BEARS BULLETIN
November Edition

Everybody
Circle Time

Mr. Robinson's
Wellness
Wednesday

Ms. Jones
Morning
Meeting

Coming up @ Miner
- 11/2- Elections Day, NO SCHOOL for students
- 11/3 Kindergarten Family Engagement "Camp Fire" 5:30-6:30pm
- 11/4 Town Hall with Instructional Sup and Admin @ 6pm
- 11/5- Professional Development day for Teachers, NO SCHOOL for Students
- 11/9 - PTO Meeting @ 6pm
- 11/10- Equity Team Meeting @ 6pm
- 11/11- Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL
- 11/16- LSAT Meeting @ 5pm
- 11/18- Skate Mobile Attendance Incentive 11am - 3pm
- 11/20- Community Clean Up @ 10am
- 11/20- Mutual Aid Event 11am -1pm
- 11/23- Quarter 1 Reports Cards Sent Home
- 11/24 - 11/26- Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL for students
**Admin Virtual Office Hours Link**

**Asymptomatic Testing**

Our testing day is on Thursday! The test are a random sample of 20% of our student population. If you DO NOT want your student tested you may complete the OPT OUT form and return it to Ms. Offor.

[OPT OUT TEST FORM](#)

**Arrival / Dismissal**

Arrival - Students in grades K-5 are asked to line up on the Playground side in front of the gate. Students line up on the yellow line painted in grade bands (K,1) (2,3) and (4,5) Miner Staff will welcome students at 8:20am. NO students are permitted in the school prior to 8:20am. We are continuing to follow the Ask, Ask, Look protocol guidance from DCPS to limit the spread of Covid-19. Please be patient as each students must be assessed prior to entering through the gate.
Students arriving after 8:45am must enter through the front of the building. The Ask Ask Look protocol will be followed.

Dismissal - Please be prepared to pick up your child by 3:15 pm daily. DCPS offers aftercare services for students who have registered. If your child is not enrolled in the DCPS afterschool program they must be picked up by 3:15 each day.

**Parking Lot Procedures**

To ensure the safety of our students please be reminded that Parking LOT B (The Large Playground) is for student drop off and pick up. Please stay behind the cones when dropping and picking up your child(ren).

Parking Lot A (Front Door Entrance) are reserved for School Buses and staff parking. For the safety of our students Parking Lot A is closed off from 8:15am - 9:15am.

**Beginning of the year Testing - BOY**

Students successfully completed their first round of benchmark testing. We are pleased to return to some sense of normalcy after our 18 months away from a traditional school setting. Our BOY testing included Math (iReady) ELA (Dibels) and Gold (ECE). More information about specific scores will be shared in the upcoming report cards.

**School Community Resources**

- Miner has some winter coats for students who may need one for the winter season. If your student is in need of a winter coat, please contact Ms. Woodson at mwoodson@ebfsc.org
- Any family in need of employment (job placement, resume building), housing, or daily resources (uniforms, food, school supplies, clothes, baby items), please email Ms. Woodson at mwoodson@ebfsc.org.

**Communications Plan**

Please expect to receive parent communication from administration and teachers in the following order:
- Administration (Monthly)
- Classroom/ Specials Teachers (Bi-Weekly)
Look for additional information on how to sign up and or troubleshoot on the Remind app communication platform this week.

COVID - Stronger & Safer Pledge & COVID Testing Sites

Thank you all for your commitment with keeping the Miner Community safe and taking the Stronger & Safer Together Pledge that outlines steps to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Please click on the link below for testing sites: Testing sites

Important Reminders

After School Programming

Afterschool programming has started and includes tutoring, academic support, as well as social activities. The afterschool program hours are 3:30-5:45pm.

The DCPS Out of School Time program application is open. Students must be registered to attend. There is currently a waitlist at Miner; however, you may sign up to be added to our waitlist and you will be notified if a seat becomes available. Applications must be completed online at: https://dcps.dc.gov/asp

Given the stricter cleaning protocols, our building closes to students promptly at 6:00pm so that our custodial team can have ample time to clean and sanitize classrooms for the next school day. All students registered for afterschool must be picked up by 5:45pm.

Immunizations

Immunizations are required for all students who will be attending school. All families are required to submit health forms, including updated immunization records and Universal Health Certificates for each student. For SY21-22, all students must have updated immunization records on file with the school. Students who are not up to date on their immunization requirements by the 20th day of school, will not be allowed to
attend school until we are in receipt of the appropriate immunization documentation. You may view OSSE's Immunization Attendance policy by clicking on the link below.

To support families with meeting these requirements, immunization pop-up clinics will be open at schools throughout August and September. DCPS school locations and hours of operation are listed below. To learn more, please visit:

https://dcspreopenstrong.com/vaccines/#school-immunization-clinics

**Pick Up Procedures:**

PK3 and PK4: Students will be picked up daily at 3:15 pm (unless they are enrolled in aftercare) from the ECE Playground. Students will only be signed out and released to those individuals on their approved list of adults. Those doing pick up must have a photo ID. In the event of inclement weather, pick up will be done from the doorways near the ECE playground.

Kindergarten-5th Grade Students: Students will be picked up daily at 3:15 pm (unless they are enrolled in aftercare) from K-5 playground. Parents/Guardians will provide the name of the student(s) they are picking up to the adult on duty, then student(s) will be escorted to the gate for dismissal. Students will only be signed out and released to those individuals on the approved list of adults.

Walkers: Students in grades 3-5 who walk home must have signed permission on file with the school.

**Uniform Policy**

All students should arrive to school in their school uniforms. Our school uniform is as follows:

- Dark blue bottoms (pants, skirts, jumpers, or shorts)
- White, light blue, or navy-blue polos (everyone)
- Navy-blue polos (suggested for ECE)
- Any Miner school gear
- Shoes must have heel straps; no flip flops are permitted.
- Blue jeans are not a part of the school uniform

- If a student is dropped off without appropriate uniform clothes, Miner will require the student to contact their parents to bring them a proper uniform.
- Uniforms can be purchased from Target, Walmart, Old Navy, etc.
- For uniforms assistance, reach out to Ms. Woodard.
- We do ask that students in Pre-K and K bring an extra set of clothes.

**Student Meals**

All students are provided with breakfast and lunch at no cost every school day.

ECE and Kindergarten students will eat breakfast and lunch in their classrooms.
Students in grades 1st-5th will have staggered breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria.

Breakfast for grades K-5th grade will be from 8:20 am-8:40 am. Breakfast for ECE students will be from 8:45 am-9:00 am. Late students will be able to eat breakfast until 9:15 am.

**Food Restrictions/Allergies**
Miner Elementary School is a nut-free school. If your child has any allergies or dietary restrictions, a Special Dietary Needs Form must be turned in to the nurse and cafeteria staff. These forms need to be completed and submitted annually.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** we are a nut-free school, which includes peanuts and tree nuts. For the safety of all please refrain from sending your student to school with any peanut or tree nut related products.

We strongly support parents sending their child with a lunch from home if the meal being served is not something their child eats, but we request the meal be comprised of healthy options to support student learning; candy, sugary snacks, and soda are not supported. Gum is not allowed in school.

Please feel free to contact miner@k12.dc.gov if you have any questions or need any support. Please also refer to the [DCPS Re-Open Strong Website](https://opendcps.dcps.org) for on-going updates for SY21-22.