

# Miner PTO General Meeting

April 1, 2025

**AP Appreciation Week is April 7-11.  
Thank you to Ms. Bosurgi and Ms. Mills!**

**Enrollment for SY24-25 is open! All students, new and returning, must enroll. Visit the [DCPS enrollment page](#) to complete your online or paper enrollment packet today!**

# Agenda

**6:00 - 6:05 Welcome & Introductions**

**6:05 - 6:15 School & Administration Update**

**6:15 - 6:20 Community School Update**

**6:20 - 6:25 Special discussion on teting**

**6:25 - 6:35 School Committee Reports**

**6:25 Mutual Aid Network**

**6:30 Garden and FoodPrints**

## ***Regular PTO Business***

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

**6:40 - 6:50 Teacher Representative's Report**

**6:50 - 6:55 Treasurer's Report**

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

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



# Welcome!

- Welcome to our PTO General Meeting!
- Babysitting is with our friends from Christ City Church (they also provide dinner). Huge thanks to Matthew Watson and his amazing team of volunteers.
- Pizza is available for you all; if you have a couple of dollars to put in the donation bucket we would appreciate it.
- Next PTO meeting date: Tuesday, May 6, at 6:00pm.
- Reading and approval of the February minutes.



# Introduction of PTO Executive Board

- President - Abby McGill (3rd Grade Parent)
- Vice President - Nick Kushner (1st and Pre-K3 Parent)
- Treasurer - Chris Santulli (1st and K Parent)
- Secretary - Julie Muir (5th, 3rd, and K Parent)
- Teacher Representative - Mr. Jason Yoho (Kindergarten)
- Principal - Dr. Carrie Broquard

Many thanks to Brandon Scott, who after serving as president of the Miner PTO for three years stepped down last month.



# School & Administration Update



# Community School Update

Ms. ShaLisa Richardson

[srichardson@ebfsc.org](mailto:srichardson@ebfsc.org)

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



# Community School Update



**EDGEWOOD/  
BROOKLAND**  
FAMILY SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE



## Miner is proud to be a Community School!

Since the 2018-19 School Year, Miner has partnered with the [Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative](#) to implement the Community School Model at Miner.

### **What is a Community School?**

A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on health and academics, youth and community development and community engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities. Schools become centers of the community and are open to everyone-all day, every day, evenings and weekends. [Click here to learn about the OSSE Community School Initiative.](#)

# School Committee Reports

Mutual Aid Network  
Garden/FoodPrints  
LSAT





# Miner Mutual Aid Network

Jon Clark

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





MINER MUTUAL AID NETWORK

# MONTHLY COMMUNITY TABLE

Solidarity. Community. Support.



# Miner Mutual Aid Network

- Created as an equity committee action team in May 2020 to support the Miner Community during and after the pandemic.
- Mutual Aid is solidarity. Whether you need help or have help to give the Mutual Aid Network exists to provide support.
- Partnered with the Ward 6 Mutual Aid Network to provide PPE, food, household items and other supports to the Miner community.
- Established monthly Community Table events for the Miner community to access food, PPE, household items, children's books and toys, and distance learning support.
- We are looking for volunteers to join our planning and action team. Please [click here to sign up](#) if you're interested in volunteering at the next event.

**Next Community Table: Saturday, April 5, 2025 11am - noon**



# LSAT Report

Nick Kushner

Next Meeting: 5:30 pm April 29

[minereslsat@gmail.com](mailto:minereslsat@gmail.com)

<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, community member(s), PTO leader, and WTU building rep.
- Primary purpose is to advise the Principal on school priorities, goals, budget, and comprehensive school plan.
- All meetings are open to the public, and all members of the Miner Community are welcome to join and ask questions. Exception is during closed budget deliberations in February.
- SY2024-25 LSAT:
  - Parents: Jeff Giertz, Nick Kushner, Julie Muir, Abby McGill (appointed as PTO Rep)
  - Teachers: Mr. Kolanji Alexander, Mr. Jason Yoho, Ms. Deanna Dykes (appointed as WTU Rep)
  - Staff: TBD (1 elected by non-WTU staff)
  - Community Rep: ShaLisa Richardson (number may vary, elected by LSAT)
  - Chairs: Mr. Yoho and Julie Muir
  - Secretary: Nick Kushner
- For more information on the Miner LSAT, visit <https://www.minerelementary.org/lSAT.html>

Direct questions to [minereslsat@gmail.com](mailto:minereslsat@gmail.com)

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# Food Prints

Nyeelah Briscoe



# Regular PTO Business

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<https://www.minerelementary.org/parent-teacher-organization.html>



- Engagement Survey Results
- Teacher Representative Report
- Treasurer Report
- Upcoming Events
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Bear Paw Fund
- How to Connect

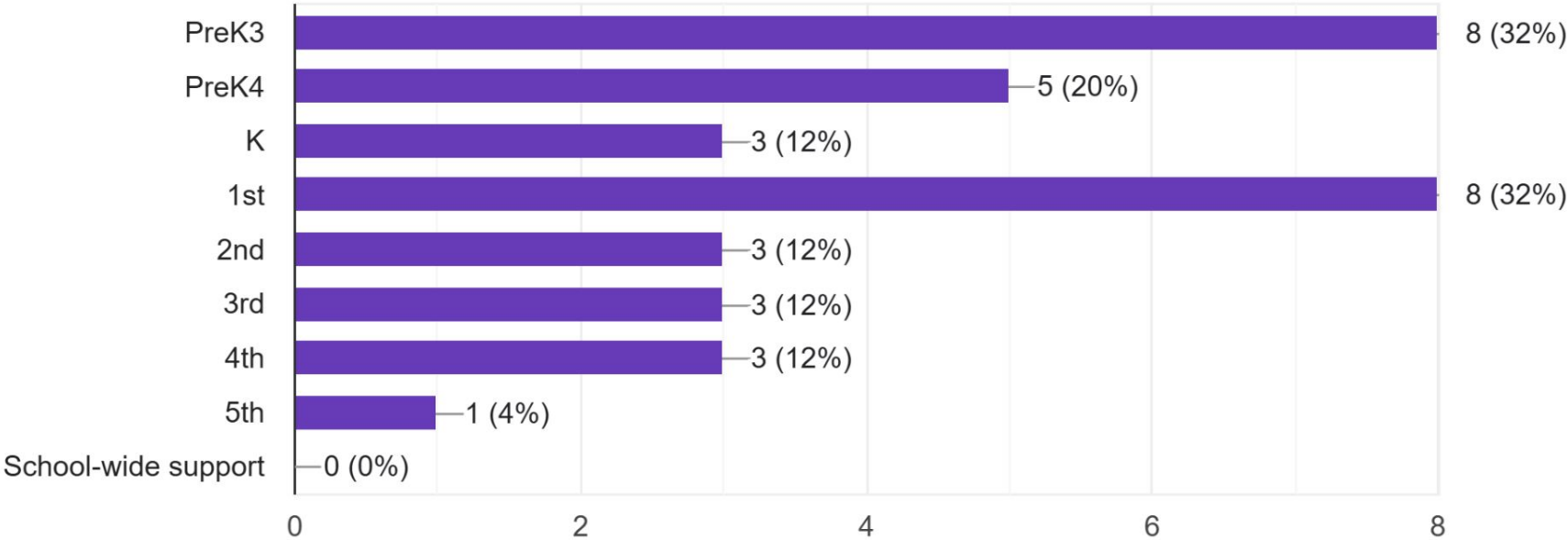




# Engagement Survey Results

Guardians: What grade(s) is your child(ren) in? Staff: What grade do you work in? (Select all that apply)

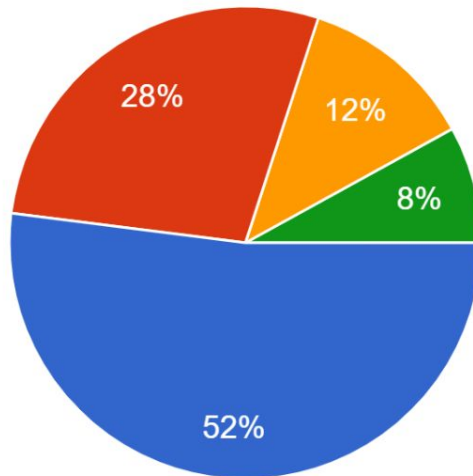
25 responses



# Engagement Survey Results

How familiar are you with the PTO and its role?

25 responses



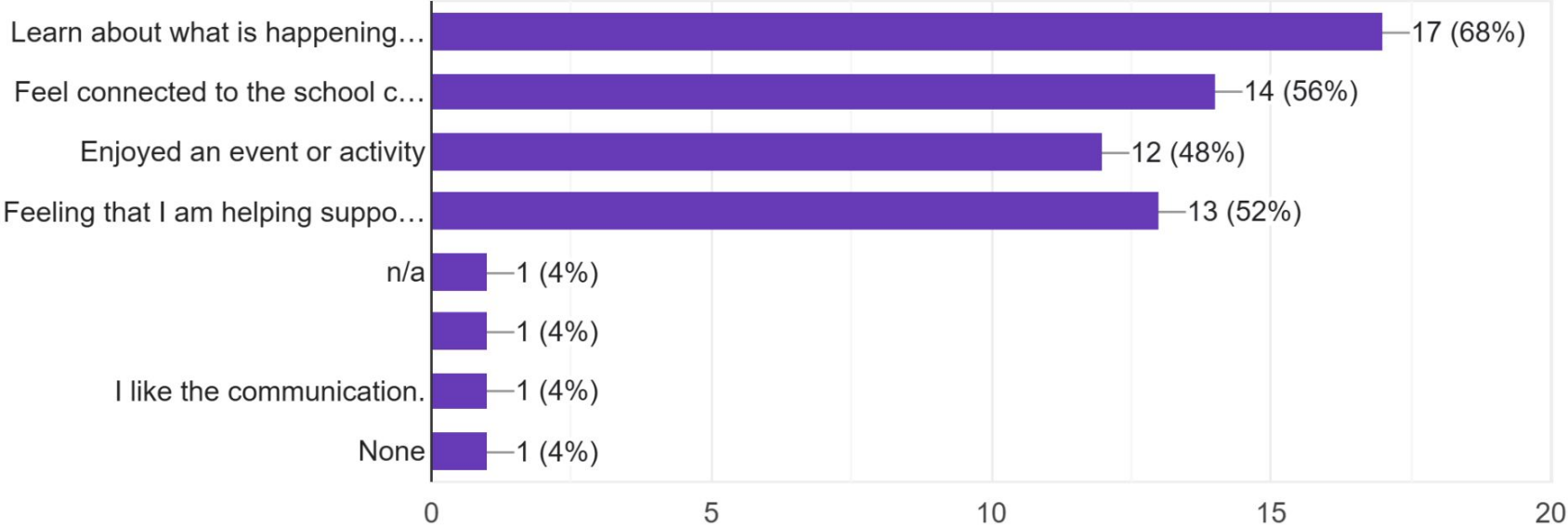
- Very familiar – I know what the PTO does and how to get involved
- Somewhat familiar – I have a general idea but don't know the details
- Not very familiar – I've heard of the PTO but don't know what it does
- Not familiar at all



# Engagement Survey Results

What have you most valued in your previous engagement with the PTO? (Check all that apply)

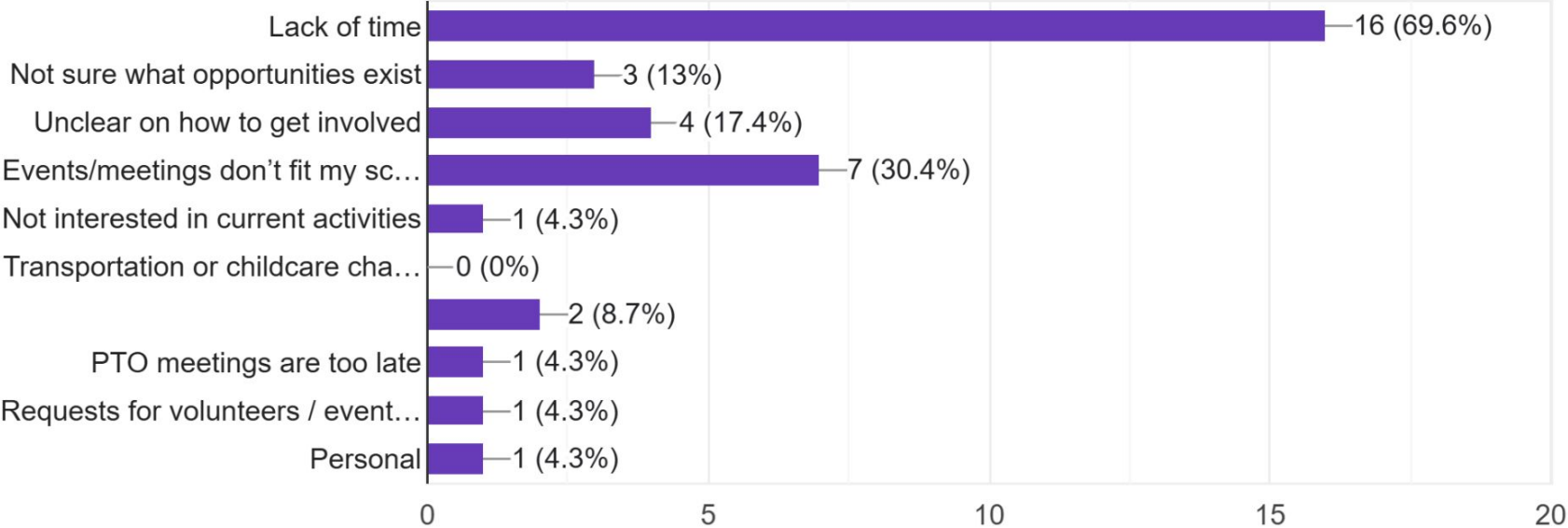
25 responses



# Engagement Survey Results

What are the biggest barriers to your involvement with the PTO? (Check all that apply)

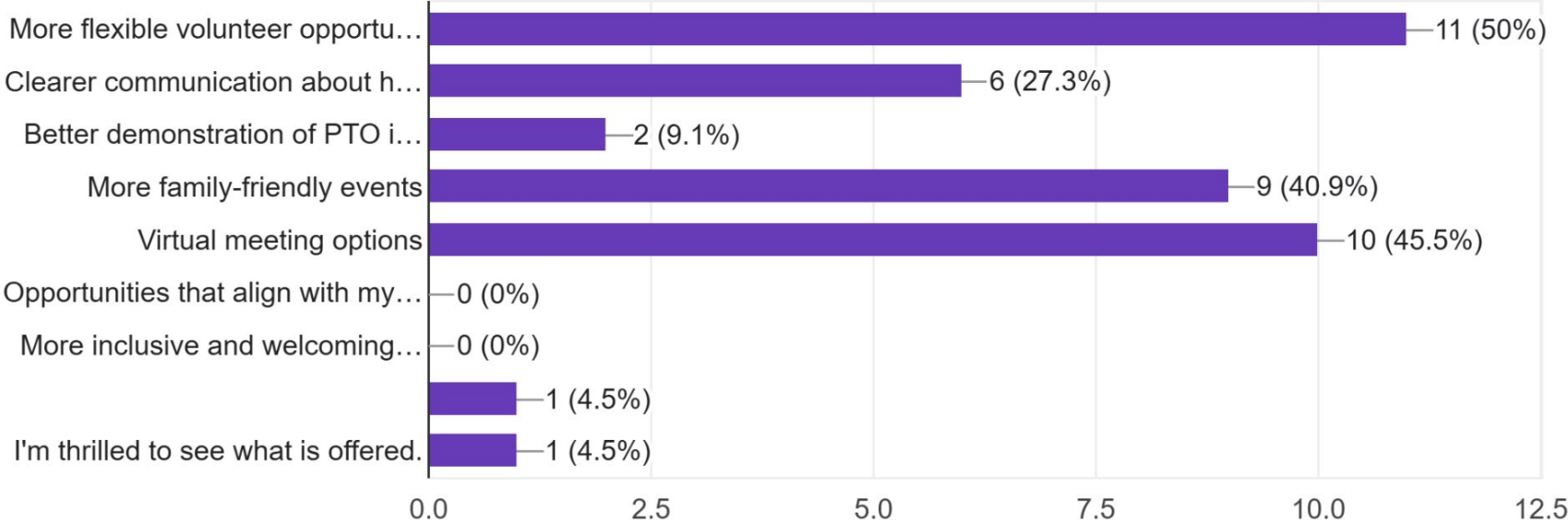
23 responses



# Engagement Survey Results

What would make you more likely to engage with the PTO? (Check all that apply)

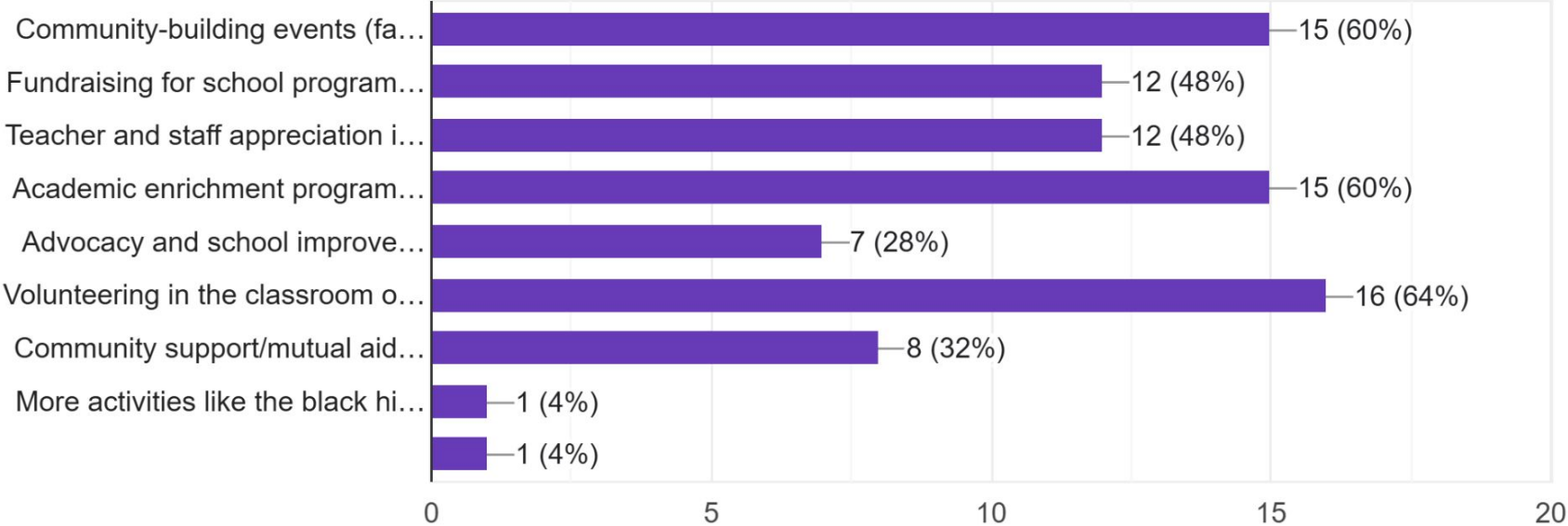
22 responses



# Engagement Survey Results

What types of activities or initiatives are you most interested in? (Check all that apply)

25 responses



# Teacher Representative's Report

Mr. Yoho

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# Treasurer's Report

Chris Santulli

[minerptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:minerptotreasurer@gmail.com)





# Upcoming Events, Reminders, & Opportunities





MINER PTO PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL

# CAPITAL CANDY JAR FUNDRAISER

JOIN US FOR THE SWEETEST DEAL IN TOWN

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

12:00PM - 7:00PM

AT THE CAPITAL CANDY JAR

201 15TH STREET NE  
CAPITALCANDYJAR.COM

ON APRIL 6 MENTION MINER  
ELEMENTARY WHEN SHOPPING IN-  
PERSON AT THE CAPITAL CANDY JAR  
TO RECEIVE 5% OFF YOUR ORDER.\*

THE CAPITAL CANDY JAR WILL  
GENEROUSLY DONATE 25% OF THE  
PROFITS FROM THOSE SALES TO THE  
MINER PTO.



\*CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH OTHER OFFERS

## Annual Capital Candy Jar Fundraiser

- Sunday, April 6
- Receive 5% off your order when you mention Miner
- PTO receives 25% of every Miner-tagged purchase
- Cherry blossom and Easter candy will be for sale
- Miner PTO will have a playdate outside at 2 p.m.
- **Please help us spread the word!!!**



MINER PTO & ATLAS BREW  
WORKS PRESENT THE

# MIGHTY MINER HAPPY HOUR

ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR  
MONTHLY HAPPY HOUR AT  
ATLAS BREW WORKS. JUST  
MENTION "MINER" AND THE  
PTO GETS \$1 PER PINT!

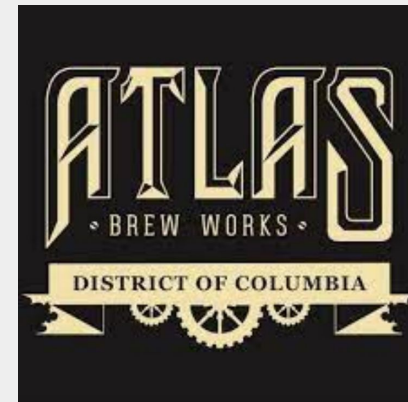
**5-7 PM ON THE  
FOLLOWING FRIDAYS:**

SEPTEMBER 20	FEBRUARY 21
OCTOBER 18	MARCH 21
NOVEMBER 15	APRIL 18*
DECEMBER 20	MAY 16
JANUARY 17*	<small>*DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</small>

ATLAS BREW WORKS IVY CITY  
2052 WEST VIRGINIA AVE NE  
ATLASBREWWORKS.COM  
MINERELEMENTARY.ORG

Join Us for Our Monthly PTO Happy  
Hour at Atlas Brew Works Ivy City!

- Our next happy hour is April 25
- Held one Friday a month at Atlas Brew Works
- 2052 West Virginia Ave NE
- Mention "Miner Elementary" when you arrive
- For every pint purchased the PTO gets \$1
- Kids, friends, family, dogs welcome



# Calendar of Events (1 of 3)

## Tuesday, April 5

- **11:00 AM - NOON in the parking lot // Mutual Aid 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, household items, clothes, and other necessities for any member of the community in need.

## Monday, April 7

- **No School for Students (Professional Development Day)**

## April 14-18

- **Spring Break! (no school for students)**

## Tuesday, April 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 Parent Teacher Organization.](#)



# Calendar of Events (2 of 3)

## Friday, April 25

- **5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Atlas Brew Works Ivy City // Mighty Miner Happy Hour:** All are invited to join us for our monthly PTO happy hour at Atlas Brew Works! For every pint purchased, the PTO gets \$1. Bring your friends, bring your family, bring your kids. All are welcome. Just be sure to mention "Miner Elementary" when you place your order! For more info (including upcoming Happy Hour dates) [click here](#). We hope to see you there! [Atlas Brew Works](#) is located at 2052 West Virginia Avenue NE.

## Saturday, April 26

- **9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Miner Elementary // Enrollment:** Enrollment Saturday provides an opportunity for families to complete enrollment outside of regular school hours. Staff will be present to help families complete their enrollment paperwork.

## Tuesday, April 29

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

## Friday, May 2

- **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Gym // Spring Dance:** All students and families are invited to join us for our annual Spring Dance! More information and volunteer opportunities coming!.



# Calendar of Events (2 of 3)

## Thursday, May 1

- Enrollment closes for lottery families

## May 5-9

- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week** // More details forthcoming!

## Tuesday, May 6

- **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria // PTO General Meeting:** Join us for our monthly PTO General Meeting for membership to hear the latest news, developments, and plans from the PTO leadership, Dr. Broquard, and special guests. [Click here for more information about the Miner PTO.](#)



# PTO Volunteer Opportunities!

- Help spread the word about the Capital Candy Jar fundraiser to neighbors on the Hill
- Volunteer at the Mutual Aid Community Table (link forthcoming)
- [Volunteer at the Spring Dance](#)
- Help us put on Staff Appreciation events (attend the next Leadership Team Meeting on April 22 at 6 p.m. to plan the schedule of events, or contact [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com) with ideas and offers of assistance!)





# PTO Volunteer Opportunities!

We are always looking for volunteers. We need help at a variety of levels. Whether you may be able to help at one event or you want to Chair a Committee, please fill out the [volunteer form](#)! If you're interested in joining a specific Committee, look no further.

## PTO Committees:

- Appreciation & Recognition
- Communications
- Community Engagement
- 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/>
- Follow the school calendar on the [Miner homepage](#)! You can even add it to your phone’s calendar. You can also do this with DCPS calendar—[click here](#) to learn how.



# Donate to the Bear Paw Fund

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

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## 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 SY24-25 are to fund:

- \$200 "Mini Grants" for each classroom
  - Field trips for all grade levels
  - Support for our clubs and sports
  - Family engagement events
  - Teacher and staff appreciation
  - And much more!
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## 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"**

## How to donate:

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

# 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>



# Thank You!

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