

Haynes Herald

TACKLING INEQUITY

Dear E.L. Haynes Families,

Over Intersession break, our LEA-wide leadership teams screened an episode of "America to Me," a 10-part documentary covering an academic year at Chicago's Oak Park and River Forest High school. The series allows students, families, faculty, and administration to tell stories of the pressures and challenges teens face today in their own words. Through each episode, viewers follow a community of white and black students whose education is not separate, but whose experience is not equal. Being leaders for equity is foundational to our beliefs underlying school culture at E.L. Haynes.

Two efforts we are striving towards this fall at the high school are incorporating a student-led Peer Court and building out the impact of our Student Government Association (SGA). Both programs have more than 25 students participating for the 2018-19 school year. Prior to Fall Intersession, our SGA planned a celebratory week for Homecoming; acknowledged teachers with notes of gratitude; hosted two fundraisers; and, started planning community service events during November and December.

Finally, I am thrilled that our high school achieved Tier 1 recognition on the 2017-18 PCSB School Quality Report. It is a testament to the hard work of our staff and students, and of the learning taking place on campus. I want to invite elementary and middle school families to visit our high school to learn more about our academics, extracurricular activities, and student initiatives. **We're hosting our first Open House for current E.L. Haynes 8th grade families on Thursday, November 15, from 6:00-7:30 PM. We hope to see you there!**

With gratitude,

Emily Hueber Stoetzer
High School Principal, Grades 9-12

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

Veterans Day (No School)

November 12

Open House for Current E.L. Haynes 5th Grade Families

November 14, 9:00-10:30 AM,
Middle School

Open House for Current E.L. Haynes 8th Grade Families

November 15, 6:00-7:30 PM,
High School

Thanksgiving Break (No School)

November 21-23

Professional Development Day (No School)

November 30

Board of Trustees Meeting

December 4, 8:00-10:00 AM,
HS First Floor Lounge



CAMPUS SPOTLIGHTS

ES Students Learn About Caricatures

October Intersession at the ES was a huge success! In Mr. Khanh's art portrait class, students created beautiful self-portraits using photocopied funny pictures of themselves as guides. Students began by drawing cartoon portraits of famous presidents like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Next, students progressed to drawing caricatures faces. Finally, students photographed their own faces and used transfer paper to get the lines of their features onto paper. After a week of experimenting with watercolor paint color combinations, students selected two tempera paints for the portrait.

MS Students React to Hearing Mrs. Obama

Our MS Debate Team, led by Mr. Moore, kicked off the regular Washington Urban Debate League debate season with tremendous success. At their first tournament of the year, 7th grade student Cordell placed first as the Junior Varsity Speaker DC, in a division that included several HS students. Our middle school debate team also received news that they will hear Michelle Obama speak on her *I Am Becoming Tour* on November 17 following the Washington Urban Debate tournament. Thank you, Mrs. Obama, for this incredible opportunity!

HS Students Promote School Spirit

Prior to Fall Intersession, our HS community hosted two signature events highlighting student leadership. Tatiana Argueta and Yesly Mejia emceed our annual cross-campus Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. HS performances included our theater and dance teams and our inaugural dance class elective. Our high school student photography club took photos for the entire E.L. Haynes community. HS Homecoming week included Spirit Days, Homecoming Court, a Pep Rally, and the annual Homecoming Dance! Our HS Pep Rally acknowledged students participating in clubs and extra-curricular activities during Quarter 1.

MEET OUR STAFF

Maria Roldan Vasquez, ES Fitness Teacher

How long have you been at E.L. Haynes? This is my fifth year.

What is your favorite family tradition? My favorite family tradition is to travel with my kids every summer to Colombia. I am originally from Colombia and my parents and relatives still live there. Visiting my country and spending time with my family has helped my kids maintain their cultural roots and strengthen their Spanish language. It makes me very proud to know that my kids understand and value that both countries and cultures make them who they are.

Ben Pruitt, MS Dean of Culture

How long have you been at E.L. Haynes? This is my fifth year.

What is your proudest accomplishment? My proudest accomplishment is carrying on the family tradition of being a professional saxophonist and traveling the world like my father.

If you could go back and tell your younger self something regarding education, what would it be? I would tell my younger self to learn another language or two.

Fun Fact: I live approximately 14 miles from school.

Topher Kandik, 10th Grade English Teacher

How long have you been at E.L. Haynes? This is my first year at Haynes, 12th year teaching overall.

What is your proudest accomplishment? I am really proud of being named the 2016 Teacher of the Year for the District of Columbia. I got to meet a cohort of amazing educators from around the country, it has opened up many pathways in education, and, above all, I was presented the award by President Obama at the White House. I guess you could say I was pretty proud that day.

Fun Fact: I live about 284 steps from Haynes. But who's counting?