

Miner Elementary School

"Bears Bulletin"

Third Edition, September 5th, 2017



Principal's Corner

Hello Miner Family,

The first two weeks are in the books and I cannot thank the community enough for all of the support so far. I hope that each family feels the same positive energy in the building that I have so far.

Teachers are planning dynamic lessons to engage all of our students while also building strong classroom communities. Staff will continue to reach out on a regular basis to ensure that the lines of communication are always open and we encourage families to reach out directly to staff to schedule conversations whenever they are needed. If you ever need assistance scheduling a conversation with a teacher please contact the office and we will be happy to assist.

In order to ensure that we are achieving excellence together this year I wanted to encourage each family to be as involved with the PTO as possible. This week the PTO holds its elections (more information [here](#)) for leadership and membership on several key committees and the first PTO General Meeting will occur in the Cafeteria on September 12th at 6:00pm. Please consider joining us as we kick off the new school year and set our direction.

As always, if you have questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me at bruce.jackson@dc.gov or call the main office at 202-397-3960.

Respectfully,

Bruce W. Jackson
Interim Principal

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 5th - Before care begins through an outside provider - SpringboardKids. Registration information can be found [here](#).

Tuesday, September 12th – **PTO Meeting**. The first PTO meeting of the year will begin at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.

Wednesday, September 13th - **NO Extended Day**. Next week the staff at Miner will have a staff meeting from 3:30-4:30pm which means Extended Day for grades 3-5 will be cancelled. PAL programming will continue as normal.

September 20th, 2017 - **5:00pm - 6:30pm Back to School Night** @ Miner Elementary School. All Families are invited back to meet with the leadership team and staff at Miner. Learn what we have planned for the year and what your students will be learning this year.

New (staff) to Miner

This year we have a number of new staff joining us at Miner Elementary School. Every two weeks we will highlight a new team member in this section.

This week we are pleased to introduce a few new names.

Larry Donathan - ELL Instructor

Mr. Donathan supports several schools by providing service to our English Language Learners. We are pleased to have him join us as part of the Miner Family.

Lashan Kirby -Dean of Students

Ms. Kirby joins the Miner Family this year as the dean. She is working to support the social-emotional needs of the scholars at Miner Elementary School.

After School (PAL) and Extended Day

PAL runs daily from 3:15pm-6:00pm for all registered students.

Extended Day is for students in Grades 3-5 and runs from 3:15-4:15pm on Mondays-Thursdays. If you are having difficulty picking up a ECE-2nd graders as well as a 3rd - 5th grader please contact Principal Jackson for assistance.



Photos from the first ECE Community Meeting of the 2017-2018 School Year.

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 that your child's safety and security is cared for. 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.