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"Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere"

- Albert Einstein



Letter from Leadership

Congratulations to Ms. Patricia!

We are thrilled to share that one of our own has received special recognition for their work. Comprehensive Services Director, Ms. Patricia Dela Torre, received the 2021 COVID Community Award from Bridging the Gap, for her outstanding service in Ward 7! Thank you for all you do for the community and our families, Ms. Patricia, and congrats again!



On August 23rd, we celebrated the **first day of the 2021-2022 school year!** We are excited to have our students back on campus - learn more about the day in our spotlight section of the gazette!

Parent Council Meeting: Join us this month for our first parent council meeting of the new school year! Keep an eye out for more info soon - a Zoom link will be sent via the Remind App and through your family engagement specialist. These meetings are a great way to get involved in the school and meet other parents and staff! Additionally, parent policy council officer elections will be held this month - if interested in learning more about this role, reach out to 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 September



- **6th - Labor Day (School Closed)**
- **TBD - Parent Council Meeting**



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.

First Day of School!

Monday, August 23rd, was the first day of the new school year, and we were so excited to welcome students back onsite!

Our students all rocked their back-to-school looks and were excited to join their friends and teachers in the classrooms.

With the start of the new school year, and hybrid learning coming to an end, we are eager to begin our "new normal", while also maintaining our new health and safety policies and procedures.

We know this year will look different from past school years, but we are thrilled to be together again, and to heal, learn, and grow together!



Learning Tip of the Month

Help **immerse** your child in learning!

Children are naturally curious - in other words, they love to learn and discover! Although the classroom might be the primary source of instruction, growth should extend outside the walls of the classroom.

Below are some tips and strategies that will help encourage and motivate your child to be a lifetime learner:

- **Develop an atmosphere of reading** - the skills gained from reading extend beyond increased language and enhance the ability to learn in all subjects.
- **Focus on your child's interest** - when children learn in areas and subjects of interest, learning becomes fun, and they become excited to learn new things.
- **Introduce and encourage different types of learning styles** - every child learns differently, helping your child explore different learning styles helps them determine how they learn best and also shows them there is no one way to learn.
- **Make learning fun** - making the lesson game-based is an easy way to make learning fun for young children. Using games as an education tool not only provides opportunities for deeper learning and development of non-cognitive skills, it helps motivate children to want to learn.



SHOUT-OUT!

"I would like to shout-out Team Ruffin for their positive energy and commitment to creating and maintaining a supportive relationship with one another. Thank you for always focusing on your students' experience and reflecting on ways to make it better. I look forward to watching the growth and development that will take place in your classroom this year, YOU ALL ROCK!!! Here's to the start of a fantastic year with these TEACHER WARRIORS!!!" - Ms. Morgan Ruffin

"I would like to give Nora Reed a shout out for being helpful and available to assist in the classroom. Thank you!" - Ms. Burgess

"I would like to give a shout-out to the entire teaching staff. You are all amazing and the backbone of Educare. We would not exist as a school and community without you. Thank you for your hard work during professional development week to get your classrooms ready for the little ones. The school, community, and kiddos are lucky to have you. Thank you for all you do!" - Ms. Nora Reed

"I want to shout out the family engagement team at IDEA. They have been an awesome help with collecting health documents and bridging the gap in communication between comprehensive services and the families. I look forward to our partnership getting stronger as the school year continues! 😊" -Torrian

"Shout out to EVERYONE for putting one foot in front of the other and trying to manage a smile, even when the going gets tough." - Pyper Davis



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.