

Miner Elementary School

"Bears Bulletin"

April 2, 2018



Principal's Corner

Hello Miner Family,

Allow me to apologize for the hiatus of the Bears Bulletin. There has been a lot going on at Miner and I am going to refocus on ensuring we share that good news with families!

I need to start off by thanking the entire community for the all of the support. I am extremely excited and humbled to have received support from the PTO Leadership, Washington Teachers Union SCAC committee, and LSAT that lead to the chancellor appointing me with the honor of continuing to serve at Miner for next year! My admin team and I are very thankful for the opportunity to continue to work with your children and you as partners in education moving forward.

In light of recent events in society, the issue of student safety continues to be at the forefront of our minds. Each month, Miner Elementary school engages in fire drills to ensure that our students and staff practice what to do in the event that we need to evacuate the building. Unfortunately, we also need to practice lockdown style drills so that the community is prepared in the event of a threat to the school. Students were led by staff in a lockdown drill in which they had to secure themselves in the classroom. This drill is to simulate the process we would use in the event of an intruder on the school property. While we hope to never need these procedures it is nonetheless important that we are always prepared for the worse while we continue to hope for the best. We will continue to practice for many possibilities such as fires, earthquakes/weather disasters, lockdowns, and relocations. If Miner ever had to relocate for any reason, Rosedale Recreation Center is the designated relocation site. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Dr. King or me.

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Re-enrollment season is here! Beginning today on April 2nd we will start re-enrolling families for next school year. Bring in your proof of residency documents and complete an enrollment form between 8am and 4:30pm to secure your child's seat at Miner of SY18-19. In order to try to accommodate busy schedules, we have the following extended hours to support families:

Thursday, April 5th, 2018 – Extended Enrollment Hours until 7pm at Miner
Saturday, April 7th, 2018 from 10am – 2pm – Open Enrollment at Miner ES
Monday, April 9th, 2018 – Extended Enrollment Hours until 7pm at Miner

The students in grades 3-5 are continuing to prepare for the PARCC exam when we return from Spring Break. We are extremely proud of their hard work and will be communicating specific testing dates to individual grade levels the week we return from Spring Break. 4th graders are up first, starting on April 10th.

As the year continues to fly by I know many of you are beginning to think about summer activities for your children. The Office of Out of School Time provided the attached flyer in regards to some optional summer learning opportunities for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

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
Principal

Major Things Happening at Miner Elementary

- Several 5th Graders got the opportunity to learn to ice skate through a partnership with the Washington Capitals. They also played street hockey (and won) against peers from another DCPS Elementary School!
- Scholars put on an amazing celebration for Black History Month on February 28th. The teachers and students put together a program to make us all proud!
- In March we are celebrating Women's History Month. Each day we are celebrating an influential Woman in society. While one month is not enough days, we are hoping to educate and inspire our scholars to the tremendous accomplishment of some of these influential women.
- DC Scores Soccer is back! Our students are excited to begin their soccer and poetry again in April.
- Miner ES will be a host site for Capital Hill Little League, including a handful of our own Mighty Miner Bears. They will practice each night and play games on Saturdays.

Upcoming Events

Monday, April, 2nd - Re-Enrollment - Miner Elementary School begins re-enrollment. Please bring your proof of residency documents and fill out the re-enrollment packet in the main office!

Tuesday, April, 3rd - PTO Meeting – Please join us at 6:00pm for the monthly PTO general meeting.

Wednesday, April, 4th - No Extended Day (3-5) The Miner staff will have its monthly staff meeting. There will be no extended day for 3rd-5th-grade students. PALS programming will occur as usual.

Thursday, April, 5th - DC Scores Soccer - The spring soccer season begins with a home game against Imagine Hope at 3:30pm.

Friday, April, 6th - 1/2 Day of School - All Students will be released at 12:15 pm.