



Gazette



Letter from Leadership

Happy St. Patrick's Day from all of us at Educare DC

Happy Women's History Month! Let us celebrate all the accomplishments that women have made through history and support those who continue to break boundaries and strive for equality for all!

Open House Mini-Series: Last month, we held our open house mini-series for prospective parents! We had sessions about our early childhood education program, our prenatal program, food and nutrition, and more! If you or someone you know were unable to attend, we have recordings of each session on our website: www.educaredc.org/enroll/

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, March 16th at 5 pm.**

Prenatal Program: This new program will support pregnant mothers and their babies to ensure they have access to quality healthcare, support from coaches, and connection with other mothers. Email enroll@educaredc.org, call 202.727.5604, or visit our webpage at www.educaredc.org/prenatal/ to learn more and join today!

Important Dates in March



- **16th:** Parent Council Meeting at 5pm

“When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.” - Malala Yousafzai

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.



Learning Tip of the Month



"At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better. It's an enormous force for good." - Barack Obama

In honor of Read Across America day being celebrated this month, we encourage everyone to sit a read a book as a family!

Reading early and often not only helps your child's development, but also helps create a lifelong love of reading! It is never too early to begin reading with your child. Reading with your child helps them become a happy and confident reader. Below are some tips to help make reading more engaging and fun for your child:

- **Read with a fun voice:** read to your child with humor and expression by using different voices. This is a fun way to make reading more interesting and helps your child connect emotions with language and tone.
- **Be interactive:** take time to discuss what is happening in the book, such as pointing things out on the page and asking questions.
- **Know when to stop:** it is okay to stop if your child loses interest or has trouble paying attention. Put the book away, and come back to it when your child is ready to read again.



SHOUT-OUT!

"I would like to send a BIG SHOUT OUT and THANK YOU to our Virtual Open House presenters who participated in successfully promoting Educare DC's high-quality, early learning brand. Members of our Leadership team kicked-off our Open House mini-series on Tuesday, February 09, 2021 with a detailed overview of EducareDC Programs and our growing footprint within the Ward 7 and Ward 8 communities. Followed by our Enrollment team who presented this past Thursday, February 18th with informative information about Head Start, Educare DC Program offerings, and our eligibility, selection, and enrollment process. Both events were a success considering this was our first time taking our Open House virtually. Each presenter came prepared, confident and in their Educare Best! I couldn't have made this happen without your willingness to collaborate, thank you. Keep an eye out for the videos coming soon to our website and YouTube channel 😊 in addition to our upcoming segments throughout the month of February and early March." Ms. JaiFawn

Shoutout to Ashley Betlock and Desiree El for collaborating and supporting the virtual and on-site staff! Mrs. Betlock has gone above and beyond to support all new EDC (IDEA) staff with TSG, performance reviews and pd plans as well as in other other leadership capacities. Mrs. El has been a monumental support through out this virtual learning process. Shoutout to Jamal Berry for continuing to push me as a supervisor and leader. Your support, understanding and expertise is one of the reasons that makes working at Educare amazing! Shoutout to JaiFawn and Kimyata for their flexibility, thoughtfulness and participation in the health, ERSEA and fiscal infrastructure self-assessment. Your data analysis, leadership and professionalism made completing the report a breeze!" - Ms. Talia Newman

"I would like to shout out The Family Engagement Department. Ms. JaiFawn Hood for all of her hard work in developing a virtual Open House that is inclusive of all departments. The dedication and commitment to being flexible during these unprecedented times is appreciated and respected.

Enrollment Team shout out for going above and beyond to enroll families and ensure proper documentation. Family Engagement Specialist for the teamwork and commitment to families. Staying in touch and always being a support to each other, the families, and the Educare team. As Director of Family of Engagement I want to say THANK YOU to MY TEAM!" Ms. Shaunda White

"I would like to highlight the eagerness to learn and the steady growth of the enrollment team in such a short amount of time. Looking forward to continued growth and progress towards Educare DC's mission & goals for children and families." - Precious Cunningham

"Ms. Iola Wilkins in room 120 for keeping the classroom materials and storage units meticulously sanitized and disinfected daily. Ms. Iola's diligent work is commendable and greatly appreciated!" - Ms. Veronica Pollard

"Enormous thanks to Vinele Butler for personally packaging and mailing each individual holiday gift to over 100 Educare DC staff! Shout out to Ms. Jannice, Ms. Shelly and Ms. Prince for their participation in the Early Educator Fellowship! - All of us from Educare DC

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.