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Wherever you go, no matter the weather, always bring your own sunshine!



Letter from Leadership



Ribbon Cutting at IDEA! Last month, we held a small ribbon-cutting ceremony for key project funders and city officials to commemorate the end of construction at our new IDEA site. We still have a little ways to go until our classrooms will be full of children, but we can't wait until we can welcome our new families and students! We will be hosting a virtual, grand opening event later this fall to commemorate the official opening, so keep an eye out for updates!

Family Fun Day: Join us on July 24th for a family fun day hosted at Parkside! The day will be full of fun activities for the whole family. Keep an eye out for more information, and we hope to see you there!

Re-Enrollment for the 21-22 school year is underway! Please check with our Enrollment Team to ensure you have completed the required steps to secure your child's placement at Educare DC for the next school year. Contact enroll@educaredc.org or your FES for assistance.

Parent Council Meeting: There will be no Parent Council meetings in July or August and will resume September after the start of the new school year. These meetings are a great way to 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.

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 July



- **2nd** - Observing Juneteenth (School Closed)
- **5th** - Observing Independence Day (School Closed)
- **15th** - Pre-K Moving Up Ceremony
- **24th** - Family Fun Day Event



Educare DC and IDEA leadership along with key funders and city leaders, plus former Educare DC parent Lakesha Jenkins!

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.

International Mud Day!

This past month, we celebrated International Mud Day! We partnered with the Early Science Initiative to help bring fun, educational mud-related activities.

Mrs. Kelly helped organize the day for students to get their hands a little dirty and explore the properties of mud. Our students were able to play with dirt and water to explore how liquid can change the properties of dirt!

We added different amounts of dirt to create paint, mud pies, and even a mud bath. They were also able to talk about the coolness of the water and the mud. Our little explorers had a great time beating the heat and playing with water and dirt to make different creations and have fun with one another!



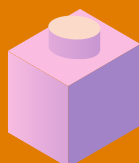
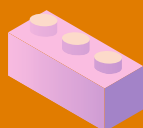
Learning Tip of the Month

Encourage creative construction!

Children have a tone of natural curiosity. By providing opportunities for your kid to build different types of buildings, vehicles, or whatever else they dream up, you encourage them to innovate and invent. Building different contraptions help nurture their creativity and build their STEM skills as they invent.

You can use anything to encourage creative construction! Of course, building blocks and other construction-based toys are always a good go-to, but you can also use everyday items around the house. For example, you can use chairs and blankets to build a fort.

While your child is creating, engage with them and ask what they are building and other thought-provoking questions. Then, enjoy making a new world with your child!



SHOUT-OUT!

"HUGE shout out to the team at IDEA! We held a small gathering to celebrate the completion of the facility with funders and city officials at the end of June and the team at IDEA hustled to make the building look absolutely perfect. From the welcoming front desk and organized offices to the beautifully staged classrooms (ready for children any second now!) – I know a lot of folks worked hard to help us put our best foot forward. Thank you!"
-Hannah Urrey, Director of Development

"Shout out to Mr. Cole & Mr. Berry for showing up in the clutch during "Game 6" (Federal Audit). Thank you both for being awesome teammates with so much at stake. Shout out to my starting 3 All-Stars ; Kimyata Black, Maura Burns, and Tamisa Brooks!! If down 0-3 in a finals series I would bet on THIS team each and every single time!! They don't have an award for how much you each mean to the Family Engagement Department."
XOXO-Mrs. Glover

"Congrats to Ms. Denisha Hall on her testimony to the DC Council. Advocacy requires courage, independence, and passion. And I appreciate you using your voice to advocate for children and families across the District."
-Syritha Robinson, Advocacy Director

"I would like to shout-out the Master teachers and the entire teaching team for their dedication, flexibility, and adaptation to change. Without the work from this group, we wouldn't be able to provide high quality care to children and families. If I could give you all a million dollars I would, I am sincerely grateful to work with such an amazing group of individuals.
☐♥" - Mr. Truesdale

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.