

Gazette

"Education is the movement from darkness to light." - Allan Bloom



Letter from Leadership

- **Enrollment:** Dear Educare Families, we do not want you to miss out on the opportunity to receive funds for your child's future through the Educare DC Future Scholars Program. To receive this benefit, we will need your child's social security number to create an account for them. If you have not provided this information yet, please submit that information to enroll@educaredc.org. If you would like more details about this program, please reach out to Ms. Kimyata Black or Mr. Frankie Addison as soon as possible.
- **Prenatal Program and Enrollment:** Learn more about how expectant moms can get empowered, informed, and supported by joining our Moms2Be prenatal program. Reach out to your FES, Perinatal Engagement Coordinator, or enrollment team to register. Visit our website today at 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 November



- **November 8th:** Parent Policy Council Elections
- **November 11th:** Veterans Day (School Closed)
- **November 21st:** Fall Festival
- **November 23rd:** ½ Day for Students & Staff
- **November 24th – 25th:** Thanksgiving Break (School Closed)



Parent Café: Virtual - November

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.



Celebrating 10 Years Of Learning

On October 18th, we celebrated our Growing The Future Event, dedicated to showing the progress of Educare DC throughout the years. We had so much fun with our photo booth, school tours, and classroom activities in rooms 130, 140, & 152. We ended the event by honoring some of the individuals who were pivotal to the start and success of Educare DC.

We closed out the month of October with a Fall Festival at our IDEA site. The students received a visit from several farm animals and got to play with a donkey, baby cow, baby goats, and chickens. In addition, with a pumpkin patch, each student was able to choose from a row of pumpkins to take home.

On Halloween, students and staff came dressed in their best costumes from Ninja Turtles to Spider Man. They celebrated by trick or treating throughout the school and had so much fun.

Learning Tip of the Month

"Be silly. Be honest. Be kind." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Having fun, and learning more about kindness and honesty is the best part about the early learning stage.

Last month, we celebrated Halloween which gave students and staff space to be their fun and silly selves. We can continue to model this behavior by engaging in family, staff, student, and classroom activities.



SHOUT-OUT!

"I would like to give a special shout-out to Ms. Alesia, room 146, for her hard work and dedication during aftercare. As well as staying positive during this difficult time of dealing with a short staff." - Tamioka Childs

"I would like to shout out Team Ruffin for completing all of their ASQ's within the first 45 days of school. Thank you for working so hard to ensure we were off to a great start. Keep up the great work team!!!!" - Morgan Ruffin

"I want to thank Ms. Burgess for all her help on the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk at IDEA, you rock! -Torrian

"I would like to shout out Kiyana Morgan for supporting Team Ruffin as an Interim Mentor Teacher. She worked hard to ensure the teachers felt supported by being in classrooms every day, providing mini-coaching sessions, onboarding, hiring, and covering lunches. We are truly grateful for all she has done and sincerely appreciate her flexibility in this time of taking on two roles! Thank you!!" - Morgan Ruffin

"I'd like to shout out Ms. Tamika Hill for preparing a creative curriculum experience for the recent Growing The Future Event." - Talia Newman

"I'd like to give out a shout to classroom 156. Ms. Tamika Ms. Devon and Ms. Boniece are like a dynamic trio! I love how each teacher brings something different to the classroom. Very kind, gentle, and determined in their teachings. I enjoy watching them interact with the students and preparing them for the next steps in life. They rock!!!!" - James Burke

"I would like to send a special shout-out to Ms. Niesha. I am grateful for all that she does. Thank you so much for your commitment, kindness, laughter, and generosity toward children, families, and staff. You always show up and show out and make each day a little bit better for everyone. You are an amazing teacher, person, and friend. Lastly, I want to say Happy Birthday!" - Sharita Wilkerson

"I'd like to give a shout out to Rouki for picking back up where she left off so effortlessly! We are definitely glad to have you back. I'd also like to give a shout out to Princess for jumping head first into handling health tasks that needed immediate attention and for learning on the go! Your work has been much appreciated." - Precious Cunningham

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.