



# Gazette

**“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.” - Franklin D. Roosevelt**



## Letter from Leadership

- Enrollment:** We welcome our new and returning Educare DC families to the 2022-2023 school year and we are excited to see what this new school year brings. If you have received any emails requesting missing documents or information, please make sure to respond and submit that to [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. Please send your referral information to [enroll@educaredc.org](mailto:enroll@educaredc.org) so the enrollment team can contact those families immediately.
- 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 Council Meeting:** Provides a formal structure whereby parents and community representatives can provide input regarding the nature and operations of the program as outlined in the Head Start Performance Standards and Head Start Act. Interested in learning more? Please reach out to your Family Engagement Specialist.
- Family Wellbeing Program at Educare DC:** The Family Wellbeing Program offers mindful parenting sessions and other therapeutic services to support the emotional resilience of families. Interested in learning more? Please contact your Family Engagement Specialist.

## Important Dates in September



- September 5th - Labor Day (School Closed).
- September 29th-September 30th ( Parent Policy Council Elections).



## Parent Café:

Cafés are physically and emotionally safe spaces where families talk and listen to each other on topics that matter to them, such as the challenges and victories of raising a family, navigating landscapes of inequality, enhancing well-being, or being involved in the recovery process of someone they love. Through individual deep self-reflection and peer-to-peer learning, families explore their strengths, learn about the Protective Factors, and create strategies from their own wisdom and experiences to strengthen their families. Families leave Cafés feeling inspired, energized, and excited to put into practice what they've learned. Interested in learning more? Please contact your Family Engagement Specialist.

## 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

Last month, we welcomed our new and returning students back to the school after they celebrated summer break. From finding classrooms to letting mommy go for the first time, we focused on making our families and students feel safe and at home.

The staff also enjoyed a one-week break and returned to school with professional development training, from CPR training to personal wellness. The team ended the month with an Educare DC 2022 reunion where we celebrated Educare's 10-year anniversary with the staff. This Reunion consisted of activities, delicious food, and team building.

Jamal Berry & Talia Newman attended the UCLA Head Start Management Fellows program in July. This is an intensive leadership and management development training session for directors and managers who provide comprehensive services to economically disadvantaged children and their families each day. The two will bring what they have learned into this new school year.

## Learning Tip of the Month

"Any idea, plan, or purpose can be placed in the mind through repetition" - Napoleon Hill

This learning tip is essential for our early learners because repetition allows students to form an understanding and attempt to imitate words, actions, and skillsets.

Getting students in a routine of learning through repetition can help them to gain positive habits that will last a lifetime.

We can model these educational skills by reading everyday and allowing students to take turns.



**"A special thank you to Ms. Catherine, Ms. Vashti, Mr. Jose, & Mr. Berry for helping with food set-up and breakdown! It was greatly appreciated!" - Nancy Soriano**

**"Thank you to Ms. Dianna & Mr. Jose for all the hard work that went into PD week!" - Nancy Soriano**

**"I would love to say thank you to everyone at Educare who has been so welcoming and open with me as I get started as a Mentor Teacher! I am excited to work for such a special and high-quality program!" - Megan Sheldon**

**"I would like to give a shout-out to the entire IDEA team! Thank you for your persistence, resilience, and positive attitude for the upcoming program year. PD Week was amazing! Thank you for your flexibility, preparation for our families, and all the special contributions you each make to the organization." - Angela Williams**

**"Shout out to all the Educare Superstars who made the PD weeks fun and impactful! Special thanks to Dianna, Mr. Jose and the Facilities team; to Brittany and Nancy; to Morgan and Angela; to all the FECC Camp leaders and campers, with special hat tip to Ebony and Vinele for their creativity and leadership; and to Kiyana for pulling it all together! Here's to a fantastic school year!" - Pyper, Jamal and Barbara**

### 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.