



PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

E.L. HAYNES HERALD

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Dear E.L. Haynes Families,

This past Tuesday President Obama addressed the nation's students by saying in part, "...I want to start with the responsibility you have to yourself. Every single one of you has something you're good at. Every single one of you has something to offer. And you have a responsibility to yourself to discover what that is. That's the opportunity an education can provide...And no matter what you want to do with your life -- I guarantee that you'll need an education to do it..."



"You'll need the knowledge and problem-solving skills you learn in science and math to cure diseases like cancer and AIDS, and to develop new energy technologies and protect our environment. You'll need the insights and critical thinking skills you gain in history and social studies to fight poverty and homelessness, crime and discrimination, and make our nation more fair and more free. You'll need the creativity and ingenuity you develop in all your classes to build new companies that will create new jobs and boost our economy...We need every single one of you to

develop your talents, skills and intellect so you can help solve our most difficult problems. If you don't do that -- if you quit on school -- you're not just quitting on yourself, you're quitting on your country."

US Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice joined E.L. Haynes 7th grade students to watch the speech while students in grades 1-6 watched in classrooms around the school. At the conclusion, everyone made their way to the gym, where Ambassador Rice spoke to students herself about the importance of education, saying "If you work hard and you do your best all the time, there is nothing you can't accomplish."



Students made the Haynes community proud by asking thoughtful questions like Elijah Walker who wondered, "Ever since you have been ambassador, what was your hardest situation?" Mary Marsh asked, "What else can we do to help people in other countries?" Tamara Jackson wanted to know more about Rice's path asking, "Were you planning on being an ambassador as a child?" The Q&A concluded with Kennel Montague asking, "What can we all do to help bring peace to the countries of the world?" Ambassador Rice was impressed with our students and their potential, and so are we.

Sincerely,

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

Eric Westendorf, Principal, 4th – 7th Grades

The Next Two Weeks at E.L. Haynes

6	7 NO SCHOOL	8 Ambassador Rice Visits Haynes	9 Basketball (adults only) 6-8 PM	10	11	12 High School Charrette 9AM-1PM
13	14	15	16 Basketball (adults only) 6-8 PM	17 SPT Meeting 6-7 PM	18	19

NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next All School Meeting: Friday, September 11, 8:45-9:30 – all parents welcome! It's Dr. Haynes birthday and please bring a book. ☺

Next SPT Meeting: Thursday, September 17th, 6:00-7:00pm – Cafeteria. Committee work will take place the first half hour, and following will be a presentation on **“How can the Expectations of the Responsive Classroom Model Support Students & Parents?”**.

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.

Room Parents! We will have a brief meeting during the first half hour of the School Parent Team (SPT) Meeting on Thursday, September 17th from 6:15-7:15pm. Please come so that we can share information and tips for a great year.

We Still Need Room Parents for.... the following classrooms: Ms. Jensen, Ms. Wells, Mr. Kip, and Mr. Green. If you would like to help out in 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



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 9/16. After that players will need to pitch in to cover the cost.** Lastly, this is for adults only.



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 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. We are now doing the “elbow bump” greeting to contain any spread of germs! If your child develops a fever, they should stay home 24 hours after the fever breaks.

Hispanic Heritage Month is coming! And we have two exciting events!! Sunday, Sept. 27 “Nation’s Parade” at 14th 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; bhood@elhaynes.org.



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. 6th & 7th 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.

Suggestion/Comment Box Feedback

Thank you to all who have placed comments in our front lobby suggestion box. In response...

The Uniform Company (6th and 7th grades): Thank you for your patience with the uniform company. They ran into all sorts of problems with the company that prints the text on the T-shirts. Apparently the problem has been resolved, at last, and they should be shipping all present orders by the end of the week.

YRP NEWS:

Before School has been working (and playing!) hard in the mornings. And we have a lot of new faces, which we love! In order to work (and play!) hard, we understand that students need to eat a good breakfast. Before School starts serving breakfast at 7:30am. Unfortunately, we are unable to serve breakfast to students arriving after 8:10am because those students don't have enough time to eat AND make it up to class on time. **Please bring your students to Before School before 8:10am if you want them to eat the breakfast provided.** Thank you! We look forward to the rest of this school year with you & your students!

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

2009 DC Family Education Expo: Workshops and resources for all parents and students. Saturday, September 12, 9am-4pm. Bell Multicultural High School – 3101 16th St., NW-Columbia Heights Metro.

Ms. Mistry - Live! Come to the Broad Branch Market on Saturday September 12 at 10:30am to hear Ms. Mistry give a family concert. The Broad Branch Market is celebrating their one year anniversary this weekend, and there will be lots of fun for all including food, music, and a moonbounce. Come ready to sing and dance!

The Broad Branch Market is located at 5608 Broad Branch Rd. in NW DC-near Chevy Chase Circle. For more information call 202-249-8551 or log on to www.broadbranchmarket.com

Petworth Library Events

Petworth Library	Hours: Mon. – 1pm-9pm	Sun. – 1pm-5pm
4200 Kansas Avenue NW	Tue. – 9:30am-5:30pm	
Washington, DC 20011	Wed. – 1pm – 9pm	
202.541.6300 (phone)	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 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).

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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