

Dear Mighty Miner Community –

Happy Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week!!!! Please join me in celebrating the incredible educators who care for our students every day. Every teacher and staff member take great care and love with our students and I am beyond grateful for their commitment, care, and passion for teaching our students. Thank you also to our partners who have helped us celebrate our staff – Miner PTO, Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative, and Christ City Church who have all sponsored events during this week. **Please take a moment on Friday to be sure you share your appreciation and love for your child's teachers!**

One of our very own educational aides was honored, Ms. Ruth Jones, for 40+ years of service to DC Public Schools. Ms. Jones is currently an educational aide in our PK4 classroom. She is a valued member of our school community and our school community at large. We are so very proud of the work she does for our students and families every day. She was honored on Wednesday with a plaque presented to her in her classroom by our very own Chancellor Ferebee!!!

End of Year Dates

The end of the year brings many great events and opportunities. Please save the date for these amazing events:

- May 16th – PK4 Caregiver's Day
- May 26th – Memorial Day, No School
- May 29th – Spring Musical – Beauty and the Beast
- May 30th – PK3 Caregiver's Day
- June 5th – Arts Night
- June 10th – PreK4 End of Year Celebration, 10 am
- June 11th – Field Day
- June 13th – 5th Grade Promotion, 10 am
- June 18th – Last Day of School for Students

Other Announcements

- May is also “May for Miner”!!! Please join the PTO in several fundraiser opportunities, including the Bear Paw Fund and the Coin Drive. We are always grateful for the support from our PTO and appreciate anyway families can participate. Thank you also for everyone who volunteered and attended the PTO Spring Dance. It was a GREAT way to end our week last week!
- Over the past several months, we have seen many examples of inappropriate content and conflict that our students are picking up from social media – including Tik Tok, Instagram, and reality TV shows like “Baddies”. **Please take the time to monitor your child’s social media usage.** Here’s a resource from the American Psychological association with some helpful tips. <https://www.apa.org/topics/social-media-internet/social-media-parent-tips>
- Please remember that school policy is that students may not have/use cell phones at school. If a student has a cell phone at school, they must give it to an adult or put it away in their backpack in their cubby **immediately upon arrival** and keep it put away until dismissal time.
- **Enrollment is going great!!!** We are at about 50% enrollment! Our Goal is **100% by May 30th**. You can enroll online here: <https://enrolldcps.dc.gov/node/76>
- **Next year, we are considering re-implementing a uniform policy for students.** We are interested in the opinions of you as the families! Take this quick survey here and let us know what your thoughts: <https://forms.office.com/r/VhHSPUanA9>

Have a great weekend and take care of one another,

Dr. B