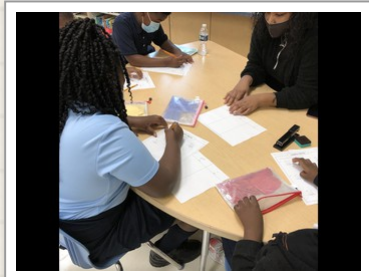


# Miner News

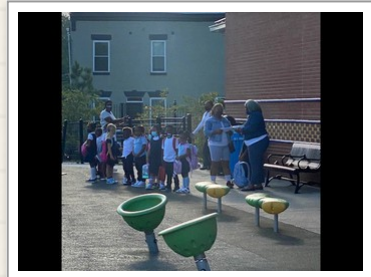
September 10, 2021



**Students Learning!**



**ECE Joins us**



**Getting better at pick up all the time!**

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## Principal Angry's Message

Families!

We have had an awesome 2 weeks of school. Its has been an immense joy to see students and teachers back at their desks and in their classrooms. Our teachers have done a wonderful job making the transition back to school feel natural and comfortable for our students. We appreciate your patience as we've worked to improve our systems to make everything from arrival to drop off more seamless.

Some of my highlights of the week were:



- Observing students engaging in learning with their classmates.
- Listening to the laughter, joy and excitement of students on the playground.
- Acknowledging the resiliency of our staff as they persevered with the beginning of school year changes.

In partnership,  
Karel Angry

## Coming up @ Miner

- **Tues, Sept. 14th- First LSAT Meeting** Login information and timing coming by Remind
- **Thurs, Sept. 16th - Back to School Night**. Please click on the Parent BTSN Flyer below
- **Tues, Sept. 21th- PTO Meeting**

## Back To School Night Information

### Miner Elementary School

#### **Back to School Night**

**Thursday, September 16, 2021**

Please join us for Back-to-School Night at Miner Elementary School. This will be an opportunity to gain schoolwide information, meet your child's teacher, visit classrooms, and gain an understanding of our curriculum plan for the school year. This year we will be providing two sessions. Details can be found below. We hope to see you there!

**Where: Outdoor Classroom Presentations &  
Indoor Classroom Tours**

**Time: 5:30-7:30**

***Session 1: 5:30-6:15pm***

***Session 2: 6:30- 7:15pm***

1. During each session, you will tour your child's classroom and hear about social emotional learning, curriculum, assessments, learning expectations, grading policies, daily schedules, and most of all receive contact information to maintain open lines of communication throughout the year.
2. *You will be provided with a session time by your child's teacher on Monday 9/13. Due to social distancing and safety guidelines, we are limiting the classroom guests to 2 people per household.*

## Asymptomatic Testing Update

Asymptomatic testing began this past Thursday, September 9th. Students were randomly selected from each grade to be tested with the exception of parents who opted-out. You will be notified if your child is selected and provided with information on how to retrieve their test results. Our Asymptomatic testing will take place on Thursdays

If you would not like for your child to be tested, please reach out to your child's teacher for an "opt-out" form to complete.

## 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**
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- 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](mailto: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.

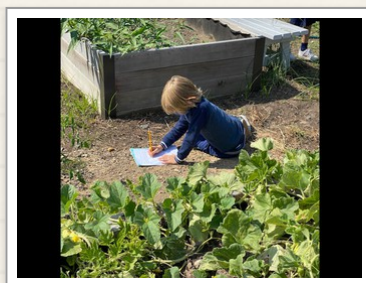
Each day, students will be required to go through a hand sanitizer station, mask station, and a health verification or screening prior to gaining access to the school building.

Face coverings are required and will be worn all day. Students may elect to wear a face covering from home of their choice; however, we will have ample masks on hand to distribute daily for students who need them.

We are asking all families to conduct a daily symptom screening using OSSE's "Ask, Ask, Look" protocol prior to students arriving to school. Please see attached "Ask, Ask, Look" questions. Our healthcare professional will verify with students each morning that this has been completed by a parent or guardian at home. Any student who cannot verify that this screening has been conducted at home will receive an onsite screening upon arrival to school by a healthcare staff.



**ECE Garden  
Clean UP**




**Learning  
outdoors**



**STEM  
Introduction**



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