Principal Angry’s Message

It was great to see families visiting their child’s classroom and learning about all of the exciting and engaging learning opportunities at “Back to School Night.” Thank you to our teachers for their hard work and preparations to ensure a successful evening.

Thank you to the members of our PTO and the informative information shared this past Tuesday, September 21st. We appreciate the awesome welcome back video prepared by our
teacher PTO representatives: Coles, Halley and Hayes! Make sure to check it out on on Miner Elementary website.

In partnership,
Katrel Angry

**Coming up @ Miner**

- 9/15-10/15-National Hispanic Heritage Month
- 9/22 National Security Officer Appreciation Day
- 9/25-Community Clean-Up Day@10 AM
- 10/1 Custodian Appreciation Day
- 10/6-Walk to School Day
- 10/7-No School (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- 10/8-No School (District-led Virtual Professional Development)
- 10/11-School Closed (Indigenous Peoples Day)

**Communications Plan**

Please expect to receive parent communication weekly from administration and teachers in the following order:
Administration
Classroom Teachers
Administration
Specials Teachers
Next week you will receive parent communication from the "Specials" team.

**Remind Communication App Update**

Look for additional information on how to sign up and or troubleshoot on the Remind app communication platform this week.

**COVID -Stronger & Safer Pledge & COVID Testing Sites**

Thank you all for your comittment with keeping the Miner Community safe and taking the [Stronger & Safer Together Pledge](#) that outlines steps to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Please click on the link below for testing sites: [Testing sites](#)
NEW PARKING PROCEDURES

- To ensure our pedestrians and bus riders are dropped off safely we are changing our parking lot procedures.
- Beginning Thursday, September 23, 2021 all car riders will be directed to our Parking Lot “B” (Playground Area) for student drop off.
- To assist with this transition, we will have cones placed as a reminder to proceed to Parking Lot “B” (Playground area) and an attendant will be present to help with directing the flow of traffic.
- As we continue to implement safe procedures for all students, please be reminded that Parking lot “A” (Front Door Entrance) is reserved for School Buses, pedestrians, and Staff parking ONLY.

We thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep Miner Elementary a safe space for all!

Hispanic Heritage Month

In honor and in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, click on the link below to learn more with great reading resources!

https://www.dclibrary.org/node/44426

Reminders

After School Programming

Afterschool programming has started and includes tutoring, academic support, as well as social activities. The afterschool program hours are 3:30-5:45pm.

The DCPS Out of School Time program application is open. Students must be registered to attend. There is currently a waitlist at Miner; however, you may sign up to be added to our waitlist and you will be notified if a seat becomes available. Applications must be completed online at: https://dcps.dc.gov/asp

Given the stricter cleaning protocols, our building closes to students promptly at 6:00pm so that our custodial team can have ample time to clean and sanitize classrooms for the next school day. All students registered for afterschool must be picked up by 5:45pm.

Immunizations

Immunizations are required for all students who will be attending school. All families are required to submit health forms, including updated immunization records and Universal Health Certificates for each student. For SY21-22, all students must have updated immunization records on file with the school. Students who are not up to date on their immunization requirements by the 20th day of school, will not be allowed to
attend school until we are in receipt of the appropriate immunization documentation. You may view OSSE's Immunization Attendance policy by clicking on the link below.

To support families with meeting these requirements, immunization pop-up clinics will be open at schools throughout August and September. DCPS school locations and hours of operation are listed below. To learn more, please visit:

https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/vaccines/#school-immunization-clinics

Pick Up Procedures:
PK3 and PK4: Students will be picked up daily at 3:15 pm (unless they are enrolled in aftercare) from the ECE Playground. Students will only be signed out and released to those individuals on their approved list of adults. Those doing pick up must have a photo ID. In the event of inclement weather, pick up will be done from the doorways near the ECE playground.

Kindergarten-5th Grade Students: Students will be picked up daily at 3:15 pm (unless they are enrolled in aftercare) from K-5 playground. Parents/Guardians will provide the name of the student(s) they are picking up to the adult on duty, then student(s) will be escorted to the gate for dismissal. Students will only be signed out and released to those individuals on the approved list of adults.

Walkers: Students in grades 3-5 who walk home must have signed permission on file with the school.

Uniform Policy
All students should arrive to school in their school uniforms. Our school uniform is as follows:

- Dark blue bottoms (pants, skirts, jumpers, or shorts)
- White, light blue, or navy-blue polos (everyone)
- Navy-blue polos (suggested for ECE)
- Any Miner school gear
- Shoes must have heel straps; no flip flops are permitted.
- Blue jeans are not a part of the school uniform

- If a student is dropped off without appropriate uniform clothes, Miner will require the student to contact their parents to bring them a proper uniform.
- Uniforms can be purchased from Target, Walmart, Old Navy, etc.
- For uniforms assistance, reach out to Ms. Woodard.
- We do ask that students in Pre-K and K bring an extra set of clothes.

Student Meals
All students are provided with breakfast and lunch at no cost every school day.

ECE and Kindergarten students will eat breakfast and lunch in their classrooms.
Students in grades 1st-5th will have staggered breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria.

Breakfast for grades K-5th grade will be from 8:20 am-8:40 am. Breakfast for ECE students will be from 8:45 am-9:00 am. Late students will be able to eat breakfast until 9:15 am.

**Food Restrictions/Allergies**
Miner Elementary School is a nut-free school. If your child has any allergies or dietary restrictions, a Special Dietary Needs Form must be turned in to the nurse and cafeteria staff. These forms need to be completed and submitted annually.

We strongly support parents sending their child with a lunch from home if the meal being served is not something their child eats, but we request the meal be comprised of healthy options to support student learning; candy, sugary snacks, and soda are not supported. Gum is not allowed in school.

Please feel free to contact mineres@k12.dc.gov if you have any questions or need any support. Please also refer to the DCPS Re-Open Strong Website for on-going updates for SY21-22.