

Gazette

"If you get, give. If you learn, teach." - Maya Angelou



Letter from Leadership

- **Krystina Johnson** joined Educare DC in April 2022 as the school director. Ms. Johnson joins Educare with over eight years of experience in early childhood educational leadership including expertise in staff development, program monitoring, and the implementation of evidence-based practices. She began her career as a preschool teacher and has also worked in educational policy and operations. Krystina holds an M.S. in Special Education in Early Childhood from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Howard University. She is excited to partner with families and the Educare team to impact our city's youngest learners.
- **It's Time To Re-Enroll Your Child for SY 2022-2023!!** Updated documents must be submitted to enroll@educaredc.org. Once your updated documents are approved, you will receive a digital or physical re-enrollment registration packet. Packets must be completed per child. The on-site June registration schedule to complete it in person has been released! Connect with your FES for support.
- **Prenatal Program and Enrollment:** Learn more about how expectant moms can get support, resources, and peer support. Reach out to your FES 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, June 28th 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!
- **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 June



- 17th – Professional Development Day (School Closed)
- 20th Juneteenth (School Closed)
- Self-Care Series to promote Mental Health Awareness on Monday, June 6th and June 13th between 12-12:30 PM or 1-1:30 PM



Parent Café: June 15th, 5:30 pm

Join the family engagement team for this month's virtual parent café on June 15th! 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 FES to help set an account up or if your phone number has changed.



Gardening The Future!

Last month, Congresswomen Eleanor Holmes Norton joined the Educare DC family to read "Llama Llama Red Pajama" to the students. The students were so happy to see the Congresswomen and giggled while listening to the story.

Jessica Richards-Murray from The City Blossom & Early Growers, brought our students a fun filled week of learning for Garden Day. The students had fun planting seeds, cleaning garden beds, and playing in the Garden. Our students had a blast trying new things.

A special shout-out to the teachers for putting together such a fun week, and for all the hard work our teachers do for our children and families!

Learning Tip of the Month

June is the time of year when we celebrate Juneteenth and African American culture. This month's learning tip comes from Oprah Winfrey on the importance of education.

"Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom."

Development is essential in a child's early years and provides the ingredients for educational achievement, productivity, lifelong health, and strong relationships.

We can model these educational skills by reading aloud, creating art, and through child's play to teach social skills.



SHOUT-OUT!

"I would like to shout-out Ms. Pyper Davis for her interactive visit to the IDEA site! We thoroughly enjoyed having her. She read books to children, participated in joint play with trucks and blocks, and assisted children in creating beautiful works of art. The staff and students appreciated your time, warm presence, and willingness to support us in any & every way needed. It meant a lot to us.- Angela Williams"

"I would like to send a shout out to Catherine & Jamese for always putting their best foot forward, for knocking these ERSEA tasks out of the park, and for always keeping Educare's mission in mind as they work with current and new families. - Mrs. P. Cunningham"

"Thank you to Educare DC IDEA staff for being flexible and for persevering! - Mr. Jamal Berry"

"I would like to extend a shout-out to the IDEA staff. Thank you. - Angela Williams"

"A huge shout out to Casi York for his commitment and dedication to the children and families in the Raindrops classroom at IDEA. In the absence of both a lead and assistant teacher for almost a month, Mr. York has stepped up to lead the classroom, oversee temp staffing, manage the day to day operations, and be the only familiar face at the door to welcome and greet families every morning. Even when the going has gotten tough, he has lead with a positive attitude, maintained predictability and a consistent routine for his students, and often single handedly changed 20+ diapers a day without asking for any support. Thank you for your hard work during this transition. I truly appreciate you! - Ms. Ashley Betlock"

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.