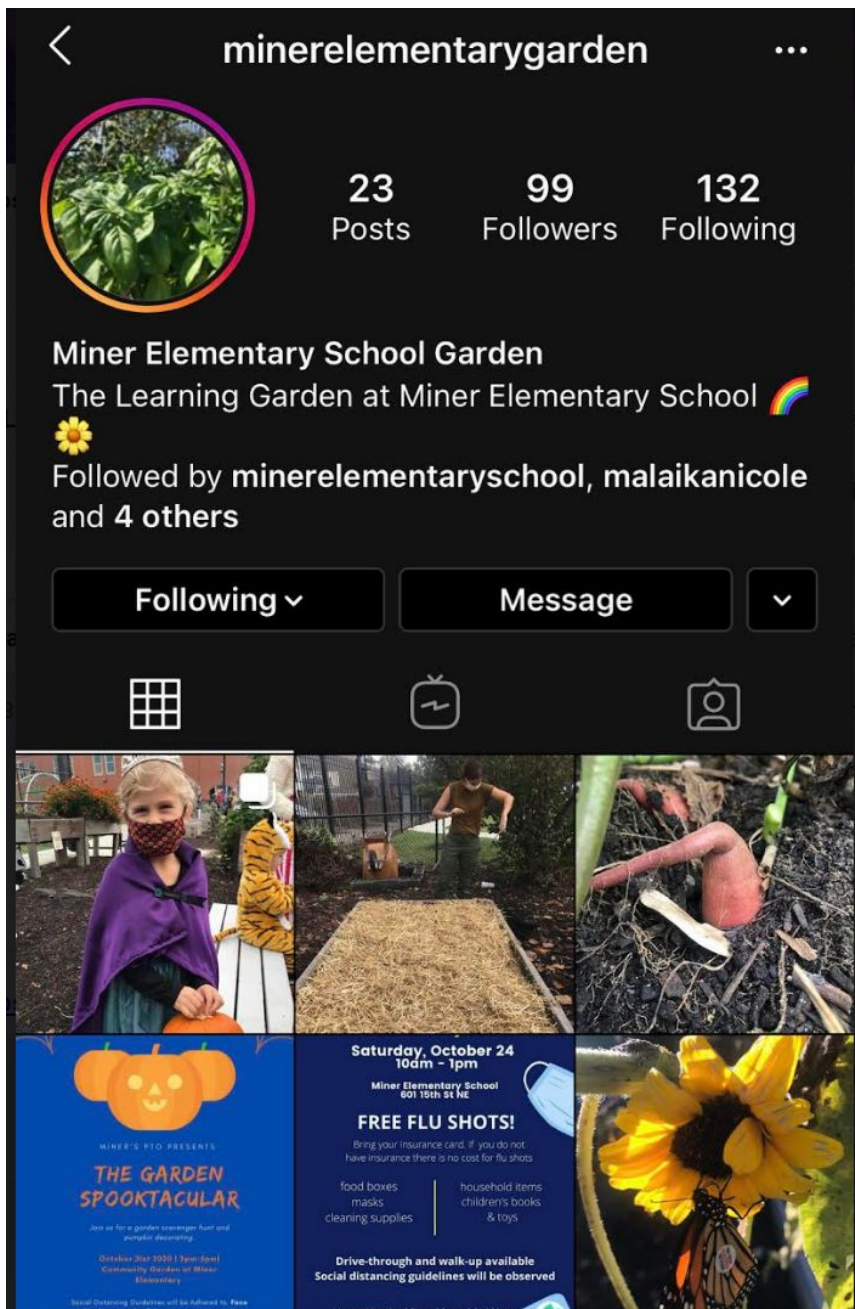
## Miner's Green Team Partners with Arcadia's Mobile Market

Miner Elementary's Green Team will be partnering with Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture to bring local produce to the community! Arcadia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a more equitable and sustainable food system in Washington, D.C. This year, we will work together with their mobile market team, to distribute prepackaged boxes of local fruits and vegetables at the Mutual Aid Network event on November 21st.

Keep an eye out for more information!

Check us out on Instagram @minerelementarygarden





# LSAT Report

Co-Chairs: Mr. Jason Yoho & Bernadette Wittschen

Next Meeting: November 17 at 5:00pm

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



# LSAT Walk-Through of School

- Date: November 2
- Who: parents, teachers, school administration, custodial foreman, and a representative from CM Allen's staff
- Concerns:
  - DCPS has only provided 1 month of PPE instead of the required 2 month supply.
  - Signs were only in English and not 11x17, as required by the DCPS/DGS checklist.
- Air quality test still needs to be conducted and evaluated.



# Regular PTO Business



# President & VP Reports

- 5th Annual Holiday Greenery Sale kicks off this week! Presales are open NOW! Visit [minerelementary.org/greenery2020](https://www.minerelementary.org/greenery2020) to place your order!
- 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 \$1,620. Please consider donating if you can - any amount helps! <https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html>
- Miner PTO is now on Instagram! You can find us at [instagram.com/miner.pto](https://www.instagram.com/miner.pto)!



# 5th Annual Holiday Greenery Sale!

MINER ELEMENTARY PTO  
& ELIOT-HINE PTO  
TEAM UP TO PRESENT THE

## 5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GREENERY SALE

SUPPORT TWO LOCAL  
SCHOOLS AT ONE SALE!

Proceeds from trees, wreaths,  
stands, and roping (garland) to  
benefit Miner Elementary PTO.

Proceeds from poinsettias to  
benefit Eliot-Hine PTO.

FRI, DECEMBER 4, 5PM - 8PM  
SAT, DECEMBER 5, 9AM - 2PM

MINER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
NORTH PARKING LOT  
601 15TH STREET NE  
WASHINGTON DC 20002

### Trees:

Standard Douglas - \$30  
Premium Douglas - \$40  
Premium Balsam - \$45  
Premium Silver Balsam - \$55  
Premium Frasier - \$60

### Other Greenery and Stands:

Poinsettia - \$10  
Wreath - \$30  
White Pine Roping 25' - \$20  
White Pine Roping 75' - \$50  
Tree Stand, Small - \$20  
Tree Stand, Large - \$25

SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES WILL BE IN  
PLACE AND MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED.

PLEASE CONSIDER PLACING  
YOUR ORDERS ONLINE IN ADVANCE TO  
ENSURE THE SAFEST PICK-UP OPTION!

ONLINE PRE-ORDERS WILL CLOSE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3  
at [www.minerelementary.org](http://www.minerelementary.org)



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Miner Events

POSTS    TAGGED



Dear DCPS Community,

DC Public Schools has a responsibility to provide every student with an equitable, rigorous, and joyful education — no matter if they are learning at home or learning in school.

**While we planned to offer in-person**

# Treasurer Report



# Treasurer Report (This Period)

*Cash Summary 10/05/20 - 11/09/20*

Balance as of October 5, 2020:	\$ 16,375*
Plus: Income (Oct 5 - Nov 9, 2020):	\$ 1,185*
Less: Expenses (Oct 5 - Nov 9, 2020):	\$ (2,264)
<b>Balance as of November 9, 2020:</b>	<b>\$ 15,295</b>



# SY20-21 Budget for Approval

Budget Account	Proposed Expenditures (\$)	Expected Income (\$)
Starting Balance		11,482
Administrative	2,210	0
Classroom Support	8,400	0
Schoolwide Support	6,500	3,400
Field Trip Support	1,700	0
Appreciation & Recognition	1,250	0
Communications	1,950	1,800
Community Engagement	150	
Equity	800	0
Family Engagement & Events	1,000	0
Fundraising & Grants	8,400	23,200
Garden	9,050	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,410</b>	<b>39,882</b>

# Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Emma Halley, PTO Teacher Representative



# PTO Committee Reports

- Appreciation & Recognition
- Communications: *John Muir*
  - Spirit Store!
- Community Engagement: *Brandon Scott*
- Family Engagement & Events: *Latoya McCarthy-Scott*
  - Thanks to all who attended and volunteered at the Halloween Garden Spooktacular!
- Fundraising & Grants: *Abby McGill*
  - Holiday Greenery Sale is live!
  - Bear Paw Fund



# 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, November 11

- **School Closed / No Virtual Learning:** Veterans Day Holiday

## Tuesday, November 17

- **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](#).

## Saturday, November 21

- **11:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the Miner Parking Lot // Miner Mutual Aid Network Community Table:** Join us for the [Miner Mutual Aid Network's](#) Monthly Community Table event for the Miner community to access food, PPE, household items, children's books and toys, and distance learning support.
- **11:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the Miner Parking Lot // Thanksgiving Food Drive:** Miner's Green Team, Equity Team, and PTO are partnering with [Arcadia Mobile Market](#) to collect food and donations to create holiday food boxes for local families. To donate to this "Give a Box" campaign, donate via the [PTO's Donation webpage](#).



# Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

## Tuesday, November 24

- **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM via Zoom // PTO Leadership Team Meeting:** The monthly meeting of the PTO Executive Board and Committee Chairs is open to anyone interested in attending and/or providing feedback to PTO leadership.
- **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.

## Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27

- **School Closed / No Virtual Learning:** Thanksgiving Break

## Tuesday, December 1

- **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

- Purchase your Holiday Greenery at [minerelementary.org/greenery2020](https://www.minerelementary.org/greenery2020)
- 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?