



PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

# E.L. HAYNES HERALD

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## E.L. HAYNES

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Dear E.L. Haynes Families,

First and foremost, I want to say a belated Happy Mother's Day to all our E.L. Haynes moms. Thank you for all that you do!

This Monday our Kindergarten through second grade students will take the Terra Nova assessment, a national assessment that tells us how each student is doing in reading and math. Our students are poised to do an exceptional job. You can help us by making sure your student arrives at school **on time, well rested and well fed.** Thank you.

I want to point your attention to two other important announcements. First, re-enrollment packets went out last week. You will need to fill them out and return them by Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> to secure your space at E.L. Haynes for the 2010-2011 school year. If you did not receive your packet or need assistance in filling out the enclosed forms, please see the front office. We also encourage you to make doctor and dentist appointments now. All students will need to be up-to-date with an annual health physical, annual dental exam and proof of immunizations by the start of school. Copies of the DC Immunization Requirements (Purple Flyer) were included in the re-enrollment packet and are also available through the front office.

Second, the deadline for returning Summer Intersession Guarantee Forms with deposits is tomorrow, May 14th. If you plan to attend any of the four weeks of intersession please be sure to get the guarantee forms in to Ms. Jackson or Mr. White. As you know, families who respond after the deadline are not guaranteed placement.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Eric Westendorf, Principal

Michelle Molitor, Principal Pre-K – 3

Sun 16	Mon 17 Terra Nova Testing K-2	Tues 18 Terra Nova Testing K-2	Wed 19 Terra Nova Testing K-2	Thurs 20 Terra Nova Testing K-2	Fri 21 1PM dismissal	Sat 22
Sun 23	Mon 24	Tues 25 SPT Meeting, 6:15pm	Wed 26 Asian Heritage Day, 11am-3:30pm	Thurs 27 Spring Choir and Dance Performance	Fri 28 1PM dismissal	Sat 29

# NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

## Important Dates!

**Guarantee Forms for EDP Summer Intersession – DUE TOMORROW MAY 14!**  
**Asian Heritage Day Has Been Rescheduled to – Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 11am-3:30pm**  
**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.

**2010-2011 Enrollment:** Re-enrollment Packets went out last week and must be filled out and returned by **Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** to secure your space at E.L. Haynes for the 2010-2011 School Year. If you did not receive your packet or need assistance in filling out the enclosed forms, please see the Front Office.

**Don't wait!** Please make your Doctor's and Dentist appointments today! All students must be Up-to-Date by the start of school to attend. In order to be Up-to-Date, the school must have documentation of an Annual Health Physical, Annual Dental Exam and Proof of Immunizations that correspond to your child's age group. Copies of the DC Immunization Requirements (Purple Flyer) were included in the Re-Enrollment Packet and are also available through the Front Office.

**Asian Heritage Day: RESCHEDULED to May 26, Wednesday:** Tea ceremony, 11am-1:30pm., Classroom parties 1:30-2:30pm, and All School Meeting, 2:30-3:30pm. 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) if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

**Thank you:...** to Charisse Carney-Nunes and The Jamestown Project for bringing a live webcast to ELH linking a school in Ghana with our 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!

**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!

**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!

**Raffle Tickets:** Raffle tickets went home with students this week! Each student should have come home with an envelope with a letter for parents and 20 tickets. If for some reason your family has not received tickets, please stop by the Raffle Table in the lobby any day at arrival or dismissal or see Ms. Keely in room 212. If you have sold tickets and need to return them, need more tickets, or have any questions, please visit the Raffle Table or contact Ms. Keely. If you choose not to participate in the raffle or sell less than 20 tickets, please return them to the school so they will be available for another family to sell.

**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.

**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/>

## **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 student's 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.

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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))