

Gazette

"Laughter is America's most important export." –Walt Disney



Letter from Leadership

- **Congratulations to Ms. Patricia Dela Torre for 10 Years at Educare DC as the Director of Comprehensive Services:** "I started with Educare DC when it opened its doors and it has since become my second home especially since my support system is very limited here in the US. I've experienced the highs and lows of a start-up program but we prevailed, the achievements and accolades are something that I am proud of, and the excitement of how it will continue to be the best high-quality early childhood center in the district and beyond. Working at Educare DC gives me a good life balance between work and family, but most of all it gives me that altruistic feeling of knowing that in my own simple way, I may have changed a child's life trajectory for the better."
- **Enrollment:** Congratulations Returning Families! Thank you for re-enrolling your child(ren) for the next school year. If you have not re-enrolled your child(ren) at this time, your child's seat may be released to a waitlist family. Please contact the enrollment team at enroll@educaredc.org ASAP! Open Enrollment will begin July 11th for new families. The PreK referral program is still in effect! If you know of any families with PreK children that are looking for high-quality childcare refer them today. Gift cards will be provided for 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/
- **Parent Policy Committee Meeting:** Join us for this month's parent council meeting on Monday, July 25th 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

Important Dates in July



- July 4th: Independence Day (School Closed)
- July 11th: Open Enrollment will begin for new families.
- July 25th: Parent Council meeting on Tuesday, at 5:30pm



Parent Café: July 20th, 5:30 pm

Join the family engagement team for this month's virtual parent café on July 20th! 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.



Summer Fun With Educare

Last month, NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) held their 2022 Professional Learning Institute in Cleveland, OH. Educare DC's Professional Development Specialist Kiyana Morgan and Early Childhood Practice Consultant Jessica Haremza Diop presented a session titled, *Key to Retention: Intentional Onboarding with the Essential Practices*. Kiyana Morgan shared Educare DC's journey with onboarding and how the Essential Practices of Educare has supported this work by providing shared language and expectations for staff.

Last week, our students received Summer Fun kits from the United Methodist Women's group at the National United Methodist Church. The kits included sunglasses, beach balls, stickers, and more. These gifts brought so much joy to the students and classrooms.

Learning Tip of the Month

"Team work makes the dream work" - John C. Maxwell

On our last professional development day, we did a series of tasks that highlighted the power of working as a team. This learning tip focuses on the values of community and good group communication skills.

Having a team spirit can help us learn, gain inspiration, complete tasks quicker, and channel new ideas.

We can model these educational skills by reading as a class, eating breakfast & lunch as a class, or walking the campus in groups to teach the value of community.



SHOUT-OUT!

"Shout out to all our 10-year employees, it is amazing to see you all continue to work hard for the organization and our community! Cheers to you all!"
- Vinele Butler

"IDEA Family, Thank you for all the support and assistance during re-enrollment. Couldn't have done it without you! Special thanks to Jasmine Anderson, Dan Kwak, and Ashley Betlock!"
- Catherine B

"Shout out to Ms. Catherine and Ms. Nancy for stepping in and stepping up for the Early Educator Fellowship Celebration!!! Thanks a million"
- Vinele Butler

"I would like to give a special shout-out to Torrian Brent for going above and beyond in planning our 10-year anniversary celebration on top of what she is already doing. I truly appreciate you!"
- Ms. Patricia

"Congratulations Ms. El and you will truly be missed. Thank you for seeing the best in me as an Educator and always pushing me to do and be better. I appreciate the work you've done (more than required). You are one of the best coaches I have had. Best wishes for your new journey."
- Hardman

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.