

Miner Elementary School

"Bears Bulletin"

September 18, 2018



Principal's Corner

Hello Miner Family,

It is always amazing how quickly the year moves. The midpoint of the first term is this Friday (September 21st)! We have had a number of activities thus far including our first PTO Meeting of the year and our first annual Grandparents Appreciation Breakfast. Below are a few updates:

- We are slated to get a \$1.5 million upgrade to our outside space that is currently the field and K-5 play structures. Please stay tuned for additional opportunities to provide input over the next few months. Thank you to those who attended the first meeting to discuss this exciting project.
- The ECE Playground is slated to open soon! We are currently waiting on a few parts to be completed. Once the new gates are installed we will open the play structure for our Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 students!
- Sports and Clubs are starting. Attached to this email you will find a list of teacher and staff led clubs and activities for students in K-5 to sign up and participate in. In addition, DC Scores Soccer is ready for their first game of the season. Thursdays are game days! Clubs and activity permission slips will go home at the end of the week. Students must have signed permission slips to participate in clubs after school. DC Scores Soccer and PAL programming will continue to run as normal.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday at 5:30pm for Back to School Night! 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

Upcoming Events

Tuesday - September, 18th - **LSAT Meeting** - The first LSAT Meeting of the year will be held at 5:30 pm in the Large Group Instruction Room.

Thursday - September, 20th - **Back to School Night** - We will host our annual back to school night from 5:30-7: 00 pm. We will begin in the cafeteria promptly at 5:30pm and then parents will get to visit classrooms to hear about and see what students have been doing and what they will be learning this year.

After School Clubs

Club Name	Grades	Days	Description	Sponsor
Girls on the Run	3-5	Mondays, Wednesdays	Self-esteem building and exercise for girls 3-5 grade with an ending 5k race in November	Kraemer, Unger, Boyce, Hyde
Girl Power	3-5	Mondays	Girl Power will be a group of young ladies that will learn and tackle the issues that face girls in school. We will focus on self-esteem, self awareness, and leadership. This group will also work with the other Girl groups in the school to focus on one message and collected theme for girls.	Brown
DIY by Design	K-5	Mondays, Tuesdays	Students will learn to create their own masterpieces. The students will learn basic sewing skills, crafting skills, and DIY basics. K-2 students will be able to have parental assistance for their design day. 3-5 students will engage in age appropriate home decor design projects.	Yoho
Gardening and Nutrition Club	2-5	Tuesday, Thursdays	Gardening and Nutrition club takes students on journey to show how food can transform our lives on a daily basis. In the club they will learn how to sow seed, transplant, thin plants, harvest, and seed save. And when the weather does not permit for more outdoor activities they will learn how to take their harvest and turn them into delicious snacks and treats. Gardening and Nutrition club is for 2nd - 5th graders who want to learn more about where our food comes from and how we can grow food for our everyday needs.	Riddick, Luttmer, Pitoniak
Dance Ensemble	1-3	Tuesday, Thursday	Students in grades 1st - 3rd will learn ballet dance. Students will learn and execute ballet terms and	K. Hayes

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			choreography. In addition students will perform at school-wide assemblies.	
Art Club	3-5	Tuesday	Art club will be designed for students who wish to spend additional time on art by pursuing independent studies, work on team projects with other students or try out new art projects not pursued in art class.	Rossettie
Miner PEARLS (Girl's Club)	3-5	Monday	A personal development and life skill group. It aims to support girls to develop healthy and authentic self-worth by strengthening their identity and sense of purpose. ...The sessions offer participants the opportunity to develop a wide range of personal learning and group-work skills.	Coles
Technology club	K-5	Mondays	In an effort to increase student literacy and support the school with its blended learning initiative, I will host a weekly technology group to support students who are unable to get all of their time on Lexia during the academic day.	S. Smith
Spanish Club	3-5	Friday	The club will be about some Cultural aspects about the Spanish language	Amaya
Music Club	3-5	Tuesday	The music club will allow students to take concepts introduced in class and explore them in more depth. Topics will include singing, dancing, musical games, and performing on various instruments such as keyboards, percussion, and guitars.	Chubb, Hopkins

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ASL Club- American Sign Language	2	Monday	Students will learn the alphabet, basic greetings and about deaf culture.	Woodard
Reading Club	K-2	Tuesday, Thursday	Reading fun stories and completing story related activities	Esdaile
Book Club or Makerspace club	3-5	Thursday	Book club is a great opportunity to allow students to discuss books in an informal setting. They'll enjoy a community-building experience and meet with friends to choose, read, and discuss books together. By interacting with their favorite books, they'll increase their comprehension and ability to discuss what they know.	Williams

Possible clubs (coming soon):

National Conservatory of the Arts Music Program – Details will be forthcoming once confirmed. This program would have a cost for students to participate.