

Miner Elementary School

"Bears Bulletin"

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Principal's Corner

Hello Miner Family,

It was great to so see many families come out and participate in our first PTO meeting of the school year. It is my sincerest hope that even more will be in attendance when we meet again in October. As a school community, we have a great deal of work to engage in this year to ensure that we are moving in the right direction for all of our scholars and I am honored to support such a dedicated group of educators as we do this work each day.

On Wednesday (September 20th) we welcome all of our families for Back to School Night! We will open the doors at 4:45pm and begin a whole group session at 5:15pm. After a very brief whole group session, we will get families into class with our amazing educators to learn about what your scholars will be learning this year. We hope to see you then!

I have really enjoyed getting to speak with so many of you each day at morning arrival, afternoon dismissal, and PAL pick-up. If you ever have a question or concerns please reach out to any member of the admin team and we will do everything we can to assist.

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 19th -LSAT Meeting. Our newly Elected members of the LSAT will have our first meeting. It is open for any and all to observe if you so desire. The meeting will be at 5:00 pm in the LArge Group Instruction Room.

Wednesday, September 20th - Back to School Night 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. We invite all of our families to come out, hear from the school leadership team and meet with your child's teacher to see what they will be learning this year.

Friday, September 22nd, 2017 - NO SCHOOL School is closed for students due to Professional Development for teachers and staff.

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 introduce Mr. Faison.

Marcus Faison - Student Support Specialist

Mr. Faison is working this year as the student support specialist. His role is to work to support the social-emotional needs of our scholars through interventions and the reflection/cool down space. Mr. Faison has a background working with students with disabilities, most recently at Walker-Jones Education Campus before returning to Miner ES. We are thrilled to have him on the team!

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.

PTO Meeting Dates SY 17-18

September 12
October 3
November 7
December 5
January 9
February 6
March 6
April 3
May 1
June 5

Meetings are held at 6:00 pm in the Miner ES Cafeteria. They are open to all!

The PTO Executive Board for SY17-18 was elected last week and the representatives are:

- President: David Treat (parent)
- Vice-President: Julie Muir (parent)
- Treasurer: Derek Herr (parent)
- Secretary: Lindsay Brown (ECE teacher)
- Teacher Representative: Carol Betts (K teacher)

Please join me in congratulating the elected members! We look forward to a productive and collaborative year this 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.

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.