



E.L. HAYNES

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

E.L. HAYNES HERALD

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September 1, 2011

The Next Two Weeks

Sun 28	Mon 29	Tues 30	Wed 31	Thurs Sept 1	Fri 2 No After School Program	Sat 3
Sun 4	Mon 5 Holiday No School	Tues 6 Literacy Night 5:30pm-6:10pm	Wed 7	Thurs 8	Fri 9	Sat 10 *New Date* Paint A Mural with Your Child at KA Campus

September 1, 2011

Dear E.L. Haynes Families,

It was a pleasure getting to see so many of you at our recent Back to School Night events. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Literacy and Math nights also!

Literacy Night will be on Tuesday, **September 6th from 5:30pm – 7:15pm**. We will start the event with an all school potluck near our playgrounds at 5:30pm. From there we will break up into grade levels and have a chance to learn more about literacy expectations and benchmarks for the year. During this time you will also have the chance to learn about specific strategies to use at home to help your student with their literacy skills.

Math Night will be on Thursday, **September 22nd from 5:30pm – 7:15pm**. Math Night will have a similar format as Literacy Night. We will start Math Night with a potluck at 5:30pm, and then break into grade levels to get an overview of math expectations and benchmarks for the year. You will then have a chance to make math games that focus on strategies that will help your student with math at home.

Thank you all for such a great first month of school. We are looking forward to a great rest of the year!

Sincerely,

Michelle Molitor—Principal, Lower School

Kyna Williams—Assistant Principal, Lower School

News and Announcements

School dismisses at 1:00pm TOMORROW, Friday. There will be no EDP. All students must be picked up at 1:00pm.

Counselors Corner

By Katharine Landfield, School Social Worker

Well, this sure was an exciting week with Mother Nature! Raise your hand if you ever lived through an earthquake and a hurricane in one week. Me neither. Thankfully, we survived them both with little serious trouble here in D.C.

This month, I am writing about how to talk with your kids about sudden, scary events that happen in our lives – an earthquake or hurricane, acts of violence, a sudden illness or death, or any other kind of unexpected and big change. We all hope these things don't touch our children, but of course they do from time to time.

Children feel things the same way we do – they get scared, overwhelmed, nervous, sad, angry, stressed, etc. But they show these feelings in different ways than adults do.

Very young kids (5 years and younger) might show these reactions:

- fear of being separated from you
- crying, screaming, lots of clinging to you
- going back to earlier behaviors, like wetting the bed, being scared of the dark, thumb-sucking

Older kids (6-11 years old) might show these reactions:

- not wanting to go out (withdrawal) or refusing to do normal things
- “on edge” or irritated, fighting with other kids, refusing to follow directions
- nightmares, sleep problems, stomach aches or headaches, not hungry

There are lots of ways to help your child during these challenging times. You are the most important person in your children's lives, so you are the most important part of supporting them. You can:

- Explain what happened as clearly and simply as you can.
- Listen to your child talk about what happened. Allow them to feel sad/angry/worried. Let them ask you questions.
- Let them know that it is normal to feel upset after something bad happens.
- Keep your family routine as regular as possible.
- Remind them how much you love them.
- If they are doing things that they did when they were younger (like wetting their pants), take it as a sign that they are scared or worried. They will go back to their better behavior as soon as they feel calmer and more secure.
- Give extra time and reassurance at bedtime.
- Talk to your child's teacher to come up with a way of dealing with problem behaviors at school.
- Remember, your child is watching you to see your reaction to the situation – so take care of yourself and your worries/fears as well. Remind your children that you are here with them and you will get through this together.

-adapted from NIMH, "Helping Children and Adolescents Cope with Violence and Disasters" (2001)

Introducing your campus nurse:

Hello E. L. Haynes Families,

My name is Dee Crowder, RN I am the nurse at the Georgia Ave. Campus. Ms. Julia McFarlane, RN is the nurse at the Kansas Ave. Campus. We are here to work to keep your child healthy, well, and engaged in their learning. We look forward to working with you and your children. Our office hours are 8 am-4:30 pm. Please call us and let us know how we may be a benefit to you and your child.

Staying Healthy in 2012 the EL Haynes way,

Dolores Crowder, RN

Julia McFarlane, RN

Attendance Line

To report your child's absence please call or email us: 202-277-6335 or

ATTENDANCE@elhaynes.org

Please leave student's name, grade, and reason for the absence along with any documentation.

Grandparent/Special Friend Day - Save the Date! On Friday morning, September 23rd, E.L. Haynes will be hosting our second annual Grandparent/Special Friend Day to honor their special role in our students' lives. If you would like to help organize this day and/or welcome our guests, please contact Ty'ease SetepenRa at tsetepenra@elhaynes.org. Sign-up sheets are also located in the Parent Center.

Literacy Night at Kansas Ave. Come to Literacy Night at Kansas Ave. on Tuesday, September 6th and learn about how you can support your child's love of reading, 6:15-7:15 pm. There will be a family potluck 5:30-6:10pm. Bring a dish to share. Translation available.

Math Night at Kansas Ave. Come out to make and take math games for your student at Kansas Ave. on Thursday, September 22nd. There will be a family potluck 5:30pm-6:10pm. Bring a dish to share. Translation available.

Parent-Principal Chit Chat with Ms. Molitor, will be Thursday, September 29th, 6-7pm, Kansas Ave. campus. Please feel free to come with any questions, wonderings, concerns and interests! Translation available.

Roving Readers: Save the Date!

Our Roving Readers program will begin September 12th. We invite parents, grandparents, or other interested family members to come into our classrooms to read with our students and increase literacy education at home and school! Sign-up sheets are located in the Parent Center.

Keep in Touch! Haynes Herald On-Line: Did you know you can access the Haynes Herald from our website? Just go to: <http://elhaynes.org/family.html> You'll find lots of information about our school, especially for our families. You can also access the link to our Facebook page.

ELH Parent Listserv: If you would like to be on the ELH Parent Listserv, you can send an email to Matt Sullivan at: matt1544@gmail.com The listserv is for parents only, as a forum to be able to share information, resources, and questions.

Community Announcements

WHAT: Free Family-Friendly events during the run of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma!

WHERE: Mead Center (1101 Sixth Street SW)

WHEN: Saturday afternoons during the run of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma! from 12:30-1:30p.m., prior to the 2:00 p.m. matinee.

DETAILS: Come enjoy a petting zoo on the Sixth Street sidewalk with the return of Pony To Go. Pony To Go has a wide variety of animals including ponies, snakes, sheep, ducks, guinea pigs, turtles, pigs, rabbits and goats. Pony To Go will be present every Saturday through October 1st, excluding dates when other special events are scheduled (7/30, 8/13 and 9/24). This is fun for the whole family. For more information please go to www.arenastage.org or call [202-488-3300](tel:202-488-3300).

E.L. Haynes Kansas Avenue Campus

Literacy Night

Tuesday, September 6th

Potluck 5:30 – 6:10 pm

Reading workshop 6:15 – 7:15



Highlights:

- ▶ Learn key strategies to improve your child's reading skills at home
- ▶ Connect with other families and your child's teacher

Literacy Night is for **parents and students**. Please come with your child and, together, go to your child's classroom. Childcare will be provided for other siblings. *(If you have more than one child at Kansas Avenue, please choose one classroom. The information will be consistent across grade levels.*

E.L. Haynes
Race For The Cause

We need your help!!!

Help E.L. Haynes raise \$25,000 or more!

Please Register NOW!



The E.L. Haynes community is running and walking to raise money for our school and YOU can be a part of it!!

For more details visit www.theraceforacause.com

or

Contact Ms. Taylor-Hart; yhart@elhaynes.org

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