

Miner PTO General Meeting

March 1, 2022

Today is the first day of Women's History Month. Appropriately, it's also the birth month of our namesake, Myrtilla Miner, who made it her mission to educate Black girls at a time when slavery was still legal in the USA. She started a school for African American girls in DC which eventually merged with other schools to become what is today the University of the District of Columbia. Learn more about the history of Myrtilla Miner and Miner Elementary on the [history page of the Miner website](#).

Agenda

6:00 - 6:05 Welcome

6:05 - 6:10 Principal's Report

6:10 - 6:15 Community School Update

6:15 - 6:30 DC Public Libraries Presentation

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 March 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, April 5, at 6:00pm



Principal's Report

Interim Principal Lutz



Community School Update

Kristine DuPree

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



DC Public Libraries Presentation

Katherine Dyer

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



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, March 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



Hosted in solidarity with
Ward 6 Mutual Aid

Mutual Aid Volunteer Opportunity

Is anyone able to assist with helping a new to Miner family get to school?

The family lives at 16th and E Streets NE, so if anyone who walks to school in that vicinity is interested in helping out, or would like more information, please contact Chris Deutsch at minermutualaid@gmail.com.



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>



Green Team

Next Meeting:

March 8th, at 3:30 PM, in-person in the Miner garden, weather permitting! For those who are unable to join us in person, there will be a call-in option.

We will be discussing Earth Day event planning, garden maintenance before spring planting, and cleanup/community events.

Please let Ms. Emma or Ms. Luttmer know if you have anything to add to the meeting agenda or have any questions.

emma.creamer@foodcorps.org

ashley.luttmer@k12.dc.gov



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LSAT Report

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

Next Meeting: March 15 at 5pm

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



Regular PTO Business



President & VP Reports

- Capital Candy Jar fundraiser
- Bear Paw Fund
- My School DC Lottery - DEADLINE IS TODAY
- Panorama Survey
- DCPS COVID guidance
 - Updated isolation rules for positive cases
 - Updated mask rules
- How to Volunteer
- PTO is looking for Committee Chairs and Members
- How to Connect



A teal background decorated with several colorful Easter eggs featuring various patterns like stripes, polka dots, and zig-zags. In the center, there is a small, stylized illustration of a brown and white bunny's head with long ears.

SUPPORT MINER ELEMENTARY AND A
LOCAL BUSINESS WHILE GETTING A SWEET
DEAL ON SPRING TREATS!

Two decorative Easter eggs are positioned on the left side of the title: one with red and white stripes and polka dots, and another with orange and white stripes and polka dots.

Capital Candy Jar Fundraiser

A decorative Easter egg with a green and white zig-zag pattern is located on the right side of the title.

WHAT: CANDY SALE TO SUPPORT THE MINER PTO

WHEN: MARCH 26 AND 27, 12-7PM

WHERE: THE CAPITAL CANDY JAR, 201 15TH ST. NE

On March 26 and 27 mention Miner Elementary when shopping at The Capital Candy Jar (in person or online at capitalcandyjar.com) to receive 5% off your order.*

The Capital Candy Jar will generously donate 25% of the profits from those sales to the Miner PTO.

A decorative Easter egg with a red and white wavy pattern is located in the bottom right corner of the text area.

*Cannot be combined with other offers.

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

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
- 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





Panorama Survey

<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/dcps/family/surveys?language=en>

surveys.panoramaed.com/dcps/family/surveys?language=en

English

Exit

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Welcome! Click "Take this survey" to begin.

FAMILY SURVEY

Miner Elementary School

Take this survey



DCPS Reopen Strong - If You Test Positive

dcpsreopenstrong.com/testing

UPDATED ISOLATION GUIDANCE FOR DCPS STUDENTS AND STAFF

The isolation period for students and staff will follow CDC and DC Health guidance and may vary based on the severity of the COVID-19 infection and whether a positive individual participates in additional testing. The diagram below explains when an individual can exit isolation.



If your child has **no symptoms, or mild to moderate symptoms:**



They may stop isolating after day **7** if they take a COVID-19 test on or after day **5** and receive a negative test result **AND** they have been **fever-free for at least 24 hours** without the aid of medication.



The child may return to school on day **8** after reporting a negative test, and they must wear a well-fitted mask in the community until **10** days after testing positive. If they test positive after day **5** or no test is administered, they can return to school at least **10** days from when symptoms first started or initial positive test result was received.



If your child has **severe or critical COVID illness or is immuno-compromised:**



They must **isolate at least 10 days** from when symptoms first started.



Additional testing may be required. Please follow the advice of your health care provider.

Updated 3/1/22



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

DCPS Reopen Strong - New Mask Policy

Students, staff, and visitors will no longer be required to wear a mask when outdoors at our schools, effective immediately.

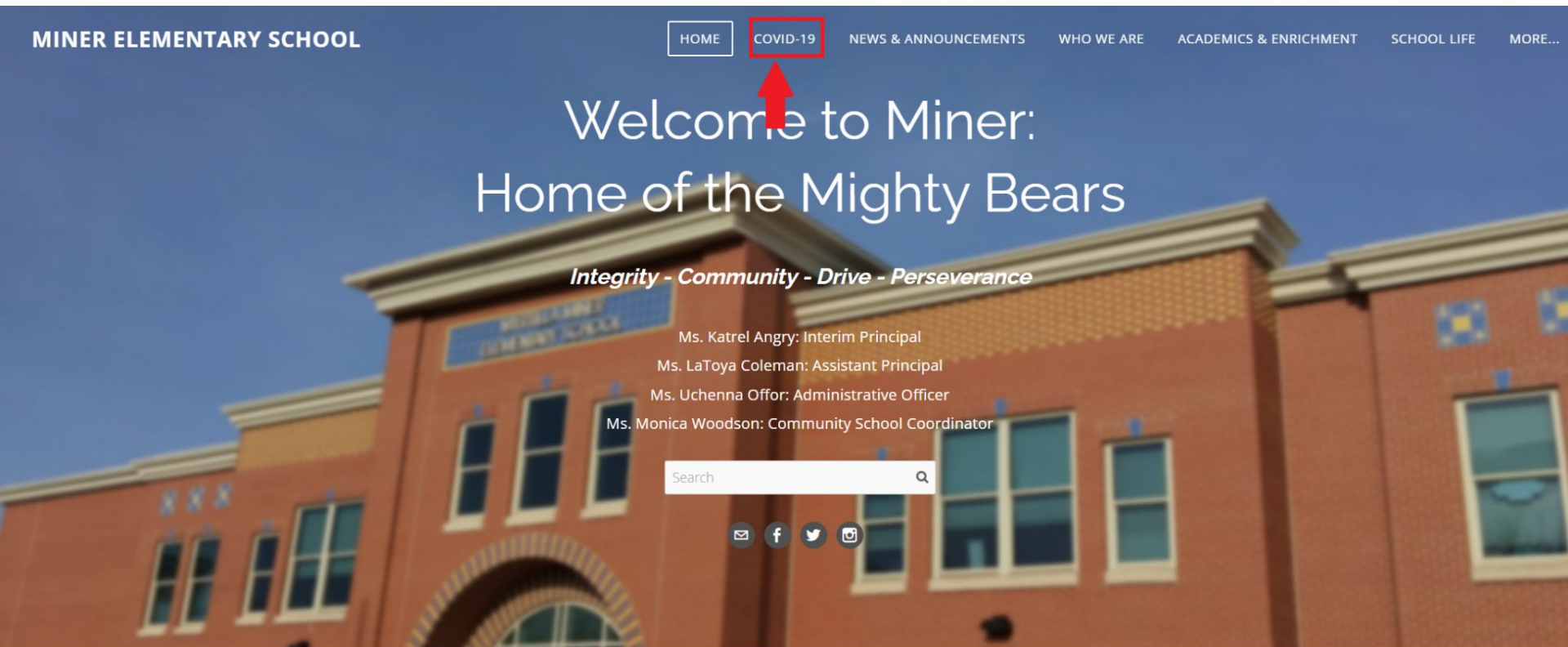
Masks will continue to be required for all students, staff, and visitors while indoors.

<https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/chancellor/safe-return-and-updates-to-our-health-and-safety-policies/>



COVID-19 Resource Page

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



[NEW! COVID-19 Resources \(Testing & Vaccination\)](#)



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: _____

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-ptol.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 2/01/22 - 3/01/22

Balance as of February 1, 2022:	\$ 20,331
Plus: Income (Feb 1 - Mar 1, 2022):	\$ 0
Less: Expenses (Feb 1 - Mar 1, 2022):	\$ (5,494)
Balance as of March 1, 2022:	\$ 14,837



Teacher Representative Report

Ms. Coles, Ms. Halley, Ms. Hayes



No School For Students:

- Thursday, March 10 (Parent-Teacher Conferences)
- Friday, March 11 (Professional Development Day for Teachers)



Miner Celebrates Black History Month



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
**FAMILY
LITERACY
NIGHT**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH
AT 6:00 PM**

**WE WILL START AS A WHOLE COMMUNITY AT 6:00PM
USING THE FOLLOWING ZOOM INFORMATION:**

**HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84063668795?
PWD=CS9FMXK4RLP0TWPJEC9LCTHONTKVDZ09**

**MEETING ID: 840 6366 8795
PASSCODE: QUEENS**

**WE WILL BREAK OUT INTO TWO SESSIONS:
ECE-1ST
2ND-5TH
AT 6:30 FOR SOME MORE FUN!**



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)

Saturday, March 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. [See the announcement for details.](#)

Thursday, March 10

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

Friday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 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.](#)



Upcoming Events (2 of 2)

Thursday, March 17

- **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM // Family Literacy Night:** Families are invited for an evening of literacy fun. Things kick off with the whole community at 6:00 followed by two breakout sessions at 6:30: ECE-1st and 2nd-5th grades.

Tuesday, March 22

- **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.](#)

Saturday, March 26 & Sunday, March 27

- **12:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Capital Candy Jar // Fundraiser:** Join us for the sweetest deal in town! Just mention Miner Elementary at The Capital Candy Jar (201 15th St NE) and you'll get 5% off your purchase. The Capital Candy Jar will generously donate 25% of those sales to the Miner PTO. Support your school, a local business, and your sweet tooth all with one purchase!



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?