

# Miner Elementary School

## "Bears Bulletin"

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## Principal's Corner

Hello Miner Family,

The beginning of school has finally arrived! The summer has been jammed pack with professional development and preparation and the day has finally arrived for students to once again fill the classrooms at Miner!

The staff all returned last week and have been working hard to ensure everything is perfect for the first day of school. We cannot wait to meet our students and families on Monday (K-5) and Thursday (ECE).

A huge thank you to all of the families that came out to the meet and greet event this past Wednesday. Not only was it great to see such an awesome turnout but the energy and optimism from families was inspiring.

This week's bulletin will hopefully add clarity about what to expect on day one, week one and beyond. As always, if you have questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me at [bruce.jackson@dc.gov](mailto:bruce.jackson@dc.gov) or call the main office at 202-397-3960.

Respectfully,

Bruce W. Jackson  
Interim Principal

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, August 21st - 8:45 am First Day of School K-5 @ Miner Elementary School.** We are excited to welcome our K-5 Scholars for their first day of the school year. Doors will open at 8:20am.

**Tuesday, August 22nd - ECE Home Visit Event @ Rosedale Rec Center.** Please come out and meet with our ECE educators between 10am-1pm. Meet your child's teacher and paraprofessional.

**Thursday, August 24th - 8:45 am First Day of School (ECE) @ Miner Elementary School.** We welcome back our youngest Mighty Bear Cubs for the new school year. Doors will open at 8:20am.

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## How do I know who my child's teacher is?

Rosters became available on Wednesday and a connectEd call was made from Principal Jackson informing families. If you were not able to attend the meet and greet to find out, here are the other options:

- On Monday morning rosters will be posted inside and outside of the cafeteria for families to see.
- Email Principal Jackson at [bruce.jackson@dc.gov](mailto:bruce.jackson@dc.gov) to ask for your child's classroom assignment.

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## School Supplies

Many families have asked about school supply lists. Teachers were just provided with their individual rosters at the end of last week. Teachers will send home a supply list during the first week. Rest assured that Miner has the supplies needed for students to start the school year strong. We ask that families try to get the classroom specific items in the first 2-3 weeks of school.

## After School (PAL) and Extended Day

Both After School (PK-5) with PAL and Extended Day (3-5) will begin on August 28th. The first week of school all students will be released at 3:15 pm.

### K-5 Drop Off

All students in K-5 return on Monday, August 21st! Students can begin to enter the building daily at 8:20 am through the cafeteria doors. Students will be able to eat breakfast at their grade level tables between 8:20 am and 8:45 am.

Teachers will pick up their class at 8:45am and transition them to the room to begin instruction.

EXCEPTION: On day one, parents are invited to transition to the classroom with their child until 9:15 am. An announcement will be made at 9:15 for parents to transition out of the building so that instruction can begin.

\*See the attached FAQ document for more information.

### ECE Drop Off

Our PK3 and PK4 students return on Thursday, August 24th! Students can be dropped off in rooms 103 and 105 with our paraprofessionals each day beginning at 8:20 am. This option is for parents that need to drop their child and leave immediately.

Parents wishing to drop their child directly in the classroom can do so between 8:45 am and 9:00 am where all ECE classes will be having breakfast in the classroom. Parents will depart the classroom at 9:00 am each day so that instruction can begin. All drop off entry/exit will occur through the front door to the building.

EXCEPTION: On day one, parents will be able to stay with their student from 8:45 am - 9:15 am. Parents will then be invited to meet with Principal Jackson in the cafeteria beginning at 9:15 am.

\*See the attached FAQ document for more information.

## Solar Eclipse

On the first day of school, there will be a solar eclipse. Many of our classrooms are opting to participate. Any family that wishes to opt-out and have their student not participate can do so by filling out an "Opt-Out" form. The school has enough glasses for all students to participate. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the main office at 202-397-3960.



## REMINDERS:

### Before Care and After Care

**Before Care:** Before care will be provided beginning on September 5th.

**After Care:** We are excited to announce that People. Animals. Love (PAL) is returning as the aftercare provider at Miner ES this year. Spots are going extremely quickly - only a few seats remain - so if you have not done so please ensure you complete the Out of School Time application with DCPS. More details can be found at <https://dcps.dc.gov/afterschool>

\* See the attached flyer for registration details.

### School Policies

**Attendance** - Students should be in school, on time, each and every day beginning on day one! The statistics show that students who miss school, even as early as PK3, are less likely to be reading on grade level beyond 3rd grade. Please support your child and the school by ensuring they are with us each and every day.

**Parking Lot** - During morning drop off and afternoon pick up parents are asked to park in the large square lot. The circular lot will be reserved for staff parking and bus drop off and pick up.

**Sign In** - All parents/guardians are required to sign in daily with security upon entering the building. While this can sometimes feel like a hassle it is essential to ensuring your child's safety and security. Security is required to implement a 100% ID check. We ask that parents and guardians ensure they have their proper photo ID with them to speed up the sign-in process.

**Uniforms** - Miner Elementary School is a uniform school and we expect all of our scholars in proper uniform each day. The proper uniform consists of a white or light blue top and navy blue bottoms. Acceptable tops include a collared shirt, blouse, or approved school spirit apparel. Acceptable navy bottoms include pants, skirts, or shorts of appropriate length. Navy blue jumpers and navy blue sweaters are also acceptable. All shoes should be comfortable and be closed-toed. If you are experiencing difficulty please contact the school and as to speak to the school social workers.



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## Frequently Asked Questions:

### **What time does school open?**

School doors will open at 8:20 a.m., with instruction beginning at 8:45 a.m. If there is ever a two-hour delay, it will open at 10:20 a.m., with instruction beginning at 10:45 a.m. There will be no supervision of students before 8:20am so please do not send them early.

### **What are the arrival procedures for students in K-5?**

All students (K-5) are dropped off in the cafeteria any time after 8:20 a.m. Breakfast is served until 8:45 a.m., teachers will pick-up students from there. Any student that arrives after 8:45 a.m. will need to check in with the office to receive a tardy pass prior to heading to class. This ensures that students are marked as present when they arrive late.

### **What are the arrival procedures for students in ECE (Early Childhood Education)?**

**Beginning Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>:** All students arriving between 8:20 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. will be dropped off by parents in rooms 103 and 105 with the instructional paraprofessionals. If a parent wishes to drop off their student between 8:40 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., students can be brought directly to their classroom. All ECE students will have the option to eat breakfast in the classroom between 8:45am and 9:00am. Parents will depart by 9:00am each day.

### **Is arrival different on the first day of school?**

Yes, we encourage families to visit their student's classrooms from 8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. on the first two days of school, for K-5 and ECE. ECE families will be invited to attend a brief orientation with Principal Jackson on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am for all those who can attend.

### **Can I stay in my child's ECE classroom?**

We wish to create an inviting environment for families while also maximizing our instructional time for students. With that being said, after the first two days of school, we ask that parents leave classrooms and hallways by 9:00 a.m. All of our teachers are happy to schedule individual meetings to address your questions or concerns outside of instructional time.

### **When and how are students picked up?**

We hope to maximize instruction and minimize distractions, so students cannot be picked up from 2:30pm – 3:10pm, unless there is an emergency or necessary appointment. Doors will open at 3:15, and all students from ECE - K will be picked up from the ECE doors near the playground. Grades 1-2 will be dismissed from the gym at 3:15pm. Students in grades 3-5 will be dismissed from the gym at 4:15pm (beginning the second week of school). For students that are not in afterschool, they will need to be picked up by 3:25. For older students that walk, they will be dismissed as their classes come to the gym.

**Afterschool:** All students will be signed out from the aftercare desk.

### **Who can pick up my child?**

All names of those that can pick up your child need to be on the registration form in the main office, please update that list as needed. If someone not on the list needs to pick up a child - please inform the homeroom teacher, and send a written note to the main office. The adult picking up the student will need ID. With safety as our top priority, we will not let students leave with others unless the aforementioned procedure has been followed.

**What grades are departmentalized?**

Grades 2-5 will be departmentalized this year meaning that students will have separate teachers for math and reading/writing instruction. So, regardless of the homeroom, all students in Grades 2-5, will have all teachers at the grade level.

**What supplies are needed to begin school?**

Students should attend school with a backpack. Teachers will send home supply lists during the first week of school. We have sufficient supplies to begin the year and we ask that families try to have required supplies in the first 2-3 weeks of school.

**What is the Miner ES School Uniform?**

Miner Elementary School is a uniform school and we expect students to adhere to the uniform at all times. In the event of a dress-down day, the school will send home written communication in advance. Close-toed shoes are required everyday for safety reasons – students will not be able to participate in physical education or recess if appropriate shoes are not worn. Our uniforms are light blue or white shirts/tops with dark/navy blue colored pants, skirts and jumper. There is no specific vendor that is required.

**When does afterschool begin?**

Afterschool begins the second week of school, August 28th. Please contact our afterschool coordinator, Mr. Greer with any questions ([michael@peopleanimalslove.org](mailto:michael@peopleanimalslove.org)).

**Is there before-school if I need to drop my student off before 8:15 a.m.?**

Miner ES will have before care beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup>. The delay is due to a change in vendors to Springboard Kids. The registration is open online and does come at a cost for parents. If your child is not in before care please do not send them before 8:20am because there will be no supervision for students outside or inside until 8:20am daily. Registration information is posted on the school website.

**What about everything else?**

are here to support families and students, so please feel free to reach out to the main office (202) 397 3960, the interim principal, Bruce Jackson, ([bruce.jackson@dc.gov](mailto:bruce.jackson@dc.gov)), or the assistant principal, Camille Anderson ([Camille.townsend@dc.gov](mailto:Camille.townsend@dc.gov)), at anytime.





# Miner Elementary School 2017 - 2018

## Join Springboard at Miner Elementary School for before school care this fall!

Springboard's extended day program offers:

**Research-Based Programming:** Activities are based on academic research regarding student learning - academic skills, social-emotional development, physical well-being and healthy choices.

**Captivating Student Activities:** Our programs deliver exciting, motivating and fun activities for students that extend their learning into the out-of-school-time environment.

**High Quality Staff:** Our programs are staffed with experienced teachers who are deeply committed to improving educational outcomes for children.

**Close School Partnerships:** Our programs are deeply embedded within our partner schools' community and are aligned to the needs and culture of each school.

**Parent Engagement:** We regularly connect with parents through multiple modes of communication.

**Safe Environment:** We ensure a safe and nurturing environment within our programs.

### Program Rates for Springboard

**Full-time:** \$8.00 / day (AM only)

**Regular Part-time:** \$9.00 / day (AM only)

**Daily Flex:** \$11.00 / day (AM only)

**Registration Fee:** \$49.99 per family per school year



### Program Information

Area Director: Ashley Olt,  
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Program Hours:  
AM: 7:00 – 8:30

Program Grades: PreK-5th

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