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"Seasons change, and so do we" - NikkiChe



Letter from Leadership

- **Special Note from Mr. Truesdale:** As my time at Educare DC is coming to an end, I would like to truly say I've enjoyed working with the children, families and staff here. I will truly miss the genuine connections and relationships I've received while working here, you all were more than colleagues and parents we are a family and I wish each of you the very best. This isn't a goodbye it's a see you later!
- **Prenatal Program and Enrollment:** Learn more about how expectant moms can get support, resources, and peer support. Reach out to your family engagement specialist or comprehensive services to register. Learn more at www.educaredc.org/prenatal/
- **Parent Policy Committee Meeting:** Join us for this month's parent council meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd at 5:30pm! 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! This month's meeting will focus on updates to program operations and upcoming enrollment for the new school year.
- **Family Wellbeing Program at Educare DC:** Connect with a community of families committed to supporting the social and emotional health of our children, our selves and each other! The Family Wellbeing Program offers mindful parenting sessions and other services to support the emotional resilience of families. Sign up for this fall's virtual 8-week session for free at <https://forms.gle/E3qcsjPt5K3tdUWFA> or email FamilyWellbeingProgram21@gmail.com for more information.

Important Dates in March



- **11th: Professional Development Day (School Closed to Students)**
- **16th at 5:30pm: Parent Café**
- **22nd at 5:30pm: Parent Policy Committee Meeting**

Upcoming Dates in Early April:

- **11-15th: Spring Break (School Closed)**



Parent Café: March 16th, at 5:30pm

Join the family engagement team for this month's virtual parent café on March 16th! Keep an eye out for more information from your family engagement specialist. Hope to see you there!

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.

Thank You Mr. Truesdale!



We are so thankful for Mr. Truesdale's leadership as school director over the past two years - through good times, hard times, and COVID!

Your insight on early childhood education and compassion for our children, families, and staff have helped us grow together as an organization. Thank you for all you have done for our community, and we wish you the best in your next endeavors.

We agree with you, Mr. Truesdale, it is not a goodbye but a see you later!



Learning Tip of the Month

Do **science** every day!

Science is far more than a set of concepts about properties and living things - it is a dynamic, creative, and social process of inquiry. We wonder, ask questions, explore and observe, talk about findings and generate and share ideas!

Young children learn science by actively doing it! Science doesn't have to take place in a lab with fancy equipment - it can be learned and seen anywhere! You can talk about science everywhere - even doing everyday activities, such as running errands:

- At the grocery store - talk about familiar and unfamiliar fruits
- Notice the variety of plants at the park
- Compare the sizes and shapes of buildings you pass by



SHOUT-OUT!

"Thank you to all classroom teams for getting up every day and pushing your way to get to work to support our families. A huge thank you to Classrooms 140, 152, 156, and 164 for teaming with me this year and building a dynamic relationship so we can support our families together. **YOU ALL ROCK!!!** Thank you to Mrs. Glover for leading Team Glover to be our best at all times. You are amazing and we appreciate you. Shout-out to all FES across Educare DC we are dope and we got this!!!!" - Ms. Kimyata Black

"Morgan one of the best Master Teachers that pushes us you to succeed !!!!!" From Team Ruffin

"I would like to send a shout – out to classroom 160 teachers, who are great teammates Ms. Tamu, Ms. Boniece, and Ms. Kyanna for being very supportive to the staff and children inside room 164." - Ms. Veronica Pollard

"I want to congratulate Ms. Jacqueline Makinde for getting her CACFP Child Nutrition Professional Award. Kudos to her and all the work that she does for our kiddos." - Ms. Patricia Dela Torre

"Jayda and David both deserve a huge shoutout! They both are the mechanics that make IDEA run smoothly. Thank you both for your flexibility, willingness to support, and being innovative!" - Ms. Angela Williams

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.