

Haynes Herald

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Dear E.L. Haynes Families,

Welcome back! I hope that you had a wonderful, relaxing, and joyful summer break with your students.

Last week, our entire staff spent two days together at our second annual All-Staff Retreat, where we focused on building community and conducting shared learning. We established our annual professional development goal around planning and designing engaging lessons for all our students. A special thank you to our school leadership and operations teams for their hard work preparing our buildings and classrooms to ensure a strong start to the year.

The *Haynes Herald* is our monthly cross-campus family communication that provides you with school-wide highlights and updates. In addition, you will continue to receive more detailed, timely information directly from school leadership, principals, and teachers. Throughout the year, we invite you to participate in your child's education by engaging with other families, attending school events, and connecting with your student's teachers. You are a valued member of our team!

I look forward to meeting new families, and re-connecting with returning families, at upcoming Back to School Nights. Together, I know we will make the 2018-2019 school year one of significant growth and achievement for all of our PK-12th grade students.

With excitement for a new year,

Hilary Darilek
Chief Executive Officer

Stay up to date

To stay up to date on academic, family, and community events at E.L. Haynes, visit elhaynes.org/school-calendars.



Calendar

**ES Back to School Night
(Grades PK-1)**

August 21, 6:00-7:30 PM

**ES Back to School Night
(Grades 2-4)**

August 23, 6:00-7:30 PM

MS Back to School Night

August 16, 5:30-7:00 PM

HS Back to School Night

August 20, 6:00-8:30 PM

Labor Day (No School)

September 3

**Professional Development Day
(No School for Students)**

September 14

**Parent Teacher Conferences
(No School for Students)**

September 21



CAMPUS SPOTLIGHTS

ES Students Practice Mindfulness

This year, we are excited about the new ways that we are teaching social-emotional skills. We realize that students need to develop the skills to recognize and regulate their emotions, solve conflicts, and advocate for themselves to be successful in college and career. Every day following lunch and recess, students will participate in Quiet Time. Quiet Time is a short period when students engage in a quiet, individual activity to help them re-center and prepare for a productive afternoon of learning. Children will engage in a mindfulness activity to promote self-awareness, focus, and emotional resilience.

MS Welcomes New Leadership Team!

We are thrilled to welcome outstanding new individuals to the E.L. Haynes Middle School Leadership Team: Ms. Zenada Mahon as our Principal; Ms. Sarah Valverde as our Assistant Principal for STEM; Ms. Nicole Shivers as our Assistant Principal for Literacy; and, Ms. Rohey Mbenga as our Assistant Director for Student Support Services. Our MS Leadership Team is excited to hold parent meetings and sessions throughout the year. To learn more about the MS Leadership Team, visit: elhaynes.org/2018-19-middle-school-leadership.

HS Students Have Been All Over the Globe!

Over the summer, our HS students held internships and jobs across the city, country, and world at DC government offices and the City Council, the World Bank, Rock Creek Park, the American Chemical Society, and the National Museum for African American History and Culture. Students participated in the LearnServe International program, where they visited Paraguay and Zambia and co-designed social programs with community organizations in the areas of child malnutrition, education, and food justice. To learn more about pre-college opportunities at E.L. Haynes, visit: www.elhaynes.org/pre-college-programs.

MEET OUR STAFF

Chad Quinn, ES Dean of Culture

How long have you been at Haynes?

This is my fifth year.

If you could tell your younger self something regarding education, what would it be?

Be kind to your teachers, you may work in education one day.

How has working in education impacted other parts of your life?

Working in education has helped me to act with patience and empathy when dealing with our youth.

Fun Fact: I'm a Knicks fan. It doesn't get funnier than that.

Sarah Valverde, MS Assistant Principal

How long have you been at E.L. Haynes?

This is my first year.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

My proudest accomplishment was getting accepted and graduating from Johns Hopkins University (JHU). I am a first-generation college student. I had to jump through many obstacles during my time at JHU, from the financial aid process to culture shock. I hold dear the memory of my mother's pride when I graduated.

Fun Fact: I was 19 years old the first time I saw snow, and even older the first time I saw a mountain.

Joy Clarke, HS Assistant Principal

How long have you been at E.L. Haynes?

This is my third year.

If you could tell your younger self something regarding education, what would it be?

I would tell myself that access to an excellent education in this country is a privilege. And with that privilege it is my responsibility to positively impact the lives of others.

Fun Fact: I spent two months living in a convent in Karnataka, India while studying abroad in college.