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# E.L. HAYNES HERALD

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Dear E.L. Haynes Families,

Thanks to all of you who have already begun thanking **instructional and support staff** this week—it has been a wonderful outpouring of letters, flowers, bookmarks, and other small gestures of appreciation that go a LONG way with the hard working staff here at Haynes. We appreciate you as well and hope that shows through our devotion to your children and our partnership with our students' first teachers—you, their parents. To continue the inspiration, some words from fans of education:

“Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.” *John F. Kennedy*

“The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind.” *Khalil Gibran*

“If a doctor, lawyer, or dentist had 40 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer, or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job.” *Donald Quinn*

“Genius without education is like silver in the mine.” *Benjamin Franklin*

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.” *Henry Adams*

“Teacher appreciation makes the world of education go around.” *Helen Peters*

“I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework.” *Lilly Tomlin*

“A master can tell you what he expects of you. A teacher, though awakens your own expectations.”  
*Patricia Neal*

“None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. We got here because somebody bent down and helped us pick up our boots.” *Thurgood Marshall*

“Often, when I am reading a good book, I stop and thank my teacher.” *Anonymous*

Thanks to all of our **teachers** and **staff** for the AMAZING work you do every day!

Sincerely,

*Michelle Molitor*

Michelle M. Molitor

Principal, Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

*Eric Westendorf*

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Principal, 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

# NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

## Important Dates!

**Guarantee Forms for EDP Summer Intersession – DUE MAY 14!**

**Asian Heritage Day – Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**SPT Meeting – Tuesday, May 25 @ 6:15-7:15 PM**

**Spring Concert (Choir & Dance Performance) – Thursday, May 27 @ 6pm, ELH**

**End-of-Year Picnic – Saturday, June 5 @ 12:00pm-3pm, Raymond Rec. Ctr.**

**Expedition Culminating Events – Tuesday, June 8**

**European Heritage Day – Friday, June 11**

**Terra Nova Testing:** The Terra Nova for grades K-2 will be the week of May 17. The Terra Nova for grades 3 through 7 will be the week of May 24. This gives Grades 3 through 7 a full three-week break between the DCCAS and the Terra Nova.

**Cultural Connections to Ghana for our 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:** We're grateful to Charisse Carney-Nunes for arranging a cultural exchange webcast with a classroom in Ghana for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Through the generosity of The Jamestown Project, O'iada International will provide our 6<sup>th</sup> graders to have live communication with a classroom in Ghana!

**Asian Heritage Day: May 21, Friday:** If you would like to help with the planning or if you would like to present to our students on Asian culture and way of life, please contact Towana Floyd or Beth Hood at 667-4446 or [tfloyd@elhaynes.org](mailto:tfloyd@elhaynes.org), [bhood@elhaynes.org](mailto:bhood@elhaynes.org).

**Kansas Avenue Parent Survey:** ...is online and available for your participation if you have a student attending pre-k, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at the Kansas Avenue Campus for the 2010-2011 school year. We know that moves and changes are never easy, and want to be supportive of all of our families. We would love your input to make sure we are meeting your needs as best as possible. Please participate and share your thoughts and ideas! [www.surveymonkey.com/KansasAvenueParentSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/KansasAvenueParentSurvey) or [www.surveymonkey.com/KansasAvenueParentSurveySPANISH](http://www.surveymonkey.com/KansasAvenueParentSurveySPANISH). If you would like to take the survey at ELH, Elsi and Melissa in the front office are available to help set up a computer for you.

**ELH Spring Concert:** The Spring Concert which will feature the E.L. Haynes Choir and Dance Ensemble will take place on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 6pm in the cafeteria. The performance will feature a selection by the dance ensemble as well as songs and dances performed by the choir. Please attend-both groups are working hard to give another tremendous performance! Parents, we would love it if you could bring some light snacks for our students to enjoy afterwards – lemonade, finger food, cookies. Please sign up in the main lobby if you are able to contribute something!

**Fitness Classes at ELH:** Please remember to send your child prepared for fitness on the day they have their classes – it's hard to run and play in sandals – sneakers only, please!

**ELH Girls on the Run:** On Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> EL Haynes girls in grades 4-7 will be participating in the spring 5K race. There are lots of other schools from around the area that are involved as well. We would love to have staff support and fellow runners/walkers. The girls enjoy having a fan club to cheer them on and anyone can register. We'd love to see you there!

When: May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

Where: American University- Freidheim Quadrangle

For more info and to register: <http://girlsontherundc.org/>

**Help Needed!** E.L. Haynes will hold our Annual Family Picnic on Saturday, June 5 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at Raymond Recreation Center and we NEED YOUR HELP! In order to have fun activities for all families, we need families to help plan the activities and volunteer to supervise activities in 30 minute blocks during the picnic. In the past we have had volleyball, soccer, 4-square, face painting, relay races, etc. We also need help planning and running our fantastic silent auction. Please contact Keely at [kflaherty@elhaynes.org](mailto:kflaherty@elhaynes.org) or 202-667-4446 if you think you can help!

**Free Blood Pressure Screening:** During the last week of May, Nurse Crowder will be available for blood pressure screenings. She will be set up in the main lobby on Tuesday & Thursday all day and from 8:30-12:00pm on Wednesday.

**Food Stamps/Medicaid Applications:** If you would like guidance in filling out the Food Stamps/Medicaid/Public Assistance applications, please stop by Ms. Hood's office, located in the main office or call her at 667-4446, ext. 3207 to set up an appointment.

### **Community Activities:**

**Community Engagement. Collaboration. Continuous Improvement.** The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education would like to invite you to participate in the development of a citywide Education and Youth Development (EYD) Plan. We would like to hear from you about how we can tie together existing efforts across the public, private, and non-profit sectors, to ensure children and youth of the District receive the education and supports they need to become productive members of our global community. Please join us as we reflect upon the progress made in recent years and outline priorities moving forward.

Take **5 minutes** to complete our online survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EYDinDC>

Join us for our opening community forum:

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm**

**Friendship Public Charter School, Chamberlain Elementary Campus  
1345 Potomac Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20003**

Some topics to include: DCPS and charter school education, health and safety, out-of-school time, disconnected youth, post-secondary education, workforce development, early childhood, needs of special education and ELL children. **For more information on the EYD Plan and how to stay involved, please visit our website: [www.dme.dc.gov](http://www.dme.dc.gov)**

**Parkview Rec Center's FUN Saturdays:** Every Saturday, from 11:30-4pm, Parkview Rec. Center has arts, sports, and music activities for kids ages 3-14! For more information, contact Katy Delaney at 434-227-9599.

**Ms. Teri**

**Counselor's Corner**

Allowing students to be recognized for their great efforts is seen daily at our school. We have a wall of fame poster which is a visual representation of the kind acts that our students individually and collectively have exhibited through out the school day. The students often take such pride in outlining their random act of kindness and are encouraged to continue to do so throughout the school day. In addition during community meeting and closing circle, I have seen our teachers acknowledge students individual acts of kindness and hard work publicly which has an incredible on impact of our students self worth and identity as a strong learner. Our students understand that their acts of kindness and hard work allow our school community to flourish .

Recognition for good behavior can also help children change their self-concept. Children who are having difficulty adjusting to school may not recognize the good things they do. They may think being good is out of their reach and make no effort to improve. Reinforcers can help change children's destructive beliefs about themselves.

In sum, reinforcing activities are paired with information that helps children:

- Associate their positive efforts with a warm, appreciative moment.
- Understand how their positive actions can help others.
- Recognize and respond to the positive efforts of others.
- Develop a belief in their own goodness.
- Recognize that society values kind, useful, and cooperative behavior.
- Adopt positive values that will guide behavior throughout their lives.

(excerpt taken from [cfcchildren.org](http://cfcchildren.org))