



PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

E.L. HAYNES HERALD

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Dear E.L. Haynes Families,

This Tuesday we had our first School Parent Team meeting. The purpose of the School Parent Team (SPT) is to support the Head of School, principal, and administrators in the performance of their duties, to provide a mechanism for community input into school decision-making, and to ensure communication among stakeholders, especially parents. Thank you to all the 52 family members who came and to Sonia Shelton for facilitating. Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 17, from 6-7 PM.

Each SPT meeting features a “big topic” presentation and/or discussion. This week Ms. Niles gave families an update on the expansion to Clark Elementary School, our soon-to-be campus down the street at 4501 Kansas Ave, NW. First, she explained how we were lucky enough to be awarded Clark. Next she talked about how the new site will house the school’s PK-2 program and the high school. Educationally, this will allow students to move full circle through their experience at Haynes, starting in Clark, then moving to our current site for the middle grades, and finally returning to Clark as a young adult, preparing for college. This provides unique partnerships between the older and younger students. Lastly, Ms. Niles laid out the timeline for the project: renovations for PK-2 will be completed in 2009-10, PK-2nd grade classes will be located at Clark in 2010-11, and 9th graders will move into Clark in 2011-12.

SPT meetings also consist of committee meetings. This year we have six committees: (1) education, focusing on parent-school communication about the educational program, (2) facilities, focusing on “detailing” our current campus and promoting community engagement, (3) fundraising, focusing on the goal of 100% family participation, (4) supporting families, focusing on parent workshops, (5) family events and community building, and (6) room parent/classroom liaisons. Please contact our Director of Family and Community Outreach, Beth Hood, at bhood@elhaynes.org if you would like to join one of these committees.

We look forward to seeing you at the next School Parent Team meeting on Thursday, September 17th!

Sincerely,

Eric Westendorf, Principal, 4th - 7th Grades

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

The Next Two Weeks at E.L. Haynes

23	24	25 Student Picture Day for all students Parent Input to School Improvement Plan from 6-7PM	26	27 Back-To-School Night for grades PK-2 from 6-8 PM Roger Mason Event for grades 4 th -7 th from 6-8 PM	28	29
30	31	1	2	3 Back-To-School Night for grades 3 rd -7 th from 6-8 PM	4 All School Meeting, 8:45-9:15 Dismissal at 1:00 PM for all students There will NOT be any EDP/After School on this day!	5

NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

E.L. Haynes Community Basketball for Adults: On Wednesday nights come play some ball with the E.L. Haynes staff and parents in our gym. Play is from 6-8 pm and all skill levels are welcome! You must sign a waiver and have it approved by Ms. Bethany or Ms. Niles before you may play. Players will need to cover the cost of the security guard from 6 – 8 PM (~\$50/night). Lastly, this is for adults only.

On Time Arrival: Please have your children in the building by **8:20 am!** Our class morning meetings begin at 8:30am SHARP, and we need all students seated and ready to participate. Please do your part to ensure that your child gets off to a great morning start!

School Improvement Plan Meeting August 25, 6-7 pm: Tuesday evening we'll be meeting to finalize the parent involvement portion of the School Improvement Plan and sharing the academic sections as well. We would love to have parents share your input as we finalize the plan for this coming year. See Ms. Hood or Ms. Niles if you'd like to see a draft of the plan before the meeting.

School Picture Day: Tuesday, August 25 – get your students ready to style, sit and smile! 6th & 7th graders do not need to wear their uniform, but they do need to come in a collared shirt or appropriate dress/blouse.

Back to School Night: Come meet your child's teachers and visit their classrooms! Thursday, August 27, pre-k – 2nd grade; 6pm-8pm
Tuesday, September 3, 3rd – 7th grades; 6pm-8pm

Next All School Meeting: Friday, September 4, 8:45-9:30 – all parents welcome!

We Need Room Parents & Parent Volunteers! If you would like to help out your child's classroom by being the liaison between the teacher and parents, or if you would like to volunteer at ELH in some other helpful way, please fill out the green form in the Thursday Express folder and return it to the box on the large desk in the lobby. Thank you!

Safe Routes to School Committee: Help keep our students safe as they travel to and from school! Led by Paul Zukerberg, we could use some extra hands for the following:

1. Help with the Safe Route's classroom survey. The survey (to be completed in the classrooms) has already been created. We need help in handing it out and collating the results.
2. Help plan the Safe Route's fall school event. This will involve the Washington Area Bicycling Ass., DDOT, MPD and others!
3. Help lobbying the City Council to adopt the Safe Route's engineering recommendations for our school, the most important of which is the renovation of the intersection of Otis and New Hampshire, in accord with the engineering recommendations in our Safe Routes plan.

If you're interested in helping with any or all of the above, please contact Paul at pzuk@speakeasy.net or by phone at:

202.309.3760 (cell)
202.986.4744 (evening)
202.232.8484 (day)

Free Immunizations: Saturday, August 22, 10am-2pm at Mary Virginia Merrick Center. Immunizations are also available for uninsured and underinsured at the Department of Health; 6323 Georgia Ave., NW; Suite 205; Monday and Tuesdays from 10am – 2pm.

More Free Vaccinations:

The DC Department of Health will be conducting mass vaccination clinics to support the school immunization program so that every student has the maximum opportunity to obtain their appropriate immunizations.

When?

Thursday, August 20th, 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Thursday, August 20th, 4:00pm - 10:00pm

Friday, August 21st, 8:00am - 1:00pm

Friday, August 21st, 11:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, August 22nd, 6:00am - 12:00pm

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Locations:

Kelly Miller Middle School 301 49th St NE

Ballou Senior High School 3401 4th St SE

Kramer Middle School 1700 Q St SE

Coolidge Senior High School 6315 5th St NW

DOH Immunization Clinic 6323 Georgia Ave NW