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# Gazette

*Be present in all things and thankful for all things*



## Letter from Leadership

**Thank you** to everyone who submitted photos for our virtual Halloween parade! It was a joy to see all our students in their spooky and whimsical costumes with big smiles on their faces!

**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! A Zoom link will be sent via the Remind App and through your family engagement specialist. This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17th, time to be determined.

**Thanksgiving Meal:** The Culinary Diplomacy Project is partnering with us to provide families with a backpack with nonperishable items and other items to help celebrate the holiday season! Distribution will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 11am-2pm - family engagement staff will be reaching out for specific pick-up time slots for each family.

**Prenatal Program:** We are excited to start our new prenatal program later this fall! The program will support pregnant mothers and their babies to ensure they have access to quality healthcare, support and coaching from experts, and connection with other mothers. Email [enroll@educaredc.org](mailto:enroll@educaredc.org) or call 202.727.5604 to learn more and join today!

## Important Dates in November



- 3rd: Election Day (School Closed)
- 11th: Veteran's Day (School Closed)
- 17th: Parent Council Meeting
- 25th-27th: Thanksgiving Break (School Closed)



## Additional Information:

**Contact Educare DC:** Please call 202.727.5604 if you have any questions.

**Remind App:** Remember to utilize the Remind App, if you are not already - contact Family Engagement to help set an account up or if your phone number has changed.



# Digging for Worms and Harvesting Veggies!

Last month, as a part of our Early Growers program with our partners at City Blossoms and Mrs. Kelly worked together to hosted a Clean Up Educare Eden Day for our onsite children!



Our young gardeners got their hands nice and dirty, cleaning the raised garden beds by pulling weeds, turning the soil, harvesting some veggies that were leftover from summer, and they decorated the garden tress with patterns of ribbon they put together. As they worked, they learned about preparing the garden for winter and spring and even collected worms!

Once they had finished all their hard work - they were able to take the leftover cherry tomatoes and cucumbers back to their classrooms.



## Learning Tip of the Month

Explore **light and sound** with your children! Kids are naturally curious about the sights and sounds around them.

We experience the properties of light and sound every day - the warmth of the sun, shadows and reflections from the light, singing, playing with noisy toys, and so on!

As you explore light and sound with your child, talk with them about their experiences. Use words like bright, brighter and brightest and loud, louder, loudest. Here are some easy ways to explore light and sound at home:

- **Have a shadow puppet show:** use a lamp and different toys to explore how shadows are cast. Explore questions such as what happens to the shadow the farther away the toy is from the light - does it grow? Do the edges of the shadow blur?
- **Talk and sing through tubes:** you can use toilet paper, paper towel, and wrapping paper tubes. Use the tubes to talk and listen through. Explore questions such as - can we make loud and soft sounds? What happens when we put paper on one side of the tube?

Loud sounds and dark spaces can make our children nervous, but with your support, they can become self-confident and a safety-conscious explorer!



## SHOUT-OUT!

Shoutout to the CCP FES team for hosting the very first virtual movie night and continuing to brainstorm innovative ways to collaborate and build relationships with families. Special thank you to Jasmine and Linwood for strategizing and steadfastly working with me to put a plan in place for a parent and site in need of immediate support after being notified after hours. Shoutout to the CCP instructional coaches and instructional assistants for going to our partner sites and assisting the teachers with classroom layouts, and facilitating professional development trainings as the sites began to reopen. Shoutout to Ms. Rouki, Mr. Benjamin, Ms. Torrian and Ms. Dela Torre for training our CCP partners, conducting observations, and participating in virtual home visits. Your flexibility and adaptability is truly appreciated and outstanding during such uncertain times." - Ms. Talia

"I would like to give a huge shout out to the on-site staff. May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are, and the difference you make. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated!! Go team!!! You guys rock 🤘"- Ms.Tamieka

"Shout out to Mr. Casi York for the Extraordinary Support he provides to the children and staff in Covid -19 Classroom 120"  
- Ms. Veronica

"I want to thank Jayda Ford for her tremendous support in making sure that we have the qualified applicants for our Prenatal Program. From scheduling to phone interviews all the way to onboarding. Jayda... Maraming Salamat. Another shout out is for Morgan and Torrian by helping us interview applicants in spite of their busy schedule. Thank you so much!" - Ms. Patricia

"Jayda Ford & Kiyana Morgan, both of these ladies have done a really great job facilitating the onboarding process. Great spirited and very enthusiastic throughout the entire process." Ms. Brittany Cameron

### 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 Learning Network, Head Start and the University of Maryland.