



PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

# E.L. HAYNES HERALD

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## E.L. HAYNES

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Dear E.L. Haynes Families,

I want to thank all the PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade families who attended Back-To-School Night last Thursday. If you missed the event, please contact your students' teachers so they can catch you up. Tonight we look forward to seeing many of you at our 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Back-To-School Night. The evening will run in two identical shifts; one from 6-7 PM, the second from 7-8 PM.

Last Thursday marked another special event at Haynes. Fifty of our 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students attended "Roger Mason Night" at the Motion Picture Association of America's screening theater downtown. Roger Mason, a native Washingtonian who plays professional basketball for the San Antonio Spurs, hosted the event. Students enjoyed photographs, dinner, and a movie with Roger Mason. They also got to hear Roger Mason tell his story of hard work. Even after scouts told him he was not NBA material, he persevered and achieved his dream.

To qualify for the event, students wrote essays about the importance of working hard. They wrote about family members, like mom's who started businesses or learned to speak English; and dads who went back to school to get degrees; like grandmothers who fought against segregation; and great grandmothers who worked three jobs to support the family. They also wrote about hard working famous people, like Barack Obama, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, and Tiger Woods. Finally, they wrote about themselves. They wrote about the time they stuck with gymnastics or basketball or Shakespeare, even when they felt like quitting. Many reflected on how proud in the end.

Roger Mason has adopted E.L. Haynes so we look forward to future opportunities to connect with him and his family.

Sincerely,

Eric Westendorf, Principal, 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grades  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

Michelle Molitor, Principal, Pre-K –

### The Next Two Weeks at E.L. Haynes

6	7 No School	8	9	10 Facts about HPV Vaccine with Nurse Crowder	11	12 High School Charette
13	14	15	16	17 School Parent Team Meeting, 6:15-7:15	18	19

# NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Labor Day Holiday: NO AFTER CARE THIS FRIDAY—ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP AT 1 pm and on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> there is NO SCHOOL.** School resumes at the regular time on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**We Need Room Parents!** If you would like to help out your child's classroom by being the liaison between the teacher and parents, please communicate with Anne Crowley at 202-387-3003 or by email at: [anne@studiocrawleyhall.com](mailto:anne@studiocrawleyhall.com)



**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!

**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. **ELH will cover the cost of the security guard for the next Wednesday night 9/9. After that players will need to pitch in to cover the cost.** Lastly, this is for adults only.

**Back to School Night for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grades TONIGHT:** Come meet your child's teachers and visit their classrooms! We'll have two rounds of presentations; one from 6pm-7pm and a second one from 7pm-8pm.

**Next All School Meeting:** Friday, September 4, 8:45-9:30 – all parents welcome! And bring a book. ☺

**Hispanic Heritage Month is coming!** And we have two exciting events!! Sunday, Sept. 27 “Nation's Parade” at 14<sup>th</sup> Sts., & Spring Sts., NW where E.L. Haynes students will represent Latin American countries in the parade as dancers and drummers. On Thursday, October 8, we have “Dia Latino” (Latin Day) where we will celebrate with a parade of countries, food, music and a school-wide assembly. We need lots of parent volunteers to help organize and guide our students as they participate in these festive occasions. If you would like to volunteer, please see maestro or Beth Hood. You can also call them at 667-4446 or email at: [nalderson@elhaynes.org](mailto:nalderson@elhaynes.org); [bhood@elhaynes.org](mailto:bhood@elhaynes.org).

**We Love Our Parent & Family Volunteers!** Thank you to the parents who turned in their volunteer sheet! Our teachers and staff so appreciate the help you're able to give to EL Haynes, to only make the school stronger. Please turn your form in if you would like to volunteer and haven't yet done so - if you need additional forms, they are on the lobby tables.

**Parent Input to our High School Education Program:** Tuesday, September 8 from 6 – 7 PM. All parents/guardians are welcome to come for an evening of brainstorming about what you want to see in the ELH High School. Ms. Niles will host this session. Put your thinking cap on, dream big, and join us!

**High School Charrette:** Saturday, September 12 from 9 am – 1 pm. If you're interested in architecture and planning our new school, please let Ms. Niles know if you'd like to join a group of parents, staff

members, students, and board members imagine what our new high school facility should look like. Space is limited, so contact Ms. Niles about participating.



**If your child is going to be absent from school**, please notify Melissa Vivas or a front office staff person at 202-667-4446 or [mvivas@elhaynes.org](mailto:mvivas@elhaynes.org) as soon as possible in the morning! When your child returns to school, they will need to turn in a note from you including your child's name, date of absence, and reason. Work that was missed will be posted by your child's teacher for make-up. Thank you!

**Flu Precautions!!** Please remind your child to wash their hands frequently and to keep their hands out of their mouth. If your child develops a fever, they should stay home 24 hours after the fever breaks.

**Parents of daughters age 11-13 - Do you have questions about the HPV vaccine?** Come to a coffee with Nurse Crowder and Mr. Westendorf on September 10, 8:30-9:00am for conversation and a chance to ask any questions you may have.

**Health and Fitness Classes at ELH:** All students who have Health and Fitness should come to class prepared with the proper footwear (sneakers with laces or straps that have rubber soles). Please do not send children to school with flip flops or sandals on the days they are scheduled to have fitness. One option is to have parents send the proper foot attire with students if they choose to wear footwear not for fitness. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are allowed to bring a change of clothes on the day they are scheduled for Health and Fitness, only to be worn during that class. I will allow them a few minutes before and after class to change.

#### **YRP NEWS:**

#### **EDP PAYMENT DROP BOX:**

Installed in the main lobby next to the flat screen television monitor is the Extended Day Program Drop Box. Payments for Before School, After School, Intersession, and Late Fees should be placed in an envelope and then deposited in the Drop Box. Parents are asked to place their name, the child's name, the dollar amount placed in the envelope and what service you're paying for. (Before School, After School, Intersession or a Late Fee) The drop box will be emptied each morning. Each afternoon parent's may pick up their child's receipt from the security desk.

#### **AUGUST BILLING:**

Bills for Before / After School are in the process of being prepared. Once income status information has been reviewed by the main office bills for Before / After School will be mailed out to families.

#### **FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL:**

On Friday September 4, 2009 all students will be **dismissed at 1:00pm**. There will be **NO** after school on that day. Any student picked up after 1:00pm will be charged a late fee of \$1.00 per minute for every minute until the child has been picked up.

#### **Petworth Library Events!**

<b>Petworth Neighborhood Library</b> 4200 Kansas Avenue NW Washington, DC 20011 202.541.6300 (phone)	<b>Hours:</b> Mon. – 1pm-9pm	Sun. – 1pm-5pm
		Tue. – 9:30am-5:30pm
		Wed. – 1pm – 9pm
		Thurs., Fri., Sat. – 9:30am-5:30pm

#### **Petworth Library BOOK SALE**

When: Saturday, Sept. 12

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What: Children's books, mysteries, adventure, history, biography, fiction, fantasy and more

Sponsored by Petworth Library Friends.

Questions: Email [geogan69@verizon.net](mailto:geogan69@verizon.net) or 202-722-4385

## ADULT PROGRAMS

Let's Speak English - English as a Second Language Conversation Circles

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 AM

English conversation circles for advanced beginners (adults who can speak and understand basic English).

## Counselors Corner

### Ms. Teri

As our students are adjusting to their new school year they are also adjusting to their after school regimen. We encourage our parents to provide supervision for our children who are in need of their time and emotional, as well as academic support

### What About After School?

Figuring out where kids will go after school can be a challenge, especially if both parents work. Depending on a child's age and maturity, you may need to arrange for after-school transportation and care.

It's important for younger kids and preteens to have some sort of supervision from a responsible adult. If you can't be there as soon as school's out, ask a reliable, responsible relative, friend, or neighbor to help out. If they're to be picked up after school, make sure your kids know where to meet you or another caregiver.

Although it might seem like kids who are approaching adolescence are becoming mature enough to start watching themselves after school, even kids as old as 11 or 12 may not be ready to be left alone.

If your kids or teens are home alone in the afternoons, it's important to establish clear rules:

Set a time when they're expected to arrive home from school.

Have them check in with you or a neighbor as soon as they get home.

Specify who, if anyone at all, is allowed in your home when you're not there.

Make sure they know to **never** open the door for strangers.

(excerpt taken from Kid Health .org)

### 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.

**BE KIND | WORK HARD | GET SMART**