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E.L. HAYNES HERALD

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Dear E.L. Haynes Families,

I can hardly believe that the 2009-2010 school year is coming to a close! We have had an enormously successful year – our pre-K students can tell you how worms breath, move, and hide; our 2nd graders , our 5th graders can write stories with vivid dialog, and our 7th graders can solve any equation in the form “ $y=mx+b$ ”. As a school, we celebrated Hispanic, African, and Asian Heritage so memorably that guests come from throughout the City to see us, our step teams and Shakespeare production made us proud, and our students played sports in and out of school with the support of staff and parents. And we even have a chess team that meets before school! All of this would not be possible, however, without your love and support. Thank you to parents, guardians, aunties, uncles, grandparents, cousins, siblings, and community volunteers for all the work you do for our students throughout the year.

As we look ahead, our oldest students, the Class of 2015, will be 8th graders and we will have new 3 year-olds for the first time. Our new campus will be open, so that our youngest students and our sports teams will have green grass on which to play. And we will be completing the construction of our high school campus to open in the fall of 2011.

On that note, I'm thrilled to announce that we hired our high school principal last week! After conducting a national search, we had two finalists spend a whole day of interviewing at ELH. They each had to give a talk to middle school students in Community Circle; interview with students, parents, teachers, and administrators; and have stellar references. The result of that rigorous process is our new high school principal, Ms. Caroline Hill (see photo), currently an Assistant Principal at the Columbia Heights Education Campus (Lincoln/Bell). She will start at ELH this July and spend 2010-2011 preparing for the opening of the high school in the fall of 2011. She is very excited about this opportunity and is looking forward to getting to know all the students, staff, and families at ELH. In many ways, she has been preparing for this role her whole career - she is a graduate of New Leaders for New Schools with a master's of science in public administration from Trinity University, has a master's degree from Harvard University in education, taught chemistry in charter schools in DC, was a management consultant before she attended Harvard, and has a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from UVA. Horrah!!



Sincerely,

Jennifer C. Niles

Founder and Head of School

					Fri 11 Regular School Day; 8:30am-1:00pm	Sat 12 5 th Grade Pool Party
Sun 13	Mon 14 Spirit Week for Middle School!	Tues 15 PK to 1 st Grade Parade to Kansas Avenue (11-1 PM)	Wed 16	Thurs e 17 Middle School Talent Show Last Day of School for Students 5 th Grade Graduation; 6pm-7pm	Fri 18 No School for Students on Friday MANDATORY Parent/Teacher Conference	Sat 19 Have a great summer!!!
Sun 20	Mon 21 First Day of Intersession	Tues 22	Wed 23	Thurs 24 Board of Trustees Meeting	Fri 25	Sat 26

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BIG Thank You: To all the parents and family members who have helped contribute to our family picnic on Saturday – with time, delicious food, and helping out with the raffle ticket sales and auction items. You are all such an important part of making the day a success!

Returning Families – Parents will receive your start of the school year packet in the mail in July. Please mark your calendar for August 16th as our first day of the 2010-2011 year! Packets will include information on orientation dates, details on our new Kansas Ave. site, and our first 6 weeks of school. You will receive a postcard the week before school starts from your child’s new teacher for the coming year.

Registering for 2010-2011: Parents will be receiving a letter in the mail next week describing the process for registering your child for 2010-2011. All parents must register their child on line. If parents do not have access to a computer, please make use of your public library, or call Bethany Molitor or Melissa Vivas to schedule a time to register here in the school.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Sign up for parent-teacher conferences for June 18th! Sign up sheets are in the main lobby.

Pre-K through 1st Grades Parade to Kansas Avenue: On Tuesday, June 15th students, staff, and family chaperones are all welcome to walk to our new campus to have bag picnic lunch, play a game or two, and celebrate our new space! The walk will start at 11:00 AM and students will return to school no later than 1:00 PM that afternoon (may vary by grade level). Please let your student’s teacher know ASAP if you’re available to join us. Students and staff are encouraged to wear E.L. Haynes gear and dress comfortably to PLAY! ☐

Summer Intersession will begin Monday, June 21st. Families on the waitlist will be notified whether students have been enrolled in **Summer** Intersession on a rolling basis, beginning Friday, June 11th and ending Wednesday, June 16th.

Middle School Talent Show! Come see our fabulous middle schoolers strut their stuff during our end of year talent show on Thursday, June 17th at 2pm.

Rising 2nd Graders & All Students Turning 7 by July: JOIN THE E.L. HAYNES CHEETAHS!! The E.L. Haynes Cheetahs are looking for new players to join their soccer team this Fall! Games will occur on Saturday mornings (October to mid-November); the team also has weekly practices. We are looking to recruit E.L. Haynes students who will celebrate their 7th birthday before the end of July 2010 OR who will be in 2nd grade at E.L. Haynes this Fall. Register at www.Stoddert.com & list "EL Haynes Cheetahs" as your team. QUESTIONS? Contact Elliott's mom (a.k.a. Emilie Stoltzfus) estoltzfus@crs.loc.gov / 202-986-7167 or Lusya's mom (a.k.a. Britt Engen) metadog@mindspring.com / 202-332-0522

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.

ELH Parent Survey: Remember to complete the Parent Website Survey! See Ms. Keely if you cannot access it online. The link is:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=6/CjytvYjCmHmIfjEyoSxQLymPC2pgsUYND%2bJue30LQ%3d&>
And in Spanish:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=1Vz6OQMk43Mi1KaXe6fOFHwuTZ%2b2iUqf3Q8fPjQza54%3d&>

Community Announcements:

For Love of Children Summer Tutoring Program: For Love of Children is currently in their final recruiting push for students for our Summer Elementary Reading Program. The program, which will match entering 2nd-6th graders with volunteer tutors for one-on-one learning, will begin June 29th and will encompass six weeks. The program will be held at their office at 1763 Columbia Road on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.** and is free of charge.

Higher Achievement Summer Academy

WHEN: Summer 2010

DETAILS: Higher Achievement is looking for motivated 4th & 5th grade students for its summer achievement centers. The summer program operates from 8:00am – 4:00pm five days a week. Students take courses in English, science, mathematics, and social studies, with one elective course. Further, students participate in weekly field trips and travel on one overnight college trip.

CONTACT: www.higherachievement.org

Department of Recreation

Summer Camps

Various Locations

Time: 9am - 5pm

Ages: 6 - 13

All camps are offered Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm. Before and After Care is available for an additional cost. Register in person or online at summercamps.dc.gov or dpr.dc.gov. For more information, visit Camp Office at 1480 Girard Street, NW or call (202) 671-0372.

WHAT: Camp Dream Catcher for Girls

DEADLINE: Friday, June 11, 2010

WHEN: Wednesday, June 23rd – Friday, June 25th

WHERE: Mt. Calvary Holy Church, 610 Rhode Island Avenue NE, WDC

DETAILS: For girls entering Kindergarten - 6 grade in Fall 2010. Activities will include science experiments, arts & crafts, games, drama, singing, and much more fun! Girls need to bring a bagged lunch each day and drink to camp. Snacks will be provided. Space is limited, so please register early. Leadership positions available for girls in 7th-12th grade.

COST: Cost is \$15 – for 3 days (financial assistance is available).

CONTACT: Aisha Williams, 202-534-3764, awilliams@gscnc.org with any questions or more information. Online Registration available http://www.gscnc.org/Camp_Dream_Catcher.html click on “camp dream catcher”.

Counselors Corner

Ms.Teri

Just a reminder to continue communicating with your children as we enter the summer season. I wondered whether we as parents are spending enough time communicating and sharing and exchanging ideas with our children. Then I recalled a student sharing excitedly with another student “hey does your family have meeting cause mine does now”. Below you will find some ideas about family meetings that can be created within your home.

Have fun and enjoy your child

Family Meetings Teach Kids to Be Responsible

Lots of parents think that family meetings are for when there is a problem that needs to be solved.

But in truth, families that have regular once a week meetings, report that their kids are much more cooperative and well-behaved and that there is rarely a need to meet about a problem.

Family meetings teach kids many things, but most importantly it makes them feel included in important decisions. An agenda for a family meeting include:

- **What are we going to do this weekend?**
- **Where are we going on a trip?**
- **How can we help the environment?**
- **What important happened to each family member this week?**
- **What does anyone need to say to the whole family?**

Family meetings are democratic, but that doesn't mean that every one an equal vote on all issues. Parent's always need to make it clear that there are some subjects that are not "up for a vote."

(excerpt taken from Dr.Shapiro at www.parentchild41.com/Parenting-Tips)