



PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

E.L. HAYNES HERALD

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Dear Parents,

As you all know, we missed 5 whole days of school due to the snow storm this February! Our plan for making up the 5 days we missed due to the Blizzard of 2010 is as follows and will be submitting this plan to OSSE for their approval.

1. We will have school on Friday, March 19 with a 1 PM dismissal
2. We will have 3:30 pm dismissals on the following days:
 - a. Friday, April 9
 - b. Friday, April 16
 - c. Friday, April 23
3. We will have a 3:30 pm dismissal on Wed, June 16 and then full-days of school until 3:30 pm on Thursday, June 17 and Thursday, June 18.

The benefits of this schedule are the following:

- o We use our last week of school to make up additional days and time rather than going into the following week (like DCPS).
- o We build some of the make-up time in before and during the DCCAS.
- o We change the pick-up schedule for families a minimal number of times.
- o We don't lose our parent/teacher conference day in June.

Thanks for your support in making up these days, and the revised school calendar is available on our Web site and hard copies are available in the lobby.

Sincerely,

Michelle M. Molitor
Principal, Pre-K through 3rd Grades

Eric Westendorf
Principal, 4th through 8th Grades

Sun 7	Mon 8 Middle School Community Circle	Tues 9 Upper Elementary Community Circle	Wed 10	Thurs 11	Fri 12	Sat 13
14	15 Middle School Community Circle	16 Upper Elementary Community Circle	17	18	19 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SPRING BREAK	20

NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

African Heritage Celebration Day: A BIG THANK YOU to all who presented, cooked, organized and helped to make this day such an inspiring success!

E.L. Haynes Family Game Night is Re-scheduled for Friday, March 12: Come play games at E.L. Haynes from 6:15pm-8:15pm. We'll have board games, pizza, and drinks - \$5 suggested donation per family. (In case of inclement weather, we will follow the DCPS cancellation of afternoon and evening events schedule.)



EDP News: Spring Intersession will take place from Monday, March 22nd to Friday, March 26th. Registration packets will be available in the main lobby and on the school website beginning Monday, March 8th. Only students who have turned in Guarantee forms on time are guaranteed a spot in a Spring Intersession class.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Families enrolled in the Extended Day Program who qualify for free or reduced lunch must register with the Department of Human Services to receive Child Care Subsidy by Wednesday, March 15th. Please contact Year Round Programs with any questions or concerns.

Financial Literacy Workshop: The workshop that was scheduled for this past Tuesday on "Credit, Debt, Building Your Wealth and Teaching Your Children About Money" will be held next Tuesday, March 9th from 6:15-7:15. Childcare and snacks will be provided.

School Parent Team Meeting: This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16th from 6:15-7:30pm. The topic will be a follow up to our Bully Prevention Program. Childcare and snacks will be provided.

ELH Recruitment - Tell your Friends! We're looking for applicants for the 2010-2011 for grades pre-k-3-8th! if you would like to pass out flyers or if you know of someone who may be interested, please pick up applications or flyers from the main office. Our next open houses are Monday, March 8th @ 6pm for grades 3-5; Saturday, March 20th @ 9am; and Thursday, March 25 @ 6pm for grades pre-k-2nd.

Recess Help: We would love to have some extra hands on deck during our recess times! If you're available to ever spend some time helping to monitor the playground, please let your child's teacher know or contact Beth Hood at bhood@elhaynes.org, 667-4446. .

European and Asian Heritage Days: Because of the missed school days, we are moving the European Heritage Day from March 18 to June 10th. Asian Heritage Day will remain the same date of May 21st.

Community Activities:

Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force upcoming meetings:

The Task Force meets twice a month on the 2nd Mondays and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm at the Emergence Community Arts Collective, 733 Euclid St., NW..

Part-Time Employment with the Census: Saturday March 6th from 10:30-12:30 and Friday March 12th from 4-6: Census Job Testing The U.S. Census Bureau is continuously recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay \$20/hour, flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conducting census work. Best of all, census takers work right in their own communities. A Census Bureau representative will be at ECAC, 733 Euclid St., NW, ready to do job testing. Applications and sample tests can be picked up at the ECAC. Two forms of ID are needed to apply.

Learn about the Department of Housing and Community Development Programs: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 @ 6:30 PM, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, (Corner Entrance) 1st Floor Conference Room. Discussions include:

- Housing Rehabilitation & Construction Assistance Programs
- Homeownership Programs
- Tenant First Right to Purchase Program
- Housing Regulation Administration

- DHCD's Consolidated Planning & Budget Processes
- DHCD's Funding Sources

RSVP by Friday, March 19, 2010 – call (202) 442-7251 or e-mail DHCDEVENTS@dc.gov

Jackie Robinson Project: The George Washington University (GWU) has planned special programs for Thursday, April 15, 2010, to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of Jackie Robinson's first major league game. There will be an afternoon program from approximately 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM that will appeal to "children" of all ages (8 to 100+). There also will be an evening program on from approximately 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. While open to all, the evening program is better suited for those ages 13 and above. **THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE FOR THE APRIL 15, 2010 PROGRAMS.** RSVP to Mr. Barry Zamoff at zradodgers@aol.com or via telephone at 202-244-6834 or 202-237-0023. Please indicate the number of seats you would like to reserve and specify which program you will attend.

Urban Beekeeping March 1, 8, 15, 2010

Turkey Thicket Recreation Center, 1100 Michigan Avenue, NE

Time: 6:30pm – 9pm

Ages: 18 and up

Toni Burnham, DC's own beekeeper extraordinaire will be teaching the basics of urban beekeeping in this four session series, which began on February 22. Upon completion of the class students are encouraged to volunteer at one of DPR's bee hives. For more information, call Kelly Melsted, Director of Environmental Initiatives at (202) 258-5337.

Ms. Teri

Counselor's Corner

Teaching our students to make great choices and take full responsibility for the choices that they have made is essential to their social emotional development. As a school community, we constantly remind our students that mistakes are our friends and indeed that is the energy by which our students grow and mature into responsible citizens in our global community

TEACHING KIDS TO BE RESPONSIBLE- Part 1

The first week of school I talked with all the first grades. What, I asked, was the rule that applies everywhere at school? *"Be nice to other kids- don't hit, kick, or call names,"* they said. I let them know they were right.

"What happens if you break that rule?" I asked.

"You stay in at recess," they said.

"Right," I said. *"Who decides if you go out to recess or stay in?"* I asked.

They answered: *"Mrs. Reynolds"* *"Our teachers"* *"The bodyguards outside."*

Only after some discussion did the students in each class tell me that **they** decide whether they earn or lose recess. One student finally said: *"I decide if I stay in or go out, because I am the boss of my body and my brain- and I decide if I hit or not."* Then all the other students agreed. *"Who decides if you go out?"* *"US!"*

There is an important principle at work here. We all know adults who seem unable to take responsibility for their own actions. If they lose a job because they were always late to work, they tell us that the supervisor was unfair. We know other adults who take responsibility- who look at and change their own actions when something is their fault. Responsible adults can change.

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