

# Gazette

**"I think a role model is a mentor - someone you see on a daily basis, and you learn from them." - Denzel Washington**



## Letter from Leadership

- **Enrollment:** Congratulations Returning Families! Thank you for re-enrolling your child(ren) for the School Year 2022.2023. We are looking forward to seeing all of your faces again after the 2-week break. If you have not re-enrolled your child(ren) at this time, their seat may be released to a waitlist family. Please contact your FES or the enrollment team at [enroll@educaredc.org](mailto:enroll@educaredc.org) ASAP!! The Parent Referral Incentive is still in effect! If you know of any families with children ages 3-5 years old that are looking for high-quality childcare refer them today. \$100 Gift cards will be provided to those who refer successful enrollees.
- **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/](http://www.educaredc.org/prenatal/)
- **Parent Policy Committee Meeting:** Join us for this month's parent council meeting on Tuesday, September 27th at 5:30 pm! 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, ourselves, 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://tinyurl.com/2p9adwhr> or email [FamilyWellbeingProgram21@gmail.com](mailto:FamilyWellbeingProgram21@gmail.com)

## Important Dates in August



- August 8th - 12th: Summer Break (School Closed)
- August 15th - 26th: Professional Development Week (School Closed for Students)
- August 29th: First Day of School



## Parent Café: September 21st, 5:30 pm

Join the family engagement team for this month's virtual parent café on September 21st! 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.

## Happy 10 Year Anniversary



On July 12th we celebrated our 10-year anniversary. After 10 years of learning and growing, we want to thank the whole team for being encouraging and motivated every day. We celebrated the team's joint efforts with our 10 Year Anniversary Gala which honored Morgan Ruffin, Dianna Washington, Jannice Wright, Nikia Pickett, and Patricia Dela Torre. These superstars have been here since the start of Educare DC.

We had our Moving Up Ceremony on July 22nd for our Pre-K 4 students who will be leaving our program and transitioning to Kindergarten in August. We were able to provide the students with fully stocked backpacks and gift bags so they can make an easy transition into Kindergarten.

The students and staff enjoyed a fun-filled week during spirit week. On Friday, July 8th we indulged in burgers, snacks, sports, activities, and games hosted by Ms. Jamia.

## Learning Tip of the Month

"I am always doing what I don't know, in order to learn how to do it." - Pablo Picasso

This learning tip is perfect for our students and teachers because our students are in the early learning stage. A stage where kids 6 weeks to age 5 are making mistakes and learning right from wrong. That is, the right way to make friends, tie a shoe, use a fork, or use the bathroom.

Giving the students space to learn at their own pace can give them freedom and security.

We can model these educational skills by encouraging students to learn new things, cheering on questions, and talking through mistakes.



"Welcome to the Team!!! Ms. Zakiya" - Ms Kirakoya

"Ash, Lil Jacquie is BEAUTIFUL!!!!!" - Ms Makinde

"Congratulations Ms. Harris, On giving birth to a healthy baby"- Linwood Cole

"A special shout out to Mrs. Pyper for practicing great communication skills, leadership, and always being understanding" - Eliza

"Welcome to the team, Ms. Zakiya. We welcome you with open arms" - Ms Greene

"SHOUT OUT classrooms 150 and 146 (Parkside) for sending our Pre-k Graduates off in style through their lively moving-up ceremonies this past Friday. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed, and congrats again!" - Kiyana Morgan

### 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.