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E.L. HAYNES HERALD

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Dear E.L. Haynes Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. Thank you for your patience on Tuesday during the power outage on Georgia Avenue.

We are in the home stretch of the year. It's hard to believe that we have less than three weeks left. There are a lot of events packed into the final weeks – from Hamlet, to our Asian Heritage Month celebration; from Expedition Day, to the End of Year Pic Nic; from the Spring Concert to the 5th Grade Graduation; and that doesn't even include reaching the summit of 5 Million Minutes! For details on all these events please read the "Noteworthy News" section of this Haynes Herald.



Last week we highlighted our Early Childhood program in the Haynes Herald. This week we highlight the "Wall of Fame," which you may have seen hanging outside Ms. Molitor and Mr. Westendorf's offices. Now, when a teacher sends a student to the principal's office, it's usually not because he or she has done something wrong; it's because he/she has exemplified our school values – Be Kind, Work Hard, and Get Smart.

Students come to the office, tell us what they have done, get a high five, choose a colored pen, and trace their hand on the Wall of Fame. Their signature and the date go right in the middle of their handprint, immortalizing their contribution to the community. Last week two fourth graders, Khari Smith and Kelvin Bonilla, got on the Wall of Fame after noticing that their bathroom needed a facelift. They cleaned the mirror, picked up paper towels, and whipped scuff marks off the wall; all without prompting. It was a Wall-of-Fame moment.

So next time you're near the principal's office with your student, ask him/her if she's featured on the Wall of Fame. Hopefully, she will be able to point to a handprint and tell you a story about Being Kind, Working Hard, or Getting Smart.

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Eric Westendorf, Principal, 4th – 6th Grades

Michelle Molitor, Principal, Pre-K – 3rd Grades

NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

Quote of the Week

~ Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners of their own minds.

Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882 - 1945)

- ▶ **Summer 2009 Intersession:** Summer 2009 Intersession Packets will be handed out in the lobby starting at dismissal time on Thursday (today) afternoon. In order for applications to be processed all Before/After School payments and late fees must be paid or an arrangement made. Completed packets will be collected Monday-Friday from 8:15 – 9:00 AM and 3:15 – 5:15 PM at the security desk in the main lobby. Please do not send/give packets to your child's classroom teacher!
- ▶ **PARENT-TEACHER – STUDENT CONFERENCE: Friday, June 12th – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS.** Make sure to schedule a conference with your teacher. **Starting on Monday, June 1st sign up sheets will be available in the lobby.**
- ▶ **Bike Rack Update:** In light of the unfortunate bike thefts at E.L. Haynes, The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) has kindly offered to help subsidize the purchase of U Locks for parents/students at E.L. Haynes who are interested. The U Locks would offer more protection against theft compared to the cable locks that some students are currently using. **WABA can offer the Kryptonite Evolution Mini LS lock for \$32. This is a lock that has a suggested retail price of \$62.99.** Please contact Carmelita Naves at (202) 667-4446 or cnaves@elhaynes.org to make arrangements if you are interested in using this special offer.
- ▶ **Asian Heritage Month Celebration: Friday, May 29th – 8:45 -9:30 AM.** The whole school is going to get together to celebrate the contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descents in the United States! Students in grade PK – 3rd grade are going to be performing! **Parents are welcomed!**
- ▶ **Spring Concert: Wednesday, June 3rd – 6:00 – 7:00 PM.** E.L.Haynes community is invited to attend the Spring Concert! The concert will feature students in grade 4th – 6th performing selections from music and dance classes. The E.L.Haynes choir is also going to perform. Students not performing must stay with parents the whole night.
- ▶ **Safety Tips for Parents and Students workshop: Thursday, June 4th – 6:00 – 7:00 PM** – Parents and students are invited to learn and discuss with specialists about internet safety, bullying, texting, safety against gangs, safety against drugs and also getting information about summer programs for children in the District of Columbia.
- ▶ **Girls/Boys Step Show:** On Friday, June 5th at 4:00 PM the Girls and Boys Step Team will share all of the dynamic moves that they have been learning this year. **Come out and support them!**
- ▶ **End of the Year Family Picnic – Attention Parents! Saturday, June 6 – 12:00 – 3:00 PM.** Thanks to all of you who have offered to coordinate activities at the picnic! We could still use a few more people, but it's looking like there will be lots of fun things to do. Just to clarify, the recent calls were for **activity coordinators**. These are people who are willing to come up with activity ideas and get them set up at the picnic. If that's not for you, rest assured, **there will be plenty of other volunteer opportunities!** These include bringing food, helping set up, helping with activities, and helping clean up after the picnic. Starting early next week, look for sign-up sheets in the school lobby. You will be able to sign up for whatever you're interested in doing in 30-minute increments. We really hope everyone will sign up for at least one 30-minute slot, but feel free to sign up for as many as you want! If you have an idea for an activity and are willing to organize it, or if you have any other question please contact Anne Crowley at anne@studiocrowleyhall.com.
- ▶ **E.L. Haynes Raffle:** As soon as you sell your raffle tickets, please return them with the money to the parent volunteer in the lobby at the front desk during arrival and dismissal. **Friday, June 5th will be the last day to return raffle tickets!** More tickets are available if families want to sell additional tickets!!
- ▶ **E.L. Haynes Silent Auction:** At this year's Family Picnic on June 6th, families will be able to participate in a silent auction which will include prizes like theatre tickets, jewelry, artwork, summer camp sessions, an interior design consultation, pet services, etc. Families will get a chance to bid on these prizes and all money raised will go directly to the school. Remember to bring cash and your checkbooks! More details will be included in next week's Haynes Herald.
- ▶ **5th Grade Graduation:** The 5th grade will be having a graduation ceremony from 5:30-6:30 (ceremony from 5:30-6:15 and reception to follow) on the last day of school (**Wednesday, June 17th**). Please contact Carmelita at (202) 667-4446 or cnaves@elhaynes.org if you're able to bring treats or drinks for after the ceremony.

- ▶ **Visit to the Organization of American States (OAS):** Last Friday, May 22nd, Maestra Alderson took the “Grupo Folklorico of E.L.Haynes” and Ms.Smith/Ms.Wells 6th grade class to visit the Organization of American States(OAS). We were invited by the Ambassador of Panama (Former President of Panama), his Excellency Aristides Royo, who visited E.L.Haynes during Hispanic Heritage Month. Ms. Aline Hommes, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the OAS, gave the students the whole tour.

Students had the opportunity to meet the Assistant of the General Secretary of the OAS, his Excellency Ambassador Ramdin. He sat with the students and Ms. Niles on the oval table and took questions from them.

Every student had the opportunity to be an Ambassador of a country, since each one sat on the chair of an Ambassador. After that they went to the “Room of the Americas” and the “Hall of Flags”. They also had the opportunity to see a cacao tree and to go through the underground tunnel to the Art Museum of the Americas to see the latest exposition by a Haitian artist. The tunnel is one of the largest in the world and has been painted by a Uruguayan artist Carlos Paez Vilaro.

The OAS is made up of Ambassadors from 35 nations including the Caribbean, North, Central and South America. These countries confront shared problems that are critical to the Americas and debate major issues facing the region and the world. They set major policies, agreements and goals, which direct efforts to strengthen democracy and promote human rights.

While answering the students questions about how they find solutions to the problems the Ambassador highlighted that “they don’t fight, but **they work together through communication in order to find solutions**”.



- ▶ **“2009 Keys for Change Award”:** Last month, on April 16th, Ms. Niles received the “2009 Keys for Change Award” from Hope and a Home in recognition for her extraordinary service to ensure that our kids and families are successful in the area of “Higher Education for All”. Our 6th grader Janiya Etheredge and her mom Raven introduced Ms. Niles and spoke about their experience at E.L.Haynes. The “Keys for Change” (affordable housing, higher education for all, rewarding work, and family and community connections) are the road map in the Hope and a Home work for accomplishing the objectives for making lasting changes in the lives of low income families. **Congratulations Ms. Niles!** The 2009 honorees were: **the Honorable Neil Albert**, District of Columbia’s Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development - in the area of Affordable Housing; **Ms. Jennifer C. Niles, Founder and Head of School, E.L. Haynes Public Charter School** – in the area of Higher Education for All; **Mr. Marc Friedman and Ms. Gina Schaefer**, owners of Logan Hardware – in the area of Rewarding Work for good pay; **Ms. Jackie McMakin** – in the area of Family and Community Connections



Counselors Corner
Ms. Teri

Last week we discussed the importance of managing our stress as a way of modeling and supporting our children in managing their stress. We are models and coaches for our children and teach them effective ways to manage their emotions and frustration.

Stress Management

There's pretty much no way for the parent of a child with special needs to avoid stress entirely, but you can manage it instead of letting it manage you. Here are some techniques for taking control.

Take a Day Off with special needs more than most. You can't stop being a parent and you may not be able to step out on your job, but here are some things you can take a day off from.

Control Your Reactions

Your child may push your buttons, but giving big reactions to bad behavior may send the wrong message. Showing that you can control your feelings and avoid meltdowns yourself models appropriate behavior for your kids, and leaves you feeling better, too.

Work Out

Getting out of the house long enough to get some decent exercise can be hard for parents of children with special needs. These products can help you get moving right where you are -- and have fun with your child at the same time.

Five Journal Ideas You Can Really Keep Up With

Writing in a journal is a great way for parents of children with special needs to get in touch with their feelings and confront their worries, but it can sometimes be hard to find the energy or inspiration to keep up with one.

How to Worry More Constructively

Worry is hard to avoid when you're the parent of a child with special needs. The trick is to turn your destructive worrying into constructive worrying.

Give Yourself a Time-Out

Giving yourself a time-out when you're about to lose your temper is a healthy way to release that stress, and models good coping skills for your kids, too.

Journaling Your Way Through Stress

From Specialchild.com, journaling questions that can help you work your way through stressful situations and find a way to feel good about your child and family.

(except taken from www.specialchildren.about.com)

TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

31	01	02	03 Spring Concert 4 th – 6 th grade & Choir 6:00 – 7:00 PM	04 Parent & Student Workshop Safety Tips 6:00 – 7:00 PM	05 Girls/Boys Step Show 4:00 – 5:00 PM	06 End of Year Family Picnic 12:00 – 3:00 PM
07	08 Progress Reports Mailed Home School Parent Team Meeting SPT 6:00 – 7:00 PM	09 Principal's Coffee 8:15 – 9:00 AM	10 Expedition Culminating Events (whole day)	11	12 Parent-teacher conferences	13

OUR MISSION

Every E.L. Haynes student – regardless of race, socioeconomic status, or home language – will reach high levels of academic achievement and be prepared to succeed at the college of his or her choice. E.L. Haynes students will be instilled with a deep appreciation for mathematics and science and will develop lifelong skills needed to be successful individuals, active community members and responsible citizens.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

WHAT: City Council Hearing for Youth Only

WHEN: Saturday, June 13, 2009

WHERE: Wilson Building – back entrance, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Room 500

DETAILS: All youth are invited to express their concerns and opinions to their elected city council members. Please encourage your students ages 21 & under to express their thoughts with the elected officials who make decisions on issues that concern them.

CONTACT: All students interested in testifying must register by calling Charmaine Gloude at 724-8080 or email at cgloude@dccouncil.us

WHAT: Kamit Institute for Magnificent Achievers Public Charter School *Heal Africa* Day

WHEN: Saturday, May 30, 2009; 9:00am – 5:00pm

WHERE: 100 Peabody Street NW

DETAILS: This year's theme is *No Water No Life* and our students will be exploring issues and concerns which affect Africa and her peoples at home and abroad. This family-oriented cultural event features a Flag display of each African country, information booths about Africa, student displays, speakers, entertainment, and more. We will have two special guests from Ghana, West Africa who will be sharing first hand information about the challenges of water in their country. In keeping with the focus around the scarcity of clean water KIMA will also have a waterless car wash to help raise funds for the Student Travel and Mentoring Program (STAMP) and water projects in Africa.

CONTACT: kamitpcs@gmail.com or phone 202-723-7886xt.222

WHAT: Paul PCS Family Fun Fest

WHEN: Saturday, May 30, 2009; 10:00am-3:00pm

WHERE: Paul Public Charter School 5800 8th Street NW

DETAILS: Summer reading kick-off; Alumni vs. Faculty Basketball Game; family flea market, and more food & fun.

CONTACT: Ms. Brown, 202-378-2253

WHAT: Kids Bowl Free Program

WHEN: Monday, June 1 through Monday, August 31, 2009

WHERE: Participating bowling alleys in MD and VA

DETAILS: Select bowling centers around the country are participating in the first ever “Kids Bowl Free” program. This program is designed by bowling centers to give back to the community and provide a safe, secure, and fun way for kids to spend time this summer. Children whose age does not exceed a limit by a participating bowling center are eligible to register for 2 free games a day, all summer long, courtesy of the participating bowling centers along with the schools and organizations. Sign up for one of the bowling alleys and any child registered can bowl two free games every day (until 5pm). Shoe rental is not included. There is also a family pass available for \$24 (again shoe rental not included) that covers up to four adults on the same pass.

CONTACT: visit <http://www.kidsbowlfree.com> for locations and to register.

WHAT: Job Training Programs for Self Sufficient Wages

WHEN: Tuesday, June 2, 2009; 1:30pm-3:30pm

WHERE: Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 901 G Street NW; Room A-5

DETAILS: The DC Women's Agenda will team up with the DC Employment Justice Center to host speakers from numerous job training programs that train in the fields of: construction, business, medicine, building maintenance, technology, culinary arts, and more! This is a great event for those seeking job training and direct service providers.

CONTACT: If you have any questions feel free to contact Debbie Billet-Roumell Coordinator of the DC Women's Agenda at 202-464-1596 or DBRoumell@wowonline.org or Courtney Chappell, Advocacy Manager for the DC Employment Justice Center at 202 828-9675 or cchappell@dcejc.org

WHAT: Family Day and Workshops at Roosevelt SHS

WHEN: Saturday, June 6, 2009; 10:00am-2:00pm

WHERE: Roosevelt SHS, 4301 13th Street NW

DETAILS: The Family Day at Roosevelt will be an event where families and community members can come together to learn about services and programs available in DC and DCPS, attend workshops, and have fun with their families. Organizations from across the city will come together to provide information, activities, and workshops. There will be workshops for parents running from 11 am- 1 pm. Some of the topics for those workshops are: Parenting Skills, Dental Hygiene, Teen Nutrition, How to Read your Child's Report Card, and How to Organize a Community.

CONTACT: Kate Amburgey 202-671-5023 with any questions.

WHAT: D.C. Summer Fun Guide

WHEN: Summer 2009

DETAILS: Get quick and easy access to current summer programs for D.C. kids, teens, adults and seniors with the 2009 D.C. Summer Fun Guide. The guide contains a summary of camps, recreation activities, reading programs, summer school, free summer meals, youth employment and more. Click

<http://dcsummerfun.dc.gov/summeryouthprogram/lib/summeryouthprogram/pdf/summerfun2009guide.pdf> to download the 2009 guide.

CONTACT: Updated information may be obtained by visiting the DC Summer Fun Web site at www.dcsummerfun.dc.gov or by calling 311 or contacting the agency or organization directly.

WHAT: Summer Art Camp – Danzon Art Gallery

WHEN: Tuesday, June 16, 2009- Friday, July, 3, 2009; 9:00am-3:00pm

WHERE: 1848 Columbia Road, NW

DETAILS: for children aged 6-11 to stimulate creative expressions, the camp promotes the exploration of a range of artistic mediums, including: drawing, painting, printing, and collage over a three week session. Space is limited and advance registration is required.

CONTACT: For more information please go to our website at www.danzonart.com or call 202-297-2011

WHAT: 2009 Junior Ranger Camps

WHEN: Various dates in July and August, 2009

WHERE: Rock Creek Park Nature Center, 5800 Glover Road NW

DETAILS: Our Junior Ranger Camps introduce youngsters, ages 7-12, to many of the natural, cultural, and recreational opportunities available at Rock Creek Park. Park Rangers will lead a total of six two-day camps, two for each of the following age groups:

Awesome Animals of Rock Creek Park - Explorers, ages 7-8

* July 8-9th; Enrollment ends on June 14th

* July 29-30th; Enrollment ends on July 5th

¡En Español! (Spanish Camp), ages 7-10:

* July 15-16th; Enrollment ends on June 21st

Relationships with the Land - Discoverers, ages 9-10:

* August 5-6th; Enrollment ends on July 12th

Space Camp - Adventurers, ages 11-12:

* July 22-23rd; Enrollment ends on June 28th

Junior Ranger Camps begin at 10 AM and end at 4 PM. Campers should wear appropriate clothing and bring water, a bag lunch, and snacks. ALL CAMPS ARE FREE!!!! Enrollment Begins MAY 1ST. There is a maximum of 30 children per camp, so please hurry!

CONTACT: For more information or to enroll, call (202) 895-6070.

WHAT: Up, Up and Away Pre College Program

WHEN: Monday, June 29-Thursday, July 2, 2009; 8:30am-4:00pm (for elementary Students) and Monday, July 6-Friday July 17, 2009; 8:30am-4:00pm (for middle school students)

WHERE: University of Maryland, College Park

DETAILS: This program is open to all rising 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students (elementary school students), and rising 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students (middle school). Students will learn about the science of flight through exciting hands-on activities, a field trip and guest speakers. Topics discussed will include compression and expansion air, history of flight, flight patterns, and aerodynamic forces. Activities include constructing balsa wood gliders. Advanced topics will be discussed as part of the middle school program. The program will culminate with an academic fest where family and friends will be invited.

CONTACT: to apply go to <http://www.cmse.umd.edu/summer/up-up-away.html> and download an application, or contact Mr. Bruk Berhane at 301-405-8106 for more information.

WHAT: Students Write to Invite President Obama to National Charter Schools Conference

DEADLINE: Friday, May 29, 2009

DETAILS: The Alliance has invited President Obama to keynote the National Charter Schools Conference. We are asking all DC public charter school students to write to President Obama, postmarked by May 29th, to invite the President or the First Lady to speak at the conference. If they accept our invitation, the first 1,000 participating students will be invited to hear their remarks. Students must have a sponsor in order to participate; check with your school's leaders to see if the school is coordinating letter writing for their students.

CONTACT: For instructions, contact: Antwaune Goode at Antwaune@PublicCharters.org or (202) 521-2825.

WHAT: Bag Stuffing for National Charter School Conference in DC

WHEN: Friday, June 19, 2009; 12 noon-4:00pm

DETAILS: Every year at the conference we have a bag stuffing project that requires some dependable volunteers to help us. Looking for at least 30 adults and/or responsible high school students.

CONTACT: If you're interested, please email Veria Samaroo at veriaivs@gmail.com or call her at 954-481-8960. In your email, please include your name, school, and cell phone contact.