

# Miner Elementary School

## "Bears Bulletin"

August 19, 2018



## Principal's Corner

Hello Miner Family,

The time has come! The staff and I are so excited to get to see our students and families beginning on Monday and Thursday! We hope each family had a great summer and are ready to set off on the journey ahead along with the rest of the Miner Family.

My Bears Bulletin newsletter will go out every two weeks to the entire school email list. The hope is that our families receive it as a way to keep everyone informed of the happenings at school.

Let me begin with a few updates from the summer:

- The ECE Playground work is well underway! It is scheduled to open to our PK3 and PK4 students when we return from Labor Day weekend. In the meantime, alternative arrangements have been made for the students to still receive their recess time for the first weeks of school.
- Miner will embark on a redesign of the K-5 playground structures and surrounding grounds beginning in early September. The recent city budget included a substantial allotment for us to make upgrades and reimagine the space. The school will have a committee working on this that includes 3 parent representatives. Those interested in sharing opinions should reach out to the PTO leadership at [minerpto@gmail.com](mailto:minerpto@gmail.com).
- Painting - This weekend Miner's common spaces and hallways are getting a repaint. Next weekend the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, cafeteria, and the gym will also be painted.

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With school starting this week I also wanted to share a few reminders:

- **Attendance** - Classes begin each day at 8:45 am. Students wishing to eat breakfast should arrive by 8:30 am. Any student arriving after 8:45 am will be marked tardy.
- **Uniforms** - Miner is a uniform school. Students should wear navy blue bottoms (pants/skirts/shorts) and either white, navy blue, or light blue polo style shirts.
- **Drop Off (K-5)** - Students enter the building from the cafeteria doors. Parents are welcome to stay in the cafeteria up until 8:40 am.
- **Drop Off (ECE)** - Parents drop off students in rooms 101 and 105 in the mornings with the classroom paraprofessionals.
- **Pick Up (1st - 5th)** - Parents will pick their children up at 3:15pm each day directly from the gym. If someone other than the parent will be doing pick up then the parent **MUST** complete the authorization form. This applies for day one.
- **Pick Up (K and ECE)** - Parents will pick up students from the ECE playground area. Students will be dismissed from that side of the building and parents must sign out their student. If someone other than the parent will be doing pick up then the parent **MUST** complete the authorization form. This applies for day one. Students can only be picked up by someone older than 13 years of age.

We are so excited to see everyone this week (Monday or Thursday)! Please reach out if there is anything I can assist with before Day One.

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  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

**Monday - August, 20th** - **First Day (K-5)**- WELCOME BACK! Doors will open at 8:20 am.

**Thursday - August, 23rd** - **First Day (ECE)** WELCOME (and Welcome Back)! Doors will open at 8:20 am. ECE Families are invited to a 9:30 am orientation with Principal Jackson in the cafeteria.

**Monday - September 3rd** - **No School** - School will be closed for the holiday.

**Monday - September, 10th** - **Grandparents Day Event** - Bring Grandma and Grandpa in on Monday (9/10) for an event in the cafeteria from 8:30 am-9:30 am. More details to come!

**Thursday - September, 20th** - **Back to School Night** - We will host our annual back to school night from 5:30-7:00 pm. More details will be forthcoming.