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# E.L. HAYNES HERALD

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Dear E.L. Haynes Families,

The winter's record breaking snowstorms seem far behind us as the budding of flowers and donning of lighter jackets heralds Spring Break. This year's Spring Break starts on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and lasts through Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Intersession classes are being offered during the first week of Spring Break while the second week provides staff and families a chance to relax. Students return to classes on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April to finish out the 2009 - 2010 school year. These weeks of rest and rejuvenation, much like the changing of the seasons, are a chance for everyone to return to school refreshed.

Students that have signed up for Spring Intersession will have the opportunity to explore a variety of topics, including sports, writing, algebra and more. These in-depth expeditions continue to broaden students' understanding of the world around them. Student experiences will include field work, speaking with experts, and a culminating event to showcase their hard work and knowledge gained.

During Spring Break, it is also imperative that we keep student minds sharp. Families play an integral role in encouraging students to actively seek learning, whether or not school is in session. Over the course of the break all students will be asked to complete work in the following areas:

1. **Reading**—Each and every one of our students is a part of helping us climb the 6 Million Minute Mountain. Please encourage students to read both independently and/or with an adult **every day** over break. Record minutes on a reading log, and try to break personal reading records so that students spend 2 whole weeks with their noses in good books. Older students may also receive test prep materials to ensure that they are ready to dominate the DC CAS!
2. **Writing**—Make it a goal for your student to write everyday. Writing should be a part of their everyday lives - from our youngest writers making lists around the house and practicing their letters and sight words, to our older students responding to things they have read, or students writing about things of importance to them.
3. **Math**—Scrubbing up on and reviewing math skills is a vital part of keeping student minds sharp over break. Most grade levels will come home with some practice of previously learned skills. We also want to encourage families to also use the world around them to think about math. Ask your students to make change at the grocery store or calculate how many groceries you can buy with a set amount of money; play board games; ask them the time on an analog clock, cook with them and encourage them to measure the ingredients—there are many, MANY ways that math can be woven into your everyday lives.

One we return from our break we will dive into final preparation for the upcoming "CAS and Nova" Madness. Please be sure that students return promptly from break, ready to show what they've learned all school year. Enjoy the coming of spring with family and friends and we'll see you in two weeks!

Sincerely,

Towana Pierre-Floyd, Resident Principal

Michelle Molitor, Principal Pre-K – 3

Sun 21	Mon 22 Intersession	Tues 23 Intersession	Wed 24 Intersession New Families "Meet and Greet" (6:15-7:30 PM)	Thurs 25 Intersession	Fri 26 Intersession	Sat 27
Sun 28	Mon 29 Spring Break	Tues 30 Spring Break	Wed 31 Spring Break	Thurs 1 Spring Break	Fri 2 Spring Break	Sat 3

# NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

## Quote of the Week

*"To say the least, a town life makes one more tolerant and liberal in one's judgment of others."  
~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807 - 1882)*

**REMINDER: FRIDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> IS A REGULAR SCHOOL DAY FOR STUDENTS, WITH DISMISSAL AT 1PM AND A REGULAR EDP SCHEDULE. INTERSESSION RUNS FROM MARCH 22-26<sup>H</sup>. THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FROM MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>-APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

## **EDP News:**

Spring Intersession will take place from Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Waitlisted students who are placed in an Intersession class will be contacted by Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Families enrolled in the Extended Day Program who qualify for free or reduced lunch must register to receive Child Care Subsidy. Workers from the Department of Human Services will be at the school the next two Fridays (March 19<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>) to sign families up for the program. In order to be given an appointment time, families must first have their documents checked by a member of the Year Round Programs staff, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 to 9:00 AM or 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

**Game Night:** It was a dark and stormy night... and still we had a fabulous group of students and parents come out to play games! A huge thank you to Kimberly Brummett for taking the charge in organizing the event and we look forward to doing it again next fall!



**DC-CAS:** This year's testing will take place April 20<sup>th</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure that your child is present and rested especially during this period of time.

**Spring Break Packets:** Middle schoolers all will be bringing home spring break packets. Parents, please remind your student to complete the packet over their holiday!

**ELH Recruitment - Tell your Friends!** We're looking for applicants for the 2010-2011 for grades pre-k-3-8<sup>th</sup>! 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 March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9am; and Thursday, March 25 @ 6pm for grades pre-k-2<sup>nd</sup>.

**The ELH High School Principal Search is On:** If you know of any outstanding candidate to lead our high school, please encourage them to go to our website and apply!

**ELH Yard Sale:** Reminder - Save the Date for April 17<sup>th</sup>; 10am-2pm. Please see the flyer in your Thursday Express folder for information on our need for donations and volunteers.

**ELH Family Picnic:...** which includes the Raffle drawing & silent auction will be held Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Community Activities:**

### **U.S. Census 2010:**

Be on the lookout for a mailing from the U.S. Census and be sure to fill it out and return it. Why take the time? Because an accurate count of the U.S. population forms the basis for many important but often overlooked political, economic, and social decisions that are made that end up affecting our daily lives. The District of Columbia's population is historically under-reported, which impacts the amount of programs and funding we receive from the federal government. So PLEASE – fill out your Census form and BE COUNTED!

**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) 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Ms. Teri**

**Counselor's Corner**

### **Bullying Stoppers**

Try to remind your child that ignoring bullying does not make it go away. Explain to your child that ignoring did not make the bully stop so now its time to do something else to deal with the problem.

Encourage your child to be assertive by telling the other child to stop. Explain to your child the difference between tattling and reporting. Tattling is reporting minor rule infractions solely to get someone else in trouble, while reporting is notifying adults in charge of a serious violation of school rules. Bullying at E.L. Haynes is against our school rules and mission. It's tough to be kind, work hard and to be smart when you are a bully or when you are the target of a bully.

Encourage your child to report ongoing problems to a school staff member.

If your child is reluctant to do so, call your child's counselor or assistant principal and report the incident.

For more information visit [www.bullystoppers.com](http://www.bullystoppers.com), a site where students and parents may post anonymous reports of bullying for school staff members to review and take action.

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