

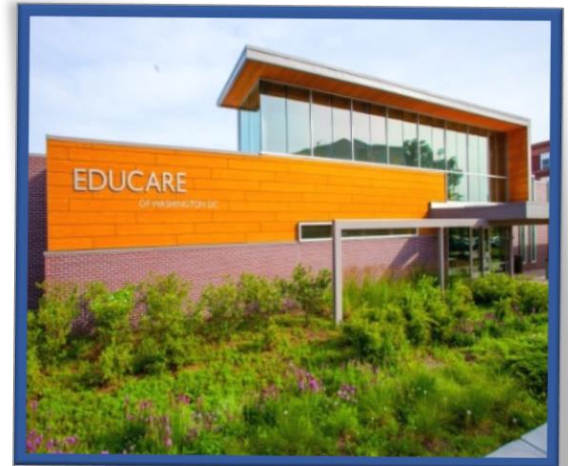
# Gazette

Happy New Year!

“We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called *Opportunity* and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.” – Edith Lovejoy Pierce

## Letter from Leadership

- **Thank you** to everyone who organized and attended EdFEST last month! It was a huge success and we were able to recruit 29 families.
- **Open House:** We will be hosting a prospective student open house on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am – 12 pm, for any new families who are interested in enrolling their children with Educare DC for the 2020 school year. We are accepting applications for both Early Head Start and Pre-K. Help spread the word to any families that you think might be interested in learning more about our school!
- **Parent Council Meeting:** Thanks to everyone who attended our last Parent Council Meeting! These meetings are a great way to learn about school updates, get involved in the school, and meet other parents and staff. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30am** and we will continue our conversations on the transition from Pre-K4 into Kindergarten.
- **Monthly Raffles:** Congratulations to our first- round winners *Aleah Shaw, Jayce Nightingale, Layla Cook, Kaveon Jacobs, Gianni Jenkins, and Jordyn Carter*! Raffles will continue monthly; six children will win \$50 in our savings raffles. To be eligible, a family member must do **one of these four things:** participate in a learning activity in their child’s classroom; attend a classroom meeting; attend the monthly Parent Committee meeting or make a deposit of any amount in the Family Savings Account. Come to the Parent Council Meeting, on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> to see if your child wins next month’s raffle!



## Important Dates in January

- ◆ 14<sup>th</sup> – Parent Policy Meeting 9:30am
- ◆ 20<sup>th</sup> – MLK Day (School Closed)
- ◆ 27<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development Day (School Closed)



# Preparing our Kids for Success

## DECEMBER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS!

### Parent Showcase

We had a fantastic time getting to see so many great talents and skills at our very first Parent Showcase! Thank you to everyone who made this possible!



### Job Fair

Last month we held our third annual job fair for open positions with Educare DC. This was our most successful job fair to date, with over 40 applicants who were interested in joining our team! A special shout out to all of the staff that helped make the event such a success!



### Yard Sale

Before break, we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual yard sale giveaway, featuring clothes, shoes, books and more! Thank you to everyone who organized the event and to those who donated items!



## Shout-Out!

**"I'd like to say Thank You to the Radiance Committee for all their great work creating another amazing holiday spirit week! It lifted everyone's spirits and helped kids and adults get through the last few days of school with smiles on their faces!" - Hannah**

**"Shout-out to the CCP Team and the Educare staff that support our work with children and families. Your hard and amazing work hasn't gone unnoticed and I'm honored to work with such talented individuals that make the dream of increasing quality care a reality!" – Talia Newman**

**"Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me to Educare DC! I cannot believe it has already been a month since I started. I have enjoyed getting to know you all and look forward to working with you all!" – Megan**

## FAMILY & STAFF CORNER

### Parent Café

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To help ring in the New Year, we will be hosting two Parent Café's this month! One will be offered in the afternoon to help provide an additional time for parents to join. Keep a look out for further details!

We are growing and giving thanks for each other! Mark your calendars and let's grow together!

### Learning Tip of the Month

**Provide** your child with opportunities to learn **independence.**

By creating opportunities for independence you can help create a safe environment for your children to grown and gain confidence. Tasks can be as simple as allowing your child to carry their own bag, put away toys, or helping put clean clothes into drawers.

Below are a few tips to help navigate the journey to independence with your child:

**Offer choices** – think of options that you can both live with but set some boundaries. For example, allow them to pick their clothing, but if it's cold outside tell them they need to pick a jacket to wear.

**Allow for flexibility** – many young children can do the same things as older children, they just need a little more time. When planning your day, allow extra time for things like putting on shoes or walking to the car.

Through independence children get to enhance their skills, learn right and wrong, develop their personality, and grow up strong, ready to take on life's challenges, emotionally secured, and happy!

#### A School for Your Community

Educare of Washington, DC, is an early childhood school built to serve the children and families of Washington, DC. We engage and empower parents in their children's learning and provide high-quality education through small class sizes and cutting-edge teaching methods. We are also committed to evaluation and continuous program improvement through our partnerships with the Educare Network, Head Start and the University of Maryland.