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Dear E.L. Haynes Families,

On Friday, October 9th, we will hold first quarter parent/teacher conferences. Conferences can be scheduled between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. In addition, the 4th and 5th grade teachers will be available for parent/teacher conferences on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 4-5:40 pm. Conferences give parents an opportunity to talk with teachers and understand their child's performance to date. There are sign-up sheets for all grade levels available in the lobby. If you have not yet signed up for a conference, then please do so as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up!

Please note that we will not be able to provide childcare on conference day so any children who accompany parents must stay with them throughout the conferences. Teachers will provide a space for siblings across the room to play which will allow parents to focus on the conference conversation. Students will not be allowed to be unsupervised in the gym or anywhere else in the school. Spanish translation will be provided.

Finally, please arrive on time to the conference at your scheduled time and plan to stay 15 additional minutes to complete a parent survey online. Each conference is 20 minutes long and late arrival impacts the time available for your conference and others. We will set up several computers in the lobby to accommodate multiple parents at any given time to complete the survey. Your feedback will enable us to improve. You can complete the survey either before or after you child's conference.

We look forward to seeing you at the October 9th conferences!

Sincerely,

Eric Westendorf, Principal, 4th – 7th Grades

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

Towana Pierre-Floyd, NLNS Resident Principal

The Next Two Weeks at E.L. Haynes

4	5 Enrollment Count Day!	6 Picture Make Ups	7 Turn in Intersession Sign-Up Forms International Walk/Bike to School Day	8 Hispanic Heritage Day "Dia de Latino"	9 Parent/Teacher Conference Day	10
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NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION



Hispanic Heritage Month: On **Thursday, October 8**, we have “Dia Latino” (Latin Day) where we will celebrate with a school-wide assembly and parties in the classroom. Each class has been assigned a country and each floor has a theme. The specials teachers are preparing several presentations for the assembly at 9:30am and parents are invited to attend. The parties will take place during lunch in your student’s classroom, however, we need parents to supply the food and drink that represents Hispanic cuisine! Bring what you would like to share!

Potlucks on the Calendar: Your class/grade potlucks are a wonderful way to meet other parents and students in your child’s classroom. Be on the look out for invitations coming home through the Haynes Herald. Current potlucks on the schedule include: **4th grade will be Friday, October 2nd at 6pm at the Matos Family Home; Pre-K Guppies (Ms. Williams) will be October 6th at 6pm in the Cafeteria; 1st grade (Ms. Nolin) will be October 7th at 6pm in the Cafeteria; and 2nd grade (Ms. Jensen) will be Saturday, Oct. 3rd at 12 pm at the 14th & Girard St. Park.** If you have questions about when your child’s class/grade potluck is scheduled, please call Beth Hood at 667-4446 or email at bhood@elhaynes.org

Tardies at E.L. Haynes Thank you to all who have made that extra effort to change their routine to be sure that their students are arriving on time. **We’ve had a wonderful improvement in on-time arrival and your students’ teachers are very pleased!!** For those still coming after 8:30....

- You must sign in you child at the reception desk and include the reason for the tardy.
- If your student is late repeatedly, you must attend a meeting with an administrator.

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! This is for adults only and you’ll be asked to sign a waiver before joining in the game.

COUNT DAY, Oct. 5th: Count Day is next Monday, October 5th. We need all students to be at school on Monday, October 5th). Please help to ensure that your child makes it in on Monday unless they have any symptoms associated with H1N1. There will be an Ice-Cream Celebration for all classes with perfect attendance (we will still count your child’s class as having perfect attendance if a student is out sick with symptoms).

Lost and Found: Please check on Lost and Found on Parent/Teacher Conference Day. Any materials not picked up on Friday October 9, 2009 will go to Martha's Table during intersession.

October 9, Parent-Teacher Conferences If you have not yet signed up for a parent/teacher conference, please do so as soon as possible! If you are unable to make the available times left, please email or call your child’s teacher, administrator, or Beth Hood. We would be eternally grateful if parents could provide lunch for teachers during parent conferences. All donations can be set up buffet style in the cafeteria ☺

International Walk to School Day is October 7th! Join parents at Lamont Park at Lamont and Mt. Pleasant Sts., NW at 7:30am to walk and bike to school. We’ll have snacks, prizes for the kids, and a pedestrian safety demonstration by Dr. Bear. By 8am we’ll all walk/bike to the school together.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY – October 12 – school will be closed.

October 13 – 23rd Intersession: E.L. Haynes will be closed, though our Intersession will offer fun and engaging opportunities through EDP!! **The list of activities is available today in the main lobby.** Please sign up as soon as possible, so that your child can participate in the activities of their choice. All forms need to be returned by **6 pm on Wednesday, October 7th.**

ELH’s 09-10 Shakespeare Will Be This Fall: This fall, we will be producing ELH’s third Shakespeare production, *The Tempest*, a story that has monsters, fairies, raging storms, betrayal and romance. Rehearsals begin October intersession week 1 and 2 and continue during EDP this fall and through January

intersession. Performances will be January 14 and 15th, 2010. Students must audition on Saturday, October 3 or Monday, October 5 to be in *The Tempest* and be available for a follow-up audition (call-backs) on Tuesday, October 6 after school. (Sign-up for auditions on Mr. Westendorf's door.) For further information, please see the flyer on the Reception Desk or contact Ms. Semple at (202) 460-0934 or ashbysemple@gmail.com.



To our Parent Volunteers!! Especially to all our parents who came out to support our students at the Nation's Parade – a warm thank you for helping with getting our students ready and providing them with food! Over 120 ELH students participated which made it a fabulous day. We so appreciate your enthusiasm and participation!

Counselor's Corner – Ms. Teri

Last week, the Counselor's Corner was about the impact of students' poor sleep habits on their ability to function and achieve in our academic setting. When students feel irritable and can't identify why, they often act out behaviorally which can lead to disciplinary referrals and an increase in out-of-classroom time. We also know that students who are well rested have optimal brain functioning and they are ready to learn. Thus, as parents, it is important to use all of our strategies to support good sleep habits for your student(s).

So what can you do to make sure your child sleeps enough to function at his best? Try these tips to help your child sleep well and build good school-night child sleep habits:

Smart Child Sleep Habit: Stick to a routine. A bath, pajamas, brushing teeth and a few pages from a book -- whatever your nighttime ritual is, be sure to stick to it consistently so that your child knows what to expect move through every phase efficiently each night.

Smart Child Sleep Habit: Limit the electronic stimulants. Don't let your child use the computer or watch TV at least an hour before bedtime. These activities can be stimulating, and can interfere with falling and staying asleep.

Smart Child Sleep Habit: Keep her room comfortable for sleeping. Bedrooms that are quiet, dark and cool are optimal for a good night's rest.

Smart Child Sleep Habit: Curb the sneaky caffeine. You wouldn't let your grade-schooler down a cup of coffee before bed. But caffeine can also lurk in foods and drinks you may not suspect such as chocolate and sodas.

Smart Child Sleep Habit: Watch your child instead of the clock. How much your child needs to sleep can vary depending on his individual needs. Some kids may do just fine on 8 hours of sleep while others need a solid 10 or more. Look for signs of sleep deprivation such as hyperactivity, crankiness and memory

By [Katherine Lee](#), About.com

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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