



FELC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Fisher Families,

April is often seen as a symbol of rebirth and renewal in the US. In Japan, where I am from, Spring is inseparable from cherry blossoms, which welcome the coming of the spring season and celebrate new beginnings. At Fisher, Abiyoyos and Rainbowfish children celebrated Holi last week, a Hindu spring festival in India. This festival symbolizes new life, embracing the positive energy, and letting go of the negative.



After going through unexpected and emotionally challenging circumstances over the last few months, I view April as an opportunity to reset and realign with our program's mission.

The search for a new director will begin, and Dean Knight-Manuel will provide more information about the search committee in the coming weeks.

Spring is also the busiest time of year at Fisher, with three months left in the school year and preparations for the new one underway. I hope you find this FELC newsletter informative, keeping you updated on all the important information and dates during this bustling yet vibrant season.

Warmly,
Yoshie

Teacher Appreciation Week



A HUGE THANK YOU to Fisher families, especially TAW parent volunteers: Lucy Constantino (RP), Dana Katz (RR), Rachel Kopp (AB), Julia Hewitt (RF), and Rachel Stein (RR), for planning and coordinating the wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week last month. I understand Fisher's Teacher Appreciation Week does not align with the national Teacher Appreciation Week, but the special treats and kind gestures from all of you meant A LOT to all of us, especially this year.

Little House update

The Little House (LH) project reached a milestone with its final walk-through on March 20, 2024. Below are pictures from the 'punch walk' that took place on March 27.



The LH space is designed to serve children from infants through PreK, offering areas for Light and Shadow exploration, an Art Center, a Learning Kitchen, an Infant Motor space, and a teacher/adult-only area. The space must first pass the CDHS licensing inspection before it can become available for children.

Health Inspection- passed!



To uphold our high standard of quality in early care and education, we must adhere to multiple rules and regulations set by the state of Colorado, including those from CDHS and CDPHE. We underwent a semi-annual inspection early last month (inspections are unannounced), and we are pleased to report that we met expectations across various areas, from children's immunization to classroom safety and building conditions. The CDPHE inspector remarked, "*If I had a young child, I would send my child to Fisher !*"

Enrollment update & UPK



If your child is eligible for UPK, you should have received an **email from Casey on March 25 regarding Pre-Registration**.

- **Pre-Registration is due Thursday, March 28th. *Missed the deadline? Please complete ASAP!*** (Registration for UPK stays open through July 5th)
- April 3 - April 10: Families must accept pre-registration matches.

NAEYC Week of the Young Child April 6-12

Next week is NAEYC's Week of the Young Child (WoYC) - a fun-filled week of activities celebrating early childhood education, young children, EC teachers, families, and communities.

“NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child® in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life.” (<https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/faq>)

Keep an eye out for more information from your child(ren)'s classroom!



Meeting with the 'Interims'



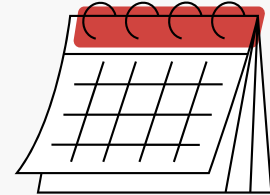
Building a strong partnership with families is always important to us, particularly during changes in administrative leadership at Fisher. Meaghan Burns (Interim Associate Director) and I (Interim Director) want to welcome and encourage you to reach out with any questions you may have. Your presence and questions are valued, and we look forward to seeing you!

Drop-in hours:

Tuesday 4/2 4-5pm

Wednesday 4/3 8-9am

Friday 4/5 4-5 pm



Upcoming events

Restaurant Fundraiser **FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

Birdcall is just down the street from Fisher on Evans and Franklin. They welcome us for some delicious food and promise to donate 25% back to PAC. Use **FELC412** at checkout when ordering online or in-store. Please mention the code at the beginning of placing your order if you use drive-thru!



April

April 2 World Autism Awareness Day

April 12 birdcall Restaurant fundraiser - FELC412

April 19 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Fisher Closed)

April 23-26 Individual Picture Day (more info to come)

April 30-5/1 Classroom Picture Day

May/June

May 10 Staff PD - No school

May 27- Memorial Day (holiday)

May 28- June 1 Scholastic Book Fair

June 1 Spring Fling event! - stay tuned for more info!



World Autism Awareness Day | April 2

World Autism Awareness Day, observed on April 2, aims to increase understanding and acceptance of individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). The day promotes awareness about the unique strengths and challenges of individuals with ASD, fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment.

World Autism Awareness Day



Birthday!

April

- 6 Kiara Walthall (RP)
- 9 Whitney Dyke (RR)
- 13 Abbey Homburger (MB)
- 16 Sydney Sabbato (FST)
- 20 Brianna O'Shea (RF)
- 23 Holly Kugeler (RP)

May

- 3 Kim Petty (Sodexo)
- 4 Raquel Jordan
- 9 AK Nell
- 17 Renny Calderon
- 18 Melanie Lewis
- 30 Kelsie Benney
- 31 Corey Parini

