



*Welcome to the official newsletter of*  
**EDUCARE SEATTLE AND LEARNING COMMUNITIES  
FOUNDATION!**

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We welcome donors, families, staff and our local community to join us in creating opportunities in early education!

The **Learning Communities Foundation** (LCF) was established to support the children and families served by Puget Sound Educational Service District by raising funds critical to their learning success; by enhancing the quality of programs and services provided through Educare Seattle and more. We have no small task to create financial sustainability for Educare Seattle, as our flagship focus. We invite our donors, families and community members to stay connected through our quarterly updates about Educare Seattle and LCF!

Our hope is that this newsletter will provide you with a way to stay connected to us, as we bring you exciting news, upcoming events and program updates, as well as opportunities to continue to be involved in our efforts as an organization. Please share this good news with others, as we extend and grow our village of support.

We are forever grateful for the ways that you continuously advocate for equity in early learning.



Warmly,

**Wendy Armour**

Director  
Learning Communities Foundation

**We are thrilled to introduce Laura McAlister as the new Executive Director of our  
Seattle Educare program!**



She will also oversee the P-3 Campus work in partnership with Heritage Head Start at Seola Gardens and Eli Creekmore sites and the Highline School District ECEAP program at White Center Heights Elementary.

**Laura comes to PSESD & Educare Seattle with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the early learning field across many different roles.**

She is well-versed in all things related to high quality childcare as the co-founder of Sound Child Care Solutions, a groundbreaking and nationally recognized shared services model in early childhood development and service delivery. Laura is also very familiar with the Educare Seattle Model and has followed the development of Educare Seattle at the national level since its inception.

**Laura brings extensive experience in systems development, personnel and budgeting, compliance, grant writing and fund development, and strategic thinking and planning.**

She is also thoroughly grounded in prenatal, infant, and child development, and has experience Most recently, she has served as the Facilities Expert for the Region X Office of Head Start. Laura also demonstrates a strong commitment to our agency End and goal of leading with racial equity and closing the opportunity gap.

**She is excited to bring her skills, experience and creativity to this position and looks forward to engaging in collaboration and partnership with the community, parents, and Educare Seattle & Heritage staff in leading the Prenatal to 3rd Grade Campus work.**

As a resident of White Center, Laura is particularly thrilled to be able to work and serve in the very community that she calls home.



**Who:**



Head Start children (classrooms 5-9) and their friends and family came together to celebrate the school year coming to a close.

**What:**

The end of the year celebration consisted of each classroom coming out onto a stage in front of all their family and friends and sing a class song. After the song and certifications that the children received there were cupcakes and tasty snacks for everyone. To capture the moment there was a photo booth set up with fun props.

**Where:**

The celebration was held at Educare Seattle, in the lobby and multipurpose room.

**When:**

August 9th, the second to last week of school.

**Why:**

This celebration was a time for family and friends to come support their child's success and to celebrate finishing the year. Some of the children were graduating from Educare and moving on to kindergarten next year, so this was a great time to acknowledge their child's accomplishments.





## BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT!

The PSESD Giving Committee along with Learning Communities Foundation held a **back to school drive** to benefit Educare Seattle, and almost \$300 dollars was raised along with over 4 tubs of food and supplies donated.

Many of our children and families have barriers that prevent them from having all the supplies they need to be successful at school, including nutritious meals

## SAVE THE DATE

### LCF Breakfast

Please join us, the Learning Communities Foundation for breakfast! All the proceeds raised will benefit Educare Seattle!

Educare Seattle is a comprehensive early learning program based in White Center, serving children from birth to age five who face barriers to accessing high quality early learning.

DECEMBER

12th

8:00-9:30AM

Northwest African American Museum (NAAM)  
2300 S. Massachusetts Street  
Seattle, WA 98144



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Enrollment is now open for fall, it's time to prioritize our families and prepare for the year!

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"The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn."  
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-Maria Montessori  
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The Learning Communities Foundation is dedicated to raising funds to meet the critical needs of children and families through the services of Educare Seattle. We are a tax exempt organization; all donations are tax deductible! Help us in our quest to make sure all kids have access to high quality early learning education- donate now!

**DONATE NOW!**





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