

Miner PTO General Meeting

October 5, 2021

Miner's COVID Task Force will kickoff at the first Equity Team Meeting. To sign up for the Equity Team, email minerequityteam@gmail.com or fill out the online form by [clicking here](#).

Agenda

6:00 - 6:05 Welcome

6:05 - 6:10 Principal's Report

6:10 - 6:20 Community School Update

6:20 - 6:40 School Committee Reports

6:20 Equity Team

6:25 Miner Mutual Aid Network

6:30 Green Team

6:35 LSAT

Regular PTO Business

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 PTO General Meeting!
- Please remain on mute if you aren't speaking.
- All questions can be asked in the chat box or by using the “raise hand” button - 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, November 9, at 6:00pm



Principal's Report

Principal Angry



Community School Update

Ms. Monica Woodson

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



Community School Update:

{ Monica Woodson, MSW, LMSW

- Parents advocated to make Miner a community school. The Principal at the time (Jackson) was introduced to my Supervisor and together they applied for the Community School grant, the grant was awarded and now Miner is a community school.

The beginning....

- ▣ Serve ward 5 residents
- ▣ Employment, Housing and School-Base

Edgewood/ Brookland Family Support Collaborative

- The hub of the Community, A place where you are able to get resources such as uniforms, school supplies or referrals.

What is a Community School?

- Pre Covid, room 101 was a Parent Resource room where meetings were held, Parents were able to interact, use the computers to apply to jobs, drink coffee and advocate for themselves. Hopefully we can get back to that next year.
- Programs
 - Kindred

How does Community
School look at Miner?

- ▣ The needs assessment, meeting with the leadership team to establish eligible services.
- ▣ Community School Advisory Board
October 12th at 6 PM

What drives the Community School Model?

- Parent Engagement, attendance, youth services, medical, vision and dental services,

Eligible services 21-22

Any questions?

{ Monica Woodson, MSW, LMSW
mwoodson@ebfsc.org
202-520-0788

Upcoming Events

- October 12, 10am-5pm: In partnership with United Medical Center, we are hosting a Moderna vaccine clinic at Miner. First come first served (100 vaccines available). You can download the [consent form here](#).
- October 12, 6pm: Community School Advisory Board Meeting (virtual). The topic will be parent engagement. Zoom meeting ID: 812 9153 7926
- October 16, 9am: Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED and Bloodborne Pathogens Course available for Miner Teachers and Staff. Email mwoodson@ebfsc.org to sign up for this in-person course. Only 12 slots are available.
- October 23: We are co-hosting a Community Day with the Green Team and the Mutual Aid Network. Please save the date and check your email for details. The events of the day will begin around 10am with a school cleanup and will conclude with our first Mutual Aid Network Community Table of the school year!



School Committee Reports

Equity Team
Mutual Aid Network
Green Team
LSAT



Equity Team Report

Co-Facilitators: Latoya McCarthy-Scott and Amy Treat

<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: 5pm on Tuesday, October 12 (be sure to sign up for the email list so you receive the Zoom link)

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>



Miner Mutual Aid Network

Chris Deutsch

<https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html>





MINER MUTUAL AID
NETWORK

**OCTOBER
COMMUNITY TABLE**

OCTOBER 23 - 11AM

Solidarity. Community. Support.



How Can I Help?

Financial and in-kind donations to support Miner Mutual Aid can be made through the Miner PTO via the [Donation page](#).

Mutual Aid goes beyond financial support. We ask every member of our community to challenge themselves to consider other ways they can be of service. This may include:

- Groceries, toiletries, medicine, cleaning supplies or other essentials
- Administrative help: legal support, social services, applying for unemployment benefits
- Transportation for individuals, or to pick up groceries and other supplies
- Childcare
- Tech Support for distance learning
- Checking in via phone calls, video chats, texting



How Can I Receive Help?

Requests for support can be made by filling out [an online Google form](#). The requests are only seen by the members of the Mutual Aid Network Team and will never be shared.

Alternatively, you can also reach out to any Miner teacher, the Community School coordinator, or Social Worker.



Green Team Report

Ms. Ashley Luttmer, School Garden Coordinator

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



Upcoming

- Green Team meeting: October 14 at 5pm on Zoom
- Community Cleanup Day: October 23 at 10am
- Please contact Ms. Ashley Luttmer with questions or to attend the meeting
ashley.luttmer@k12.dc.gov



LSAT Report

Co-Chairs: Mr. Jason Yoho and David Treat

Next Meeting: October 19 at 5:00pm

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



Local School Advisory Team

- LSAT is present in every DCPS school and is comprised of elected representatives of parents, teachers, staff, and a community member - plus PTO leader and WTU building rep.
- Primary purpose is to advise the Principal on school priorities, goals, budget, and annual school plan. Principal Angry has asked that the LSAT be her “thought partner,” which we are happy to do.
- SY2021-22 Co-Chairs: Mr. Jason Yoho (K educator) and David Treat (4th & 1st parent)
- September 14 meeting highlights: COVID protocols and planning, technology update, Comprehensive School plan update, parent communications, Kindred status
- All meetings are open to the public, and all members of the Miner community are welcome to listen in and ask questions. Exception is during closed budget deliberations in February.
- For more information on the Miner LSAT, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/lSAT.html>



Regular PTO Business



President & VP Reports

- Volunteers of the Month!
- How to Volunteer
- Celebrate Halloween at Miner on October 29!
 - Truck or Treat
 - Costume Parade
- Walk to School Day is TOMORROW!
- DC Junior Scores Fall Frenzy on October 13
- Coffee with the PTO on October 15
- PTO is looking for Committee Chairs and Members
- How to Connect



Congratulations to Our Volunteers of the Month!

Parent/Guardian Volunteer of the Month:

Emily Glodzik

- Mom to Sam (K) and Alex (Prek3)
- Has been a dedicated volunteer all year, including this summer when she signed up to help water our garden.
- Thank you Emily!

Teacher/Staff Volunteer of the Month:

Ms. Ashley Luttmer

- ECE Educator
- School Garden Coordinator
- Has worked hard all year to ensure our garden programming is successful and that we are able to participate in the FoodCorp program.
- Thank you Ms. Luttmer!



Volunteer!

[Volunteer Sign Up Form](#)

We are so grateful to all our parent, staff, and community volunteers, but we definitely could use some more help! We know it's hard to commit to serving in a Leadership role or even on a Committee, but that doesn't mean you can't be a volunteer. The best way to help out is to complete our volunteer sign up form - when we need volunteers for an event, we will email everyone who has filled out this form. If you can do it, great! If not, there will always be more opportunities for you to help out our Mighty Miner Bears!



Join the Miner PTO Volunteer Bear Crew!

YES! I want to support my school community while building connections with other Miner Elementary parents, staff and students.

* Required

My name is: *

Your answer

I am a: *

☐ Parent of a Pre-K student

☐ Parent of a K-5 student

☐ Teacher/staff member

☐ Other: _____

Trunk or Treat

- October 29, 4:15 PM to 5:30 PM.
- Our goal is to have at least 200 snack bags filled with the following:
 - 1 Juice
 - 1 Bag of Chips
 - 1 Halloween Treat (ring, fangs, claws, etc...)
 - We are also asking for at least 200 bags for the snacks (Ziploc, or etc.)
- For Miner Staff and Parents, we have created a Signup Genius with volunteer opportunities. We encourage all Staff and parents to volunteer their time and talents to make this event a success for our Mighty Bears. [Click here to sign up!](#)



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Costume Parade

- During the school day on October 29th, students will be allowed to wear their costumes. Students and staff will walk the block around Miner ES to show off their costumes.
- Parade Time: 10:30 AM
- Theme: Favorite Book or TV Character (no weapons or scary masks). Students are still required to wear a facemask.
- We are also accepting donations of new costumes or Halloween accessories for students who may be in need. All sizes welcomed. Email Ms. Woodson at mwoodson@ebfsc.org with donations or questions.



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**MYRTILLA MINER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Katrel Angry
Interim Principal

MIGHTY BEARS

Costumes should be worn to school

School still starts at 8:45 AM

COSTUME PARADE!

Time: 10:30 AM

Theme: Favorite Book or TV Character

Location: Students will walk the block around Miner ES

No Weapons or Scary Mask

Face Mask are still REQUIRED!



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

LINCOLN PARK

EAST CAPITOL & 13TH ST SE

7:45-8:15AM

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



Send photos of dangerous intersections to
EveryBlockCountsDC@gmail.com or tag #EveryBlockCounts
on social media



Carry a pinwheel in support of eliminating pedestrian and cyclist fatalities •

Wave hello to Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen •

Pick up Slow Down yard signs (thanks to DC DDoT friends!) for your school

• Ride with MPD's 1D Bicycle Patrol • National Parks Service friends • National Center for Safe Routes to School friends • FIA Foundation friends • US Department of Transportation friends •

Greater Greater Washington friends • SEE your school friends!



@w6pspo

#EveryBlockCounts
#WalktoSchoolDay



w6pspo.org

capitol hill
community foundation

capitolhillcommunityfoundation.com

Walk to School Day

- When: Tomorrow! October 6, 7:45am
- Where: Lincoln Park
- What: Annual international event encouraging safe routes to school
- <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

Each October Miner families and staff join other Capitol Hill schools at Lincoln Park for a fun event hosted by the [Ward 6 Public School Parents Organization \(W6PSPO\)](#).

Traditionally we have guest speakers (past speakers have included Rep. John Lewis, Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mayor Bowser, CM Charles Allen, and more). presenters (including Eastern HS band, NPS, DC Water, and more), and after a fun event we walk to school together.





JUNIOR FRENZY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021 | 4PM - 6PM

THE FIELDS AT RFK CAMPUS

401 OKLAHOMA AVE NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002

JOIN US FOR OUR FALL SEASON CELEBRATION!

This family-friendly event brings together all of our Junior SCORES teams for a fun afternoon of soccer games, activity booths, healthy snacks, music, and much more.

The event is FREE for all participants and their families to attend.

Transportation will be provided for all participants and coaches. Buses will be on site to pick up teams at 3:15pm and return teams to their sites by 6:30pm.

For additional information, visit families.dcscores.org



Official Community Partners



PTO Committees

- Appreciation & Recognition
- Communications (Chair: John Muir)
- Community Engagement (Chair: Brandon Scott)
- Family Engagement & Events
- Fundraising & Grants

Please visit

<https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html> to learn about the role of each Committee.

Contact minerpto@gmail.com if you would like to join or even lead one of our PTO Committees!



How to Connect

- All parents, guardians, teachers, and staff are automatically members of the PTO
- To receive PTO email updates, “The Week Ahead” newsletter, and more, we encourage you to subscribe to the PTO email list by filling out this form:
<https://www.minerelementary.org/join-the-pto.html>
- Follow us on [social media](#)
 - School social media:
 - <https://twitter.com/MinerElementary>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/MinerDCPS/>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/minerelementaryschool/>
 - PTO social media:
 - <https://twitter.com/MinerPTO>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/Miner.PTO/>
 - Other Miner social media:
 - Miner Equity Team: <https://twitter.com/EquityMiner>
 - Miner Green Team: <https://www.instagram.com/Minerelementarygarden/>
- How to share messages: email minercomms@gmail.com and specify which platforms you would like your messages shared on (schoolwide messaging, social media only, etc)
- Follow the school calendar on the [Miner homepage](#)! You can even add it to your phone’s calendar.



Treasurer Report

Abby McGill



Treasurer Report (This Period)

Cash Summary 6/1/21 - 10/05/21

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Balance as of June 1, 2021: | \$ | 33,065 |
| Plus: Income (Jun 1 - Oct 5, 2021): | \$ | 5,714 |
| Less: Expenses (Jun 1 - Oct 5, 2021): | \$ | (6,392) |
| Balance as of October 5, 2021: | \$ | 32,387 |



Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Coles, Ms. Halley, Ms. Hayes



Parent-Teacher Conferences!

- Thursday, October 7 (no school for students)
- Virtual (via Microsoft Teams)
- Sign ups for Special Subjects (PE, Spanish, Visual Arts, Music, STEM) have been sent via Class Dojo and Remind
- Classroom teachers have sent sign ups to their families
- Questions? Please contact your teacher for more information! Contact info for staff can be found here

<https://www.minerelementary.org/teachers--staff.html>



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DCPS Calendar Reminders

There is no school for students on the following days:

Thursday, 10/7- Parent/Teacher Conference

Please contact your student's teacher for a conference time

Friday, 10/8- Staff Professional Development

Monday, 10/11- Indigenous Peoples' Day

City Year at Miner

Our Team

Impact Manager- Ryan S. Nguyen

Team Leader- Grace Stephenson

AmeriCorps Members:

- **ShaNiah Curtis**
- **Ben Stern**
- **Miranda Singer**
- **Eilise O'Connor**
- **Jheirian McNair**
- **Olivia Moyer**

Service

At Miner Elementary School, AmeriCorps Members support ELA & Math in 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, and 5th Grade.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.CITYYEAR.ORG



Committee Reports

- Appreciation & Recognition:
- Communications: John Muir
- Community Engagement: Brandon Scott
- Family Engagement & Events:
- Fundraising & Grants:



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>



What is the Bear Paw Fund?



The Miner Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is excited to launch our 2021-2022 **Bear Paw Fund** Fall Fundraising Campaign. The Fund will enable the PTO to support Miner students and teachers in grades pre-K through 5th grade to **Explore! Excite! Expand!** throughout the school year!

EXPLORE! Miner scholars can achieve their full potential exploring the natural world outside of the classroom. Miner's garden program encompasses our Peace Garden and FoodCorps service member who provides regular garden, food, and nutrition programming.

EXCITE! Celebrating student achievement and hosting school-wide events (Fall Festival, Winter Movie Night, Spring Dance) designed to excite students, families, and staff about our school community.

EXPAND! Students will expand their knowledge of our community and our region via teacher organized field trips. The PTO will support trips with resources for transportation and admission.

Visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html> for more information or to donate today!



How does the PTO plan to spend the money raised this year?

In consultation with Miner's administration and Miner's Local School Advisory Team (LSAT), the PTO's priorities for SY2021-22 are to fund:

- \$200 "Mini Grants" for teacher and grade-levels
- Field trips for all grade levels
- FoodCorps and garden programming
- Family engagement events
- Teacher and staff appreciation events
- And much more!

Suggested donation levels

\$1-\$49 (Small Paw)

\$50-\$249 (Medium Paw)

\$250-\$499 (Large Paw)

\$500+ (Grand Paw)

Any amount helps - please contribute what you can!

Miner Parents & Caregivers: Please consider donating a "Month for Miner"

Please consider donating the equivalent of a month's worth of tuition. Think about how much you would still be paying each month for private school, preschool, or daycare. Donate - or pledge to donate - as much as you're comfortable with. Donations by installments that you pay over the course of the year are welcomed! See below how to make a pledge.

How to donate:

Download, fill out, and email the [donation form](#) to minerpto@gmail.com or donate online at <https://www.minerelementary.org/donate-pledge-form.html>



Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities



Upcoming Events (1 of 4)

Wednesday, October 6

- **7:45 AM in Lincoln Park // Walk-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 walk together to Miner to start the day!
- **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Miner // DC Scores Jr. Soccer vs Kimball ES:** Come cheer on our Junior Mighty Miner Bears!

Thursday, October 7

- **No school for students:** Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 8

- **No school for students:** Teacher Professional Development

Monday, October 11

- **School Closed:** Indigenous Peoples' Day Holiday



Upcoming Events (2 of 4)

Tuesday, October 12

- **10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Miner // Moderna Vaccine:** United Medical Center will be at Miner from 10 AM- 4 PM to distribute the Moderna vaccine, while supplies last. [Click to download the consent form.](#)
- **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.
- **6:00 PM // Community School Advisory Board:** Provide feedback and ask questions about Miner's [Community School program](#). All Miner parents/caregivers and community partners are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held on Zoom (meeting ID: 812 9153 7926).

Wednesday, October 13

- **4:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the Fields at RFK // DC Scores Junior Frenzy:** All DC Junior Scores participants and their families are invited to participate in this free celebration. Transportation will be provided for this fun afternoon of soccer, activities, snacks, music, and more. Reach out to your DC Junior Scores coaches for more information or [click to download the flyer](#).

Thursday, October 14

- **4:00 PM - 5:30 PM at KIPP DC: Quest Academy // DC Scores Soccer vs KIPP DC: Quest Academy:** Come cheer on our Mighty Miner Bears!
- **5:00 PM - 5:45 PM on Zoom // Green Team Meeting:** All teachers, staff, parents, and caregivers who are interested in Miner's garden and environmental programs are welcome to attend!



Upcoming Events (3 of 4)

Friday, October 15

- **8:20 AM - 9:00 AM in the Miner Parking Lot // Coffee with the PTO:** Join members of PTO leadership to learn about the organization, what we do, and how to get involved. We will have a tent set up with information and of course coffee!

Tuesday, October 19

- **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM on Zoom // LSAT Meeting:** All are welcome to observe the first Local School Advisory Team meeting of the 2021-22 school year. [Click here for more information about the Miner LSAT.](#)

Wednesday, October 20

- **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Miner // DC Scores Jr. Soccer vs Aiton ES:** Come cheer on our Junior Mighty Miner Bears!

Saturday, October 23

- **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM // Community Clean Up:** Miner's [Community School](#) program and Miner's [Green Team](#) have partnered to host a Community Clean-Up day. Our target areas will include the playground, parking lot and garden. Parents please come out to meet other parents! Community Service hours will be provided to our 5th graders.
- **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the Miner Parking Lot // Miner Mutual Aid Network Community Table:** Join us for the [Miner Mutual Aid Network's](#) Community Table in the Miner parking lot. We will once again feature free food boxes, PPE, and other necessities for any member of the community in need.



Upcoming Events (4 of 4)

Thursday, October 28

- **4:00 PM - 5:30 PM at TBD // DC Scores Soccer:** Come cheer on our Mighty Miner Bears!

Friday, October 29

- **4:15 PM in the Parking Lot // Trunk-or-Treating:** Join us in the parking lot for our annual trunk-or-treat event! Staff and families will transform their cars' trunks into fun and spooky booths full of treats for our Miner Bears. Costumes are encouraged! Contact Ms. Woodson (mwoodson@ebfsc.org) if you would like to decorate your trunk.

Tuesday, November 2

- **No School for Students:** Election Day

Wednesday, November 3

- **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Seaton ES // DC Scores Jr. Soccer vs Seaton:** Come cheer on our Junior Mighty Miner Bears!

Friday, November 5

- **No School for Students:** End of Term



Reminders & Opportunities

- Sign up to be a PTO volunteer! Complete the form by [clicking here!](#)
- If you are interested in joining a PTO Committee, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html> and email minerpto@gmail.com
- If you are interested in becoming more involved in the garden/with the Green Team, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/green-team.html> and email Ms. Ashley Luttmer at ashley.luttmer@k12.dc.gov
- If you are interested in joining the Equity Team or being part of the COVID Task Force, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/equity-team.html> and email minerequityteam@gmail.com
- If you would like more information on the Miner Mutual Aid Network, including how you can support the October Community Table, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html> and email minermutualaid@gmail.com



Thank You!

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