



FISHER MONTHLY UPDATE



November 2022

Hello and Happy November!

Given the amount of information I try to pack in my monthly updates, and hearing that it is getting blocked/flagged by certain email accounts, I thought it might be worth trying to send the monthly updates a different way.

We will see how this goes and can always continue to make modifications!

It has been a packed Fall season already and we have much to look forward to in the coming weeks to take us through 2022!

Thank you to everyone for helping us to celebrate Halloween at Fisher, and particularly to our **PAC Halloween Committee: Ashley Underwood, Elizabeth Harris and Shivani Pathak**. It was a fun time as always and we couldn't do these events without the support of awesome parents like them!

Congrats to our Window Decorating Contest Winners:

- Most coherent window theme - Moon Bears - "Moon Bears Inc."
- Most creative window - Abiyoyos - "Boo! Can you guess who?"
- Most kid involvement - Royal Ravens

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Fisher Closed)
November 12 Fall Gala
November 23 Early Closure (12pm)
November 24-25 Thanksgiving Break (Fisher Closed)

December 4-5 WISH Boutique Fundraiser
December 5-9 Scholastic Book Fair
December 13 Cookie Drive
December 23 Early Closure (12pm)
December 26-30 & January 2 Winter Break (Fisher Closed)

BIRTHDAYS

November
3 Mathew Smith (RP)
4 Ruby Preece (BB)
5 Joanie McMullen (FIT OT)
16 Janet Constantino (AB)
30 Mary Gilmore (RF)

December
None!



Fisher Celebrating Families Board & PRIDE Flag – from Sean (CB Teacher)

*Dear Fisher Community,
I am making a Celebrating Families Board outside my classroom and wanted to extend it to all Fisher families to celebrate the unique diversity we have at Fisher. I ask for family pictures from all the families at Fisher. I would just need one picture of whatever representation of family it is you would like celebrated.*

Why a Pride Flag? It literally is part of the definition of Inclusion in DEI. For many people it represents safety – safety to be who they are, their authentic selves, and free to express themselves in a safe, loving, accepting space. I, and the Bunnies, want to extend our safe space and unconditional family love to you all. Please send photos to cowboybunnies@du.edu and check out the flag outside of the CB classroom!

Fall Gala



[Register here!](#) Your ticket includes a free drink ticket this year!

We need donations for the Silent Auction!!

Think of things that adults would enjoy receiving. A few ideas: a night at a hotel, wine gift card, sports tickets, restaurant gift card, or luxury condo. Think big, think small - all of it will go to support Fisher!!! **We ask that donations be delivered to the front desk by Monday, November 7.** Questions about donations, email Aimee: Aimee.Mandolini@du.edu

WINE PULL ([What is a 'Wine Pull'?](#))

We are asking families to donate one (or more) bottle(s) of wine, beer, liquor valued at least \$20. Drop off your wine, beer or liquor bottle(s) to the front desk through November 10. Buy your wine at [Little's Liquors](#) and 10% is donated to PAC.

Parent Advisory Council News

RESTAURANT NIGHTS ~ FUNDRAISING EVENTS (local and online) ~ YEAR-ROUND FUNDRAISERS ~ COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS ~ and MORE!!!!

Fall Gala



DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR GALA TICKETS
[Register here!](#) Your ticket includes a free drink ticket this year!

Thank you to the Gala Committee for their hard work on this event!

**Andrea Besharat
Audrey Moreno
Travis Keeley
Aimee Mandolini
Devon O'Leary
Bo Sutton**

WISH GIFTS Fundraiser DECEMBER 4TH & 5H

10% of all sales using the code on 12/4/22 & 12/5/22 will be donated to
FISHER EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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King Soopers Community Rewards Competition

Our October contest winner is the HH Classroom with 86% of families enrolled!

*BUT we still need more/all Fisher families to register!
IT IS VERY EASY!*

Register your King Soopers digital account by scanning the QR code or following these [directions](#). After you register your KS account, add your child's name to the class competition board by the front doors.

Also, an easy way for Fisher to receive more fundraising is sharing the QR code with family and friends. We normally bring in around \$3000 from this fundraiser each year. We hope to get closer to \$5000+ this year!



Already signed up?

Add your child(ren)'s name(s) to the board in the front hallway.

Need to sign up?

Do it...today!

<5 minutes of time for +\$10,000 for Fisher!

King Soopers will give a portion of purchases back to Fisher when customers register for Community Rewards online. It could bring in +\$10,000 to Fisher per year.

How to register?

Scan this and follow the directions on the page



OR watch this video that shows you how to
<https://fb.gy/93co6u>

Organization Name: Fisher Early Learning Center

LOVEVERY

Read below and check out the toys displayed in our front hallway.

Lovevery gives families a support system for a brighter future. The Play Kits were designed by experts to give your child exactly what they need—and love—as they develop. Lovevery links brain science and Montessori philosophy to the way you play and delivers a box full of stage-appropriate playthings straight to your home every 2–3 months. Lovevery wants you to feel confident you're giving your baby the best play essentials to help them grow, explore, and learn—all through the joy of play.

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Five reasons why parents love The Play Kits

- ✓ The right toys at the right time for stage-based play
- ✓ Convenient delivery to your home every 2–3 months
- ✓ Confidence you're giving your baby the best start
- ✓ A support system for early learning
- ✓ Modern, minimal and Montessori-inspired design

Lovevery's play essentials give you

- ✓ More confidence
- ✓ More convenience
- ✓ Less clutter & chaos
- ✓ A support system for early learning
- ✓ Comfort knowing your child's toys are safe and sustainable

Our Materials

From our packaging to our Playthings, Lovevery uses sustainable and safe materials to deliver the quality your child deserves.

What's good for our children is also good for the planet we share.

- Efficient packaging to reduce waste
- 100% FSC-certified, sustainably sourced wood
- 100% organic cotton in our Playthings and Home Collection
- OEKO-TEX® certified fabrics in our Home Collection: responsibly made for the environment and your loved ones
- Recycled paper
- Soy-based ink
- Plastics free from BPA and phthalates
- Handcrafted felt
- Water-based, nontoxic paint and finishes
- Recyclable packaging

Our Support System

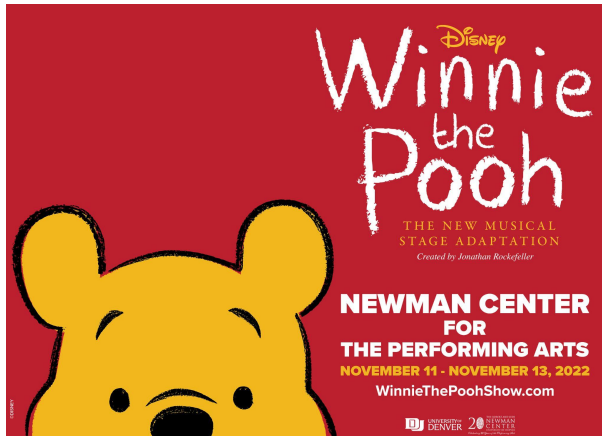
Lovevery's stage-based support system for families includes the Play Guide that comes with every Play Kit, the [Here with you](#) blog, a [Playtime & Activities](#) hub, the "My New Life" podcast, and expert-backed tips and facts on their social channels @lovevery.

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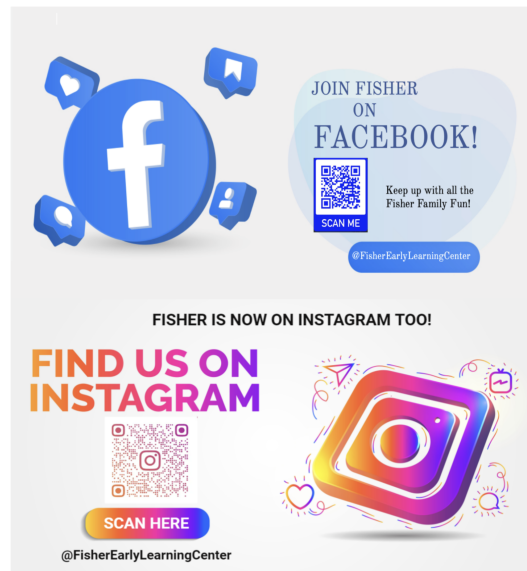


DU and Community Events



Disney's new musical stage adaptation of [Winnie the Pooh comes to the Newman Center for five special performances.](#)

The celebrated show for families of all ages includes life-size puppetry and all your favorite characters (Tigger too!). Use promo code POOHNC and save \$20 per ticket (price level two and three) while they last.



Health and COVID Update

***We appreciate the cooperation and understanding from our Fisher families to support our goal of maintaining a healthy school environment. This is a very challenging time of year for parents, teachers...and administrators. We take symptoms seriously, but do not want to be so exclusionary that children and teachers can not attend school consistently and reasonably.

Please be mindful to keep sick children home who can not participate in school. Symptoms at school will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, with Hema and Yoshie working with teachers to make the best decision. Thank you.***

- Testing: Fisher staff and children will continue every other week COVID testing. Testing will occur during the weeks of: October 31 and November 14.

Message to Fisher Early Learning Center

With fall approaching, the University of Denver, along with the city and state, is moving toward an endemic approach to COVID-19. At Fisher Early Learning Center (Fisher), we administrators welcome this approach with some modifications that recognize the vulnerabilities and ages of our population. We continue to work with our partners at the University and Tender Care Consulting to make thoughtful decisions and establish protocols to promote the health and safety of our students, staff, and their families. We appreciate your patience and cooperation with these efforts.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on August 11 issued new guidance for K-12 schools and early childhood education programs for addressing COVID-19. We have consulted with the University's public health team regarding the University's plans for implementing this guidance at Fisher.

Fisher will follow the protocols set forth below effective September 1, 2022. Please understand that we may need to adjust these protocols if conditions at Fisher, at the University, or in the surrounding community change or if new variants develop that cause more severe illness and/or greater impact on the Fisher and/or University community.

1. Please remember that Fisher is not a place for sick children or adults.
 - For illnesses other than COVID-19, Fisher will follow the Illness policies and procedures set forth in the Fisher Early Learning Center Family Handbook.
 - Students and staff members who are experiencing [symptoms of COVID-19](#) must stay home from school and must obtain a laboratory-based PCR test as soon as possible after developing symptoms.
 - Students and staff members who test positive for COVID-19 must follow the University's isolation requirements, which include isolating for at least 5 days from the date of the positive test, continuing isolation until day 10 or until you receive instructions from the University that you are released from isolation, and, as age appropriate, wearing a high quality mask (KN95 or N95or, if those are not available, a

surgical mask that is three-ply or better) through day 10.

2. Fisher recommends that students follow CDC guidance to [stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations](#). Fisher staff members must follow the University's vaccination protocol.
3. Fisher will require students and staff to undergo regular scheduled screening testing for COVID-19 using the schedule below. In light of the new CDC guidelines, we have modified the test-to-stay protocol.
 - Each student must take a laboratory-based PCR test every two weeks in accordance with the schedule set by the Fisher administration. As in the past, DU will conduct this screening testing at Fisher.
 - After classroom exposure, students must test on day 1 and day 5 after exposure and wear a high quality mask, if age appropriate, for 10 days post exposure.
 - After close contact exposure at home: When a family member(s) of a Fisher student tests positive, the student must: (1) as age appropriate, wear a high quality mask (KN95 or N95 or, if those are not available, a surgical mask that is three-ply or better) through day 10; (2) submit a negative result from a laboratory-based PCR test before being permitted to return to school (consistent with past practice); (3) obtain a laboratory-based PCR test on the fifth day after exposure; and (4) obtain a laboratory-based PCR test as soon as possible after developing symptoms of COVID-19. If the individual obtains a laboratory-based PCR test from a location other than the University Care Pod, the individual must upload the test result to their myhealth account.
 - Student teachers must have a negative result from a PCR test taken the day before their scheduled shift.
 - Fisher employees must have a negative PCR test every two weeks.
 - Students and staff traveling outside of Colorado, including all international travel, must test upon return home and wear a high quality mask, as age appropriate, until receiving a negative result from a PCR test taken at least 2 days after returning home.
 - Fisher students may test at the Care Pod outside the Ritchie Center during the [Care Pod's regular testing hours](#).
4. If a student or staff member at Fisher receives a positive result from a COVID-19 test, Fisher administrators will identify other students and/or staff members who have been exposed and are considered close contacts. Those individuals identified as close contacts must:
 - Obtain a laboratory-based PCR test within a day after they are notified of being a close contact (day 1) and on the fifth day after such notification (day 5);
 - Obtain a laboratory-based PCR test as soon as possible after developing symptoms of COVID-19; and

- If age appropriate, wear a high-quality mask (KN95 or N95 or, if those are not available, a surgical mask that is three-ply or better) for 10 days from the date on which they were last exposed to the individual who tested positive.
 - If the individual obtains a laboratory-based PCR test from a location other than the University Care Pod, the individual must upload the test result to their myhealth account.
5. Students and staff members at Fisher are not otherwise required to wear masks, but Fisher is a welcoming environment for those who chose to wear masks as well as those who chose not to wear masks.
 6. Fisher will continue to emphasize hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
 7. Fisher will encourage classrooms to eat outside during nice weather and as age appropriate.
 8. Fisher will continue to use air filters and other methods to optimize ventilation in the school.