

Miner PTO General Meeting

April 6, 2021

April 5 - 9 is Assistant Principals Week! We are so happy AP Lee is part of our Miner Community. Thank you for all you do for our Mighty Miner Bears!

Agenda

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

6:05 - 6:35 Principal's Report

6:35 - 6:45 Special Topic: Miner Garden

6:45 - 6:50 Community School Report

6:50 - 7:00 School Committee Reports

6:50 Equity Team

6:55 LSAT

7:00 - 7:05 PTO President & VP Report

7:05 - 7:10 Treasurer & Teacher Representative Reports

7:10 - 7:15 PTO Committee Reports

7:15 - 7:20 Upcoming Events, Reminders, Opportunities

Open Comment: Other joys, concerns, or questions?



Welcome!

- Welcome to our April 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 and we will be sure to answer!
- After the meeting, please reach out to us at 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, May 4, at 6:00pm



Principal's Report

Principal Jackson



Special Topic: Miner Garden

Ms. Sydney Lawson,
Miner FoodCorps Service Member





FoodCorps DC Metro



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DC Metro FoodCorps

**Carina
Gervacio
(she/her)**

Program Director



**Malaika
Simmons
(she/her)**

Program
Coordinator
DC Metro Alum, PY
'19



**Sydney
Lawson
(she/her)**

FoodCorps
Service Member



Sarah Pitoniak

Supervisor

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What is FoodCorps?

healthy kids
healthy schools



AmeriCorps

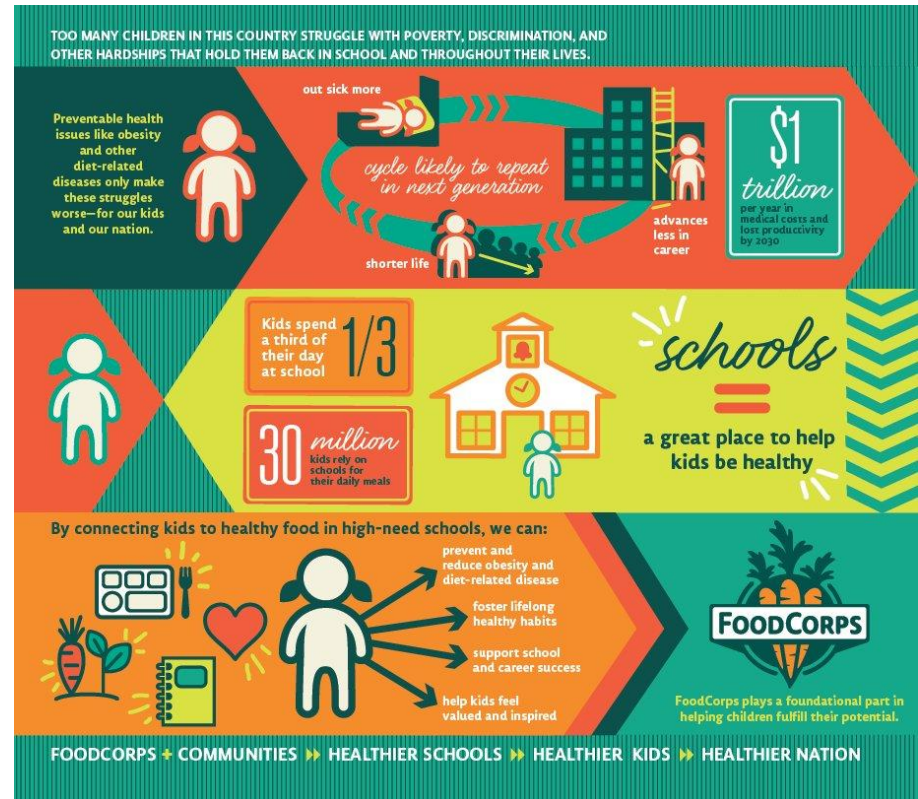


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FoodCorps' Why

- **1 in 5** kids struggle with hunger
- **1 in 2** children of color are on track to develop diabetes
- When kids build more empowering relationships with food they thrive in the classroom and beyond

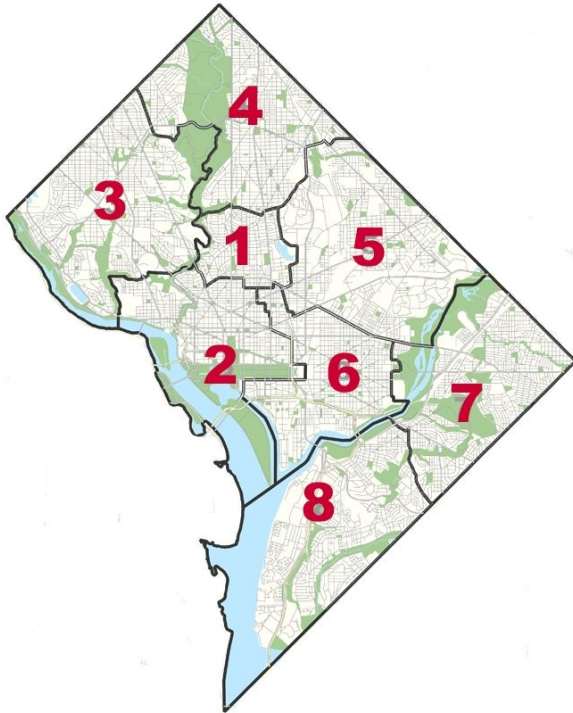




FoodCorps works to ensure that every child has universal access to food education and nourishing food in school.



Our DC Footprint



Current Service Sites:

- DC Bilingual Public Charter School
- Eagle Academy Public Charter School at Congress Heights
- Friendship Woodridge International Public Charter School
- Miner Elementary
- Seaton Elementary
- Kid Power* (Stanton, Malcolm X, JO Wilson, Barnard)
- Washington Youth Garden* (KIPP Spring campus, Center City, Hendley, Friendship Armstrong)





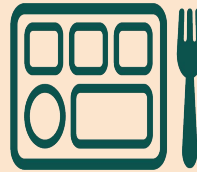
Hands on
Lessons

Healthy
School
Meals

Schoolwide
Culture of
Health



Co-teach two to three daily gardening, cooking, and/or nutrition lessons



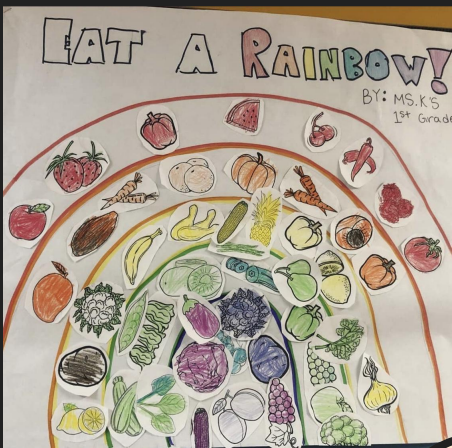
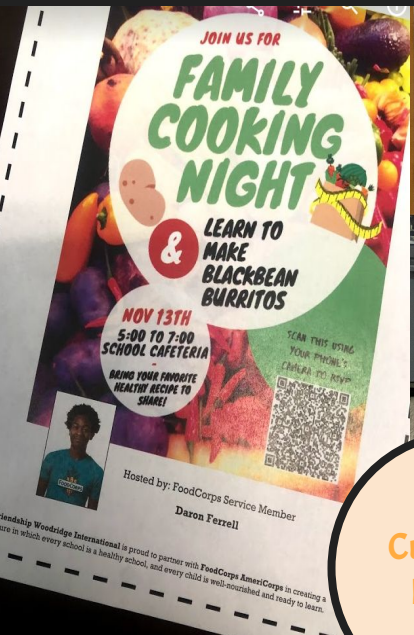
Support the creation of a cafeteria environment that gets students excited to try new healthy food and reinforces positive behavior



Act as a champion of wellness in the school community and support school initiatives that celebrate healthy choices

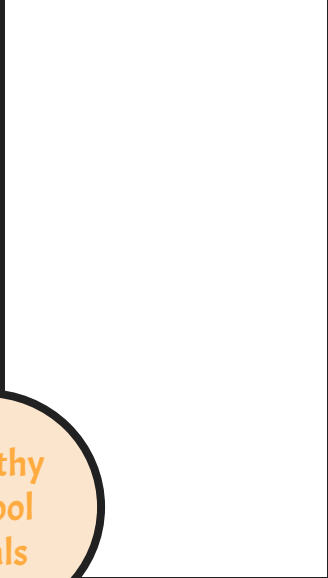


Three Areas of FoodCorps Service



Culture of Health

Hands on Lessons



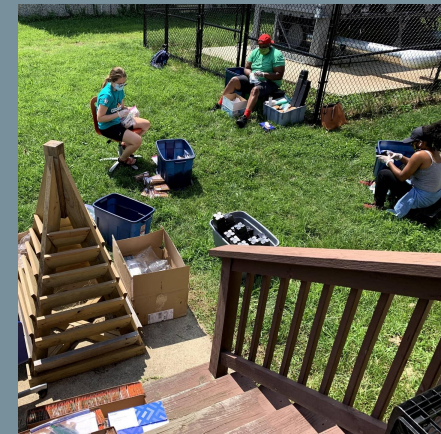
Healthy School Meals





What do Service Members do?

pandemic edition





FoodCorps Resources

FoodCorps Program Guide

Set of resources featuring

- Best practices in classroom management
- Tips for cooking with students
- Tips for building and maintaining school gardens
- Activities to engage students in the cafeteria
- Best practices for safety during hands-on activities

90+ Hands-On Learning lessons (k-5)

- Aligned with Common Core State Standards & Next Generation Science Standards

Event-based Support

Service members and staff can support community and school based events including:

- Garden build days
- Food distribution events
- Mutual Aid, Martha's Table
- Community engagement at schools

Training, Events, Advocacy

Organizing and promoting events that support food education and emerging food leaders

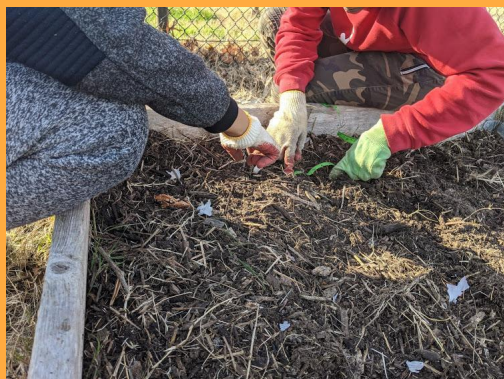
- Community events and trainings
- Food advocacy (staff only)
- Recruitment pathways for local leaders



Benefits

- 2021-22 Stipend - \$26,000
- \$6,095 AmeriCorps Segal Education Award
- Student loan deferral (subject to lender approval)
- Health Insurance and Employee Assistance Program
- Partial child care reimbursements during trainings
- Ongoing training and professional development opportunities paid for by FoodCorps and our partners
- Connection to our Alumni network and program





Successful Service Sites

- Use multiple learning approaches to mentor and support service members
- Introduce service member to key school stakeholders
- Understand FoodCorps' mission and scope (school food, farm-to-school, race & class in the food system)
- Provide a mix of independent projects and collaborative work



Thank you for all you've done to support Sydney & FoodCorps at Miner!



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Thank you!



Want more information about the FoodCorps DC Metro Program? Visit foodcorps.org/dc

Want to stay in touch? Email us:
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Community School Update

Ms. Monica Woodson

mwoodson@ebfsc.org

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



57%
IMPROVED IN
READING

44%
IMPROVED IN
MATH
Grade Point Data

94%
REPORTED CHILD
FEELING SAFE

100%
REPORTED FEELING
RESPECTED
BY TFS STAFF
Parent Data

76%
REPORTED POSITIVE
RELATIONSHIPS
WITH SCHOOL
SEA Data



FitBits
3rd – 6th
graders; used
for friendly
movement
competition



**Power Up
your School**
interactive, math
based exercise
program



Typing Club
develop critical
21st Century
skills



STEAM Kits
supplies sent home
to participate in
projects

**Scholarship
Academy**
college readiness
and planning

Time for Kids
become a more informed
and active citizen

Program Highlights

- Saturday program
- Virtual field trips weekly
- Office hours - specialized, individualized, and focused tutoring for additional support in a virtual setting
- Back to School Party - fun, games, learn about TFS
- Clubs - more creativity and flexibility to create your own learning path
- Parent Engagement - resources for our families to help support bridging the achievement gap

Enroll Today

Follow link below | Complete application
HAVE FUN WITH TFS AFTER SCHOOL!
www.fishingschool.org/enrollment/

www.fishingschool.org | 202-709-6823 | ajohnson@fishingschool.org

MINER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRESENTS:

March of Dimes 3K

**RUN &
WALK**

*Miner Elementary
School Track*

**SATURDAY
MAY 15TH
9:00 AM**



REGISTRATION FEE:
BRONZE: \$2.10 INCLUDES WRIST BAND
SILVER: \$3.10 INCLUDES WRIST BAND AND TOWEL
GOLD: \$5.10 INCLUDES WRIST BAND, TOWEL AND T SHIRT
***MASK REQUIRED.**

All proceeds will go to the March of Dimes Foundation
For more information please contact:
Ms. Foskin at sheniqua.foskin@k12.dc.gov
or Ms. Woodson at mwoodson@ebfsc.org

REGISTRATION ONLINE AT
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/march-of-dimes-3k-walk-or-run-tickets-137505762437>

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**REGISTRATION:
OPEN NOW**



School Committee Reports

Equity Team
LSAT



Equity Team Report

Co-Facilitators:

Dominique Foster, Billy Lynch, & Latoya McCarthy-Scott

Next Meeting: May 11 at 5pm

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



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
- Come to any meeting
- Fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/BZeYZHByi4GHVrDKA>

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 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>



LSAT Report

Co-Chairs: Mr. Jason Yoho & Bernadette Wittschen

Next Meeting: April 20 at 5:00pm

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



Regular PTO Business



President & VP Reports

- Enrollment is open! All students—new and returning—must enroll for the next school year. Visit <https://enrolldcps.dc.gov/node/71> to enroll today!
- PTO and LSAT elections will be held this Spring. Election season will open at the end of this month with a kickoff letter. Be on the lookout for info late April/early May as we prepare to elect our new leadership!
- Bike to School Day is May 5! Miner is registered to participate with our fellow Ward 6 Schools. The event is organized by W6PSPO, and we hope you will join us! More information will follow, but the plan will likely be to meet in Lincoln Park at 7:30am, and, after a brief presentation, we will bike to Miner together.
- So far we have purchased over 350 KN95s and N95s. We will continue to purchase as needed, so we are still collecting funds for PPE. If you are interested in donating, please visit our [donate page](#) and indicate that your donation is for PPE supplies. Thank you!
- The 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>



Treasurer Report



Treasurer Report (This Period)

Cash Summary 3/1/21 - 4/5/21

Balance as of March 1, 2021:	\$	38,325
Plus: Income (Mar 1 - Apr 5, 2021):	\$	3,284
Less: Expenses (Mar 1 - Apr 5, 2021):	\$	(2,560)
Balance as of April 5, 2021:	\$	39,049



Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Emma Halley, PTO Teacher Representative



PTO Committee Reports

- Appreciation & Recognition
- Communications: *John Muir*
 - Spirit Store!
- Community Engagement: *Brandon Scott*
 - Bike to School Day is May 5
 - We mourn the loss of WTU President Liz Davis
- Family Engagement & Events: *Latoya McCarthy-Scott*
- Fundraising & Grants: *Abby McGill*
 - Thank you to all who participated in our fundraiser with The Capital Candy Jar - we raised \$441.95!
 - Visit our [donate page](#) to contribute to the PPE 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.
- Visit our online spirit store at <https://www.cafepress.com/minerelementaryschoolspiritstore>.



Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities



Upcoming Events (1 of 2)

Monday, April 12

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

Tuesday, April 13 - Friday, April 16

- **SPRING BREAK!**

Tuesday, April 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, April 27

- **5:00 PM - 6:00 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.



Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

Monday, May 3 - Friday, May 7

- **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!**

Tuesday, May 4

- **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.

Wednesday, May 5

- **7:30 AM in Lincoln Park // National Bike-to-School Day:** Join families from Miner and our sister schools on Capitol Hill for this annual tradition! Meet in the park to gather and hear speeches from local dignitaries, then bike/walk together to Miner to start the day! More information [here](#).

Tuesday, May 11

- **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 for the meeting login information.



Reminders & Opportunities

- This week is Assistant Principals Week! Thank you AP Lee!
- Enrollment is open! Forms and more can be found at <https://enrolldcps.dc.gov/node/71>
- If you are interested in running for a position on next year's PTO or LSAT, please contact minerpto@gmail.com for more information (and be sure to attend next month's PTO General Meeting when we will have an Election Q&A).
- If you would like to donate toward our PPE fund for teachers and staff, please visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/donate.html>
- If you are interested in becoming more involved in the garden/with the Green Team, contact Ms. Sydney Lawson at 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



Thank You!

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