

Miner Elementary School

"Bears Bulletin"

Fifth Edition, October 2nd, 2017



Principal's Corner

Hello Miner Family,

Let me begin this week by thanking all of the families who came out for back to school night! It was great to see so many of you and to get you an opportunity to see the stars of the show - the amazing teachers at Miner.

As the year is in full swing we have a lot of great things going on. Our PTO's grants committee secured a 2 year, \$35,000 grant from OSSE to support the amazing garden space we have at Miner. Thank you to all of those who worked on and supported this effort.

The PTO is also in the middle of a huge Move!Play!Grow! Fundraising campaign to support the students at Miner. There are many ways for families to support - please visit the website for more details - your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Our DC Scores Scholar-Athletes are currently undefeated in league play and come home this Thursday for their home opener - please consider coming out to the field at Miner to support them!

This Wednesday morning Miner will be participating in the Walk to School day from Lincoln Park. We are excited that we will be joined by the Mayor on our walk back to Miner so please come out and join us!

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, October 3rd -PTO Meeting. Please come and join the PTO for their second meeting of the new school year at 6:00pm in the cafeteria at Miner.

Wednesday, October 4th - Walk to School Day 7:30 am @ Lincoln Park. We invite all of our families to come out and walk to school with us! The Mayor is slated to join the Miner delegation on our walk from Lincoln Park. There will be **free coffee from Zeke's** (bring your own cup!), snacks, speeches, fun activities for the kids, warm-up exercises, a marching band, cheerleaders and more!

Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 - NO Extended Day for Grades 3-5 Extended Day for student in grades 3-5 will be cancelled due to the monthly staff meeting. PAL and DC Scores will run as normally scheduled.

Thursday, October 5th, 2017 - Picture Day: Studio K will be at Miner to take "Fall Season School & Personality Photos." You can obtain order forms from the front office. Order forms are required to participate.

Thursday, October 5th, 2017 - DC Scores Home Opener @ 4:00pm. Our DC Scores teams (boys and girls) have opened the season with two road wins. Please come out to Miner and cheer them on in their first home game of the season.

Friday, October 6th, 2017 - 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM in the Parent Center // PreK Parent Committee Meeting: PK3 and PK4 parents meet to discuss upcoming ECE events and get the latest news from DCPS's Early Childhood Division.

Monday, October 9th, 2017 - NO SCHOOL. School will be closed for the Columbus Day Holiday.

Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 - LSAT Meeting. All are welcome to observe the LSAT team meeting help at 5:00pm in the Large Group Instruction Room.

New (staff) to Miner

This year we have a number of new staff joining us at Miner Elementary School. This week we introduce our Literacy Lab Tutors.

Kathryn Hunt - Literacy Lab Tutor

Kathryn Hunt will be a K-3 Tutor for this school year at Miner Elementary. Prior to joining the Literacy Lab, she worked as a fulltime nanny and worked in daycare settings. She has studied Criminal Justice through Liberty University. Her love for reading began as a child where she was blessed to have parents that read to her every night before bedtime. Some of her favorites are the Harry Potter series, Magic Tree House, Amelia Bedelia, and Junie B. Jones!

Anna Robinson - Literacy Lab Tutor

Anna Robinson graduated in June from Carleton College in Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in physics. She believes everyone deserves a chance to succeed. Closing the literacy gap in early education tremendously increases a child's chance of succeeding in school. Some of her favorite activities include hiking, playing soccer, reading, playing the clarinet, and building things! Her favorite children's books include Harry Potter, Magic Tree House, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

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.