

Gazette

"Wake up every morning with a great desire to live joyfully." – Anna Howard Shaw



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 January



- January 2nd: New Year's Day
- January 3rd: Children Return from Winter Break **(Virtual)**
- January 9th: Children Return Onsite
- January 16th: ML King Day **(School Closed)**
- January 27th: Professional Development Day **(School Closed)**



Parent Café: January 19 from 4 - 6 pm

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.

Welcome To The New Year



On December 10th, Educare DC was present at the first ever DC Early Education Expo. This was an opportunity for prospective families, community members, and educators to connect and learn more about what's available in D.C.

On December 16th, the Educare DC family celebrated Pyper Davis's transition by throwing her a surprise going away party. In a video recording, each member of staff shared their fondest memory of her and used one of their best words to describe her.

From the 19th to the 23rd of December, we celebrated our holiday spirit week by having a door decorating contest, a hot cocoa bar, a gingerbread making contest, ugly sweater day and twin day.

Learning Tip of the Month

"The secret to getting ahead is getting started." – Mark Twain

As we come back from our winter break, students and staff are getting back into the swing of things and the only way to do it is to get into it.

As we start out the new year, it's important to understand who needs more attention and care. It's also important to become familiar with each other again because the secret to getting ahead is also working together.



"Shout out to Nashandra Ellis for being a champion for the PreK and promoting excellence and support of your teachers! Thank you" - Megan Sheldon.

"A Special Shout out to Vinele, Nancy, and Mr Berry for planning an amazing going away party for Pyper Davis. You all did an amazing job." - Eliza TH

"Shout Out to Classroom 118 for their thoughtful promotion of Parent Café and having the most parent participation for our December Home for the Holidays Peace & Joy Within Parent Café. Ms. Shakell, Ms. Marie, & Ms. Shamika...you ladies are AMAZING!" - Tamisa Brooks

"I just want to thank the entire preschool side for your hard work and flexibility. Thanks for being a team player and supporting each other during the many transitions and being short staff. We made it to 2023...Team Work Make The Dream Work!!!" - Tamiaka Childs

"I'd like to shout out Ms. Nashandra Ellis! She jumped right into the challenges of Preschool with insightful observations and a team mentality. Ms. Ellis is always willing to step in to support teachers, families, and students. She has been collaborative with teachers helping to individualize best practice for students. We are happy to you leading the team and look forward to what the rest of the year brings!" - Artia Brown

"Shout out to Mr Enrique, Ms Patricia, Ms Marie, Ms Michelle, Ms Claudia, and Ms Letita who had amazing outfits for each day of spirit week and kept me on my toes." - Eliza TH

"Congraduations to Ms. Rasheeda Irving and Ms. Tamiaka Childs who are graduating January 6, 2023, with their AA degrees in Early Childhood Education." - Nashandra Ellis

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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.