

# Miner PTO General Meeting

January 11, 2022

**Yesterday Mayor Bowser announced that all PreK and K students will be given take home rapid tests each Friday, and the test to return program will be in place for all breaks from school lasting a week or longer (February Break, Spring Break).**

# Agenda

**6:00 - 6:05 Welcome**

**6:05 - 6:10 Principal's Report**

**6:10 - 6:15 Community School Update**

**6:15 - 6:20 Kindred 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

**6:35 - 6:40 PTO President & VP Report**

**6:40 - 6:45 Treasurer & Teacher Representative Reports**

**6:45 - 6:55 PTO Committee Reports**

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

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



# Welcome!

- Welcome to our January 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](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, February 1, at 6:00pm



# Principal's Report

Principal Angry



# Community School Update

Ms. Monica Woodson

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



# Kindred Update



# School Committee Reports

Equity Team  
Mutual Aid Network  
Green Team  
LSAT



# Equity Team Report

Facilitator: Latoya McCarthy-Scott

<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](mailto:minerequityteam@gmail.com)
- Participate in a Kindred dialogue group
- Fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/BZeYZHByi4GHVrDKA>

We are taking a step back from meetings as Kindred is coming back into the building. We are looking forward to working with them and encourage all who are interested in the Equity Team to sign up for dialogue groups.

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>



# 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>



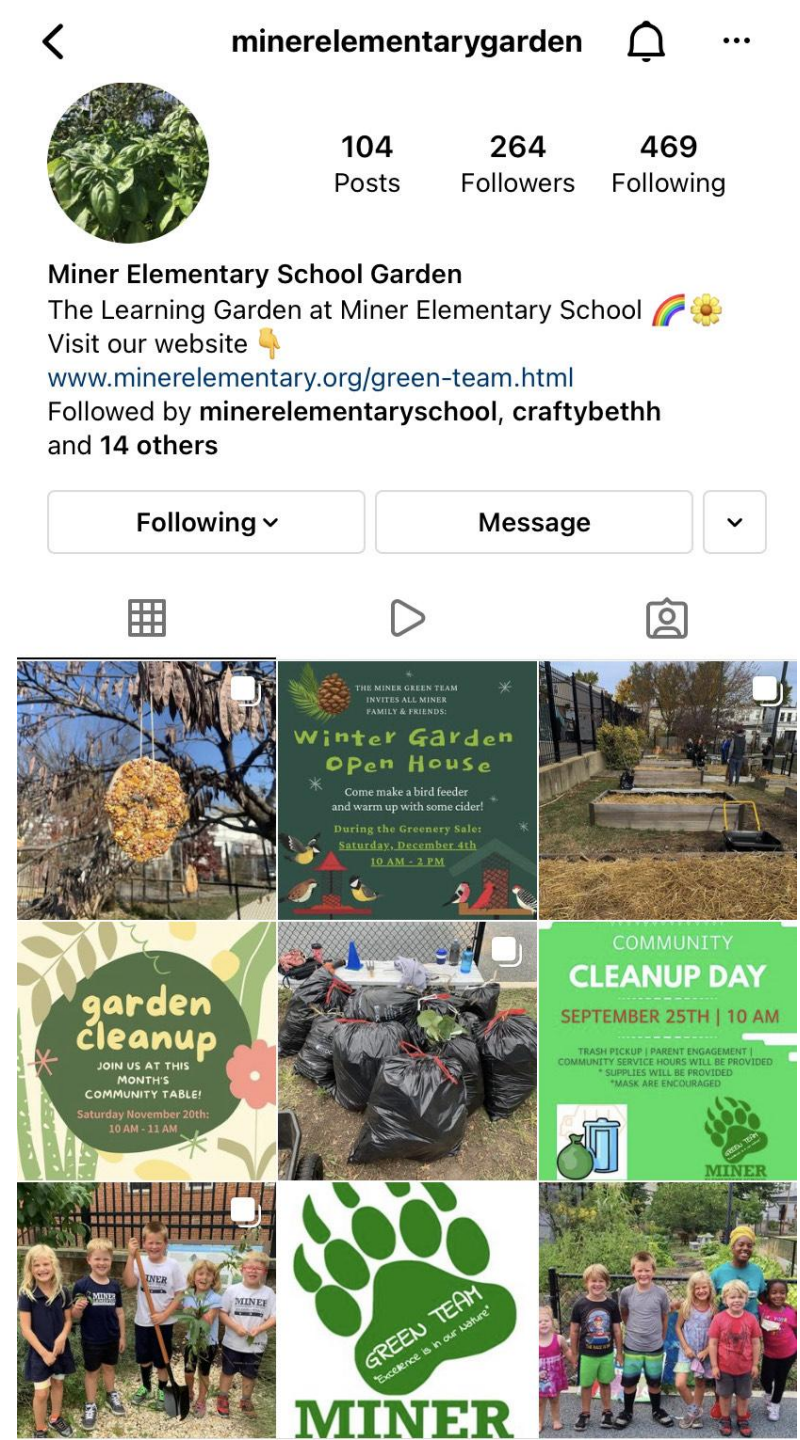
# Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18 at 3:45pm. If you do not receive the Green Team emails, please contact Ms. Emma ([emma.creamer@foodcorps.org](mailto:emma.creamer@foodcorps.org)) or Ms. Luttmer ([ashley.luttmer@k12.dc.gov](mailto:ashley.luttmer@k12.dc.gov)) to sign up.

Don't forget to follow [@minerelementarygarden](https://www.instagram.com/minerelementarygarden) on Instagram to see what's growing!



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# LSAT Report

Co-Chairs: Mr. Jason Yoho and Ms. Allison Mitchell

Next Meeting: January 18 at 5:00pm

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



# LSAT Updates

- Parent Representative Allison Mitchell is the new co-chair.
- Congratulations to Daniel Lerner, our newest Parent Representative.
- All LSAT 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

- Special Election Results
  - Erica Brooks, PTO Secretary
  - Daniel Lerner, LSAT Parent Representative
- New COVID resource webpage on Miner Elementary website
- Bear Paw Fund
- How to Volunteer
- Move to Ward 7
- My School DC Lottery
- PTO is looking for Committee Chairs and Members
- How to Connect



# COVID-19 Resource Page

<https://www.minerelementary.org/covid-19.html>

## Get Tested:

- Information on how to test yourself
- Information on walk-up testing options (no appointment needed)
- Information on where to make appointments for tests

## Get Vaccinated:

- The CDC, FDA, and DC Health recommend vaccines for people ages 5 and up, and boosters for those 12 and up who have already been vaccinated.
- For more information on how/where to receive your vaccine, visit [vaccinate.dc.gov](https://vaccinate.dc.gov), or contact your healthcare provider.



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MINER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOME

COVID-19

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHO WE ARE

ACADEMICS & ENRICHMENT

SCHOOL LIFE

MORE...

Welcome to Miner:  
Home of the Mighty Bears

*Integrity - Community - Drive - Perseverance*

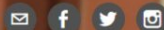
Ms. Katre! Angry: Interim Principal

Ms. LaToya Coleman: Assistant Principal

Ms. Uchenna Offor: Administrative Officer

Ms. Monica Woodson: Community School Coordinator

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**NEW! COVID-19 Resources (Testing & Vaccination)**



# Bear Paw Fund

<https://www.minerelementary.org/bear-paw-fund.html>

## 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.

[Click here to download the Bear Paw Fund Information Sheet](#)

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Our goals are to:  
Raise **\$10,000** from families, friends, and neighbors  
Reach **50%** family participation

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Move to Ward 7

- The new Ward boundary goes up 15th Street NE, so Miner is now in Ward 7 (as are our feeder schools Eliot-Hine MS and Eastern HS) . While the school is in Ward 7, our boundary is in both Wards so we will have representation from officials and organizations both Wards 6 and 7.
- [State Board of Education:](#)
  - Eboni-Rose Thompson (Ward 7)
  - Jessica Sutter (Ward 6)
- [Council of DC:](#)
  - Vincent Gray (Ward 7)
  - Charles Allen (Ward 6)
  - At Large: Anita Bonds, Christina Henderson, Elissa Silverman, Robert C. White, Jr.
- Education Councils:
  - [Ward 7 Education Council](#)
  - [Ward 6 Public School Parents Organization](#)



# My School DC Lottery

<https://www.myschooldc.org/>

- Lottery is open December 13 - March 1 for PreK-8th
- Results will be announced on April 1, 2022
- Deadline to enroll (for matched students) is May 2, 2022
- Upcoming Miner Open House dates:
  - January 20, February 12 (ECE)
  - February 3 (K-5)
- To get the best results for your child:
  - Watch [this video](#) on the process;
  - Research schools [here](#) and talk to parents of current students;
  - Rank your choices in your true order of interest.
- For more information:
  - [Review the FAQs](#)
  - Email [MinerESEnroll@k12.dc.gov](mailto:MinerESEnroll@k12.dc.gov)





# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 12/07/21 - 1/11/22*

Balance as of December 7, 2021:	\$	<b>28,823</b>
Plus: Income (Dec 7, 2021 - Jan. 11, 2022):	\$	2,459
Less: Expenses (Dec 7, 2021 - Jan. 11, 2022):	\$	(10,046)
<b>Balance as of January 11, 2022:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,236</b>



# Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Coles, Ms. Halley, Ms. Hayes

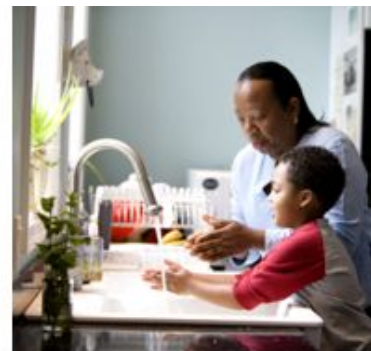


# Parent Support: How can I support my child at home?

Shamayne Coles, Math  
Instructional Coach

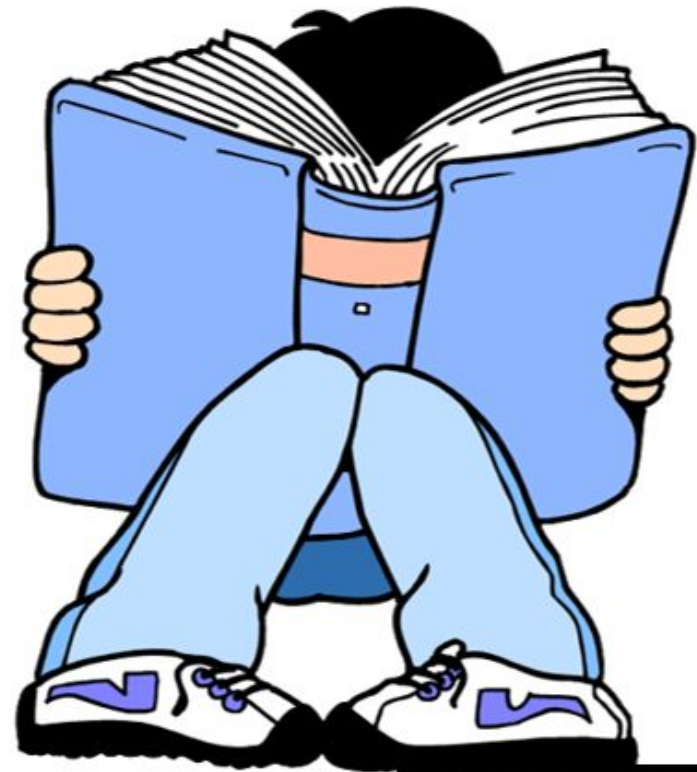
Kyra Hayes, ELA  
Instructional Coach

Emma Halley, SPED  
Teacher



## ELA K-2

- Phonemic Awareness: letter sound recognition
- A major comprehension skill for our early literacy learners is retelling fiction text and determining the main idea and key details about nonfiction text
- Read aloud
- Shared reading
- Reread texts



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## Phonics

Knowing the sounds of letters and sounding out written words

- Grocery List

Give your child a sheet of paper and dictate the times you need to buy. If your child requests the correct spelling, write the words for your child to copy or spell the words as he or she writes them. You can also allow your child to use inventive spelling for items on the list and locate the correct spelling at the grocery store

Tissue -----tisu

Water -----wutr

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# Note Time

- Choose 10 minutes of a day to be note time. Communicate with your child during that time by passing written notes. Try to use words your child is learning in school. A note could just say, Hello, I like you. If your child needs help reading the notes, help him or her read them aloud.
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## Word Race

- **GRADES: K-2****TARGET SKILLS: Isolate Beginning Sound**
  - Help your child pick out the first sound in words, an important step in learning to read. Give your child one minute to name as many objects, people, foods, etc that start with a given sound, such as **sss**. When the minute is up, have them try to beat their score with another sound, such as **rrr**. It's important to say the sound the letter makes rather than the letter's name. For instance, say **mmm** rather than **em**.
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## Shopping for Sounds

- **GRADES: K-2 TARGET SKILLS: Segment Sounds in Words, Isolate Beg/Mid/End Sounds in Words, Blending Sounds**
  - As you and your child shop, have your child separate the sounds in the name of each item you put in your shopping basket, listening for beginning, middle, and ending sounds; for example, for a bag, your child would say **b-a-g**. Next, ask your child to blend sounds together to make a word. Say words one sound at a time; for example, you say **m-i-l-k** and your child says **milk**; you say **c-a-n** and your child says **can**.
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## Words in a Hat

- **GRADES: 3rd- 5th TARGET SKILLS: Accurate and Fluent Reading**

- As your child reads aloud, write down any missed words on scrap paper. After he or she is done reading, place to words in a bowl or hat. Draw words out and help him or her read them correctly. To extend the exercise, have your child find the words in the text and read them within the original sentence.

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## Mystery Game

- **GRADES: ECE-2 TARGET SKILLS: Isolate Beginning Sound**

- Play a mystery game in which you are calling your child's name or looking for an object around the house. For example, say, "I'm thinking of someone whose name begins with (say the sound for the letter **t**)," or "I'm looking for an item that begins with (say the sound for the letter **g**)."
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## Comprehension Fiction

- **Movie Director**
- After reading a story with your child, tell him or her to take the role of a movie director while you pretend to be an actor. Ask your child to prepare you for the movie performance by explaining what happened in the book, with each scene in order



# Comprehension Non Fiction

- **Learning from Books**

After reading a book with your child, ask your child to name one new fact or piece of information he or she learned from the book.





# Committee Reports

- Appreciation & Recognition:
- Communications: John Muir
  - Spirit Store
- Community Engagement: Brandon Scott
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# 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)

## Monday, January 17

- **School Closed:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

## Tuesday, January 18

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

## Thursday, January 20

- **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Zoom // Open House for Incoming ECE Families (Virtual):** ECE families who are considering Miner for next school year are invited to join the administration for a virtual open house to learn more about our school.

## Tuesday, January 25

- **6:00 PM - 7:00 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. [Click here for more information about the Miner PTO.](#)

## Wednesday, January 26

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



# Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

## TBD Date in January

- **6:00 PM // Staff and Student Talent Show:** Sign up to display your talents. There will also be a special guest performance! Slots are limited - to sign up email Ms. Woodson.

## Tuesday, February 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 Angry, and special guests. [Click here for more information about the Miner PTO.](#)

## Thursday, February 3

- **5:30 PM - 6:30 PM on Zoom // Open House for Incoming K-5 Families (Virtual):** Families with students in grades K-5 who are considering Miner for next school year are invited to join the administration for a virtual open house to learn more about our school.

## Saturday, February 12

- **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM in the ECE Wing // Open House for Incoming ECE Families (In Person):** ECE families who are considering Miner for next school year are invited to join the administration for an in-person open house to learn more about our school.

## Tuesday, February 15

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



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:ashley.luttmer@k12.dc.gov)
- 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 would like more information on the Miner Mutual Aid Network, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/mutual-aid-network.html> and email [minermutualaid@gmail.com](mailto:minermutualaid@gmail.com)



# Thank You!

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