

Miner PTO General Meeting

February 1, 2022

Today is the first day of Black History Month. Be sure to follow Miner PTO on both [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to see a featured Black leader each day of the month.

Agenda

6:00 - 6:05 Welcome

6:05 - 6:15 Miner SPED Team Presentation

6:15 - 6:25 Principal's Report

6:25 - 6:30 Community School Update

6:30 - 6:50 School Committee Reports

6:30 Equity Team

6:35 Miner Mutual Aid Network

6:40 Green Team

6:45 LSAT

6:50 - 6:55 PTO President & VP Report

6:55 - 7:05 Treasurer & Teacher Representative Reports

7:05 - 7:10 PTO Committee Reports

7:10 - 7:15 Upcoming Events, Reminders, Opportunities

Open Comment: Other joys, concerns, or questions?



Welcome!

- Welcome to our February 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, March 1, at 6:00pm



Miner Special Education Team



MINER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEAM

Who we are and what we do!



TEAM MEMBERS

- 1st-2nd Inclusion/Resource: Tiffany Brown
- 3rd-5th SLS: Emma Halley
- SPED Coach & LEA Rep: Michele Mills
- K-2nd ELS: Marie Olazo
- ECE ELS: Jaye Smith
- ECE-K Inclusion/Resource: Pamela Poblete
- 3rd-5th Inclusion/Resource: Edward Sauls
- 3rd-5th ILS: Charito Turingan

WHAT WE DO

We work mainly with students who have been diagnosed with a disability that impacts classroom learning

We adapt lessons and assignments to make them accessible for all learners

Assist general education teachers in meeting needs of special education students

Ensure all students have opportunities to learn and excel! Studies show that all students can benefit from having a special educator and special education students in their classrooms!

Lots of paperwork!

Set up

Set up routines and structure for your child

Meet

Meet sensory and movement needs

Contact

Contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns

Talk

Talk openly about disability and learning differences

TIPS TO HELP
YOUR LEARNER
AT HOME

FURTHER QUESTIONS

If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to me or a teacher listed!

emma.halley@kl2.dc.gov

Principal's Report

Principal Angry



Community School Update

Ms. Monica Woodson

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



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
- 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>



Miner Mutual Aid Community Table

Saturday, February 5
11am - 12pm

Miner Elementary School
601 15th St NE

**Come by Miner if you
are in need of:**

food boxes
masks
cleaning supplies

clothes
diapers
children's books

To donate: contact MinerMutualAid@gmail.com
Next event: March 5



Hosted in solidarity with
Ward 6 Mutual Aid

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 and Ms. Emma Creamer

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



LSAT Report

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

Next Meeting: TBD (awaiting budget)

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



Regular PTO Business



President & VP Reports

- Volunteers of the Month!
- Updates to DCPS COVID guidance
- Bear Paw Fund
- Capital Candy Jar Fundraiser
- How to Volunteer
- My School DC Lottery
- PTO is looking for Committee Chairs and Members
- How to Connect



Volunteers of the Month

Parent Volunteer of the Month:

Chris Deutsch

Chris is dad to 3 Miner Bears and has been actively involved in Kindred since it started at Miner and the Equity Team that formed from it. He helped start the Miner Mutual Aid Network and is a huge reason for its success. We are so grateful that Chris is part of our Miner Community!

Staff Volunteer of the Month:

Ms. Pratt

Ms. Pratt is new to Miner this year, but our art teacher has quickly become a favorite among her students. In addition to keeping Miner's hallways decorated with student artwork, she holds an afterschool art club and she and her students will soon be helping make signs for the garden. We are so happy that Ms. Pratt has joined the Miner family!



DCPS Reopen Strong

dcpsreopenstrong.com/testing



Safe Return Testing

Before the return to the classroom after the February and April instructional breaks, students and staff will be required to test and upload their results to our Safe Return portal.

Test kits and additional guidance will be distributed prior to the holiday break. Additional guidance will be provided prior to the February holiday.



Mail Home Testing

Staff will be able to sign up to receive a weekly PCR test mailed to their home. Instructions for signing up for the kits will be provided the week of January 17.

Students and staff who are identified as close contacts can also request test kits be mailed directly to their home after exposure to a positive individual within our schools.

[Use this link to request a test kit.](#)



PK3 And PK4 Weekly Testing

With many of our youngest learners ineligible to access the lifesaving COVID-19 vaccine, we are dedicating testing resources to weekly testing of all Pre-K students.

Students in PK3 and PK4 will be provided with a rapid test each week and will be required to upload their results each Sunday before returning to the classroom. Kindergarten students will also be receiving weekly test kits and are highly encouraged to test each week.

Tests will be distributed each week beginning this Friday (January 14). Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, families should test on Monday, January 17 and upload their results by 4:00 p.m. that day.

Pre-K and Kindergarten families will receive detailed instructions from their school on how to share their results.

As of January 24, Pre-K students will also be part of a [Test to Stay pilot program](#) when there is a reported positive case in the classroom from weekly testing.



Routine Asymptomatic Testing

Each week, all 116 schools conduct asymptomatic testing, working to test at least 20 percent of our student population.

PreK Test to Stay Pilot Program

DCPS PREKINDERGARTEN TEST-TO-STAY PILOT PROGRAM

SUNDAY

- All Pre-K students take at-home rapid tests and upload results online.
- Students who test positive during weekly testing begin isolation period.
- Families are notified of any reported positive cases from weekly testing in their classroom.

MONDAY

- Pre-K students who tested negative may attend school.
- Pre-K students who are close contacts of a positive case from weekly testing will receive a verbal and visual health screening by a trained health professional to check for any symptoms of COVID-19.

TUESDAY

- A trained health professional will administer a rapid antigen test to all students in an impacted classroom.
- If a student tests positive from that rapid test, they will be moved to the health isolation room and parents will be contacted to pick them up from school.

If you opt out of the Pre-K Test to Stay pilot program, your unvaccinated child must quarantine for a full 10 days and not attend school in person. Families in impacted classrooms can request at-home PCR tests mailed to your residence by visiting dcpsreopenstrong.com/testing.



COVID-19 Resource Page

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

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

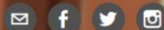
Ms. Katrell Angry: Interim Principal

Ms. LaToya Coleman: Assistant Principal

Ms. Uchenna Ofor: Administrative Officer

Ms. Monica Woodson: Community School Coordinator

Search



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](#)

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

Capital Candy Jar Fundraiser

- March 26 and 27
- Mention “Miner Elementary” and you’ll get a 5% discount on sales
- Miner will receive 25% of all of the proceeds from “Miner” related sales
- Easter and Cherry Blossom themed candy will be available
- The Capital Candy Jar is located at 201 15th Street NE
- <https://capitalcandyjar.com/>




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: _____

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:
 - February 3 (K-5)
 - February 12 (ECE)
- 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



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 1/11/22 - 1/31/22

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|--|------------------|
| Balance as of January 11, 2022: | \$ 21,236 |
| Plus: Income (Jan 11-31, 2022): | \$ 0 |
| Less: Expenses (Jan 11-31, 2022): | \$ (905) |
| Balance as of January 11, 2022: | \$ 20,331 |



Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Coles, Ms. Halley, Ms. Hayes



Committee Reports

- Appreciation & Recognition:
- Communications: John Muir
 - Spirit Store
- 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>



Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities



Upcoming Events (1 of 2)

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 5

- **11:00 AM - 12:00 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. This month we will be distributing a limited number of rapid antigen COVID as well - [see the announcement for details](#).

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.



Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

Monday, February 21

- **School Closed:** President's Day Holiday

Tuesday, February 22 - Friday, February 25

- **School Closed:** February Recess

February TBD

- **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.](#)

Tuesday, March 1

- **MySchoolDC Lottery closes:** Make sure to apply [here](#) before the deadline.
- **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.](#)



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 or Ms. Emma Creamer at emma.creamer@foodcorps.org
- If you are interested in joining the Equity Team, 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, or to volunteer at/donate to an upcoming 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?