



Fisher Family News

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Director's Message: Hello, Fisher Families: A Warm Welcome to July!!

Dear Fisher Families and Community,

Welcome to a new school year! Whether you are returning to Fisher or joining us for the first time, I want to share how truly excited I am to see so many smiling faces and welcoming waves in our hallways again. It is such a joy to have both new and returning families filling our building with energy, laughter, and the promise of a great year ahead.

As with any new school year, we know this is a time of big transitions. Even with our careful planning, there will inevitably be a few “kinks” to work out. I want to ask for your continued grace and patience as we navigate the early days together. Our team is working hard and planning for things go as smoothly as possible, but we’re all human, and sometimes things need a little time to settle. Your understanding and partnership mean the world to us!

I also want to take a moment to speak directly to those families whose children are new to our center and especially to those new to any kind of care for the first time. Difficult drop-offs are normal and expected. Please know that during these first-days, weeks, and maybe months, tears are part of the process. As a mom of eight myself, I can promise you it truly does get easier. As your child gets more comfortable in their new environment, builds relationships with their teachers and peers, and gets to know their classroom and our school, the goodbyes will become gentler. Hallway tears are okay—both for children and for parents!

We’re here to support you. Please communicate openly with your child’s teachers about any concerns or needs you have. Our entire Fisher Admin team is also here to help support our classrooms, teachers, students—and you, our parents and caregivers. Thank you for trusting us with your child and for being part of the Fisher family. We’re looking forward to an incredible year together!

Thank you,
Lauren

Important Dates & Announcements

- July 3rd and 4th
 - Fisher Early Learning Center Closed
- July 15th
 - Tentative Date to set up FACTS Billing and July tuition payment
- July 18th Volunteer Breakfast
 - Hosted by FAB at the Chambers Center from 9:00am-10:30am
- August 1st
 - Monthly tuition billing starts on the 1st of every month
- August 4th-13th
 - Center Closed for Professional Development Days and Summer Break
- August 14th
 - Fall session starts



*Friendly Sea Turtles in
the Motor Room*



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NAEYC: Week of the Young Child 2024-2025 school year

New Teacher Spotlight: Meet Charlotte!

Hi! My name is Charlotte and I am your newest substitute teacher at Fisher. I am so excited to join the Fisher family and to be working with all of you! I have worked for almost three years in schools and home with kids aged 4-18 who have autism, helping them develop positive skills such as functional communication and self-management and manage challenging behaviors.

I enjoy watching hockey (go Avs!) and reading books in my spare time and have two dogs and a cute cat back home. As a kid, I attended Fisher Early Learning Center and am excited to go full circle and be able to support the next generation of future Fisher graduates.



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DPP and UPK Credits Starting This Fall

We're preparing for the start of Universal Preschool (UPK). UPK will begin on August 1st, and you will see your first UPK credit posted to your account the following month (September).

If you have a 4-year-old and haven't yet applied, there is still time to do so! Please reach out if you need help or have questions about the application process.



Abiyoyos class in small group practicing writing

DPP Attendance Error

For families participating in the Denver Preschool Program (DPP) for the 24-25 school year, I also want to share that it was recently brought to my attention that March attendance had not been submitted. I was able to submit this, and once DPP releases the funds, credits will be applied to your child's account. Thank you for your patience as we get this resolved and credited to your account.

Outstanding Balances 2024–2025 Year

Please note that any outstanding tuition balances from the 2024–2025 school year must be paid before your child can attend for 2025–2026. For questions or issues with your account in DU Pay, please email: FELC.billing@du.edu.

Fisher is Hiring!

We are still hiring for Associate Teachers and Substitutes. If you know someone who would be a great fit for Fisher, please share this link with them to apply!

Please consider sharing our job postings with friends, family, or on social media—we're looking for passionate, dedicated individuals to join our incredible team. Thank you for helping us grow our Fisher family!

- Associate Teacher: [FELC Associate Teacher](#)
- Subs: [FELC Subs](#)



Motor room fun during the first week of school

2025–2026 Family Handbook

We're excited to share the link for the 2025–2026 Family Handbook. Each classroom will also have a paper copy for parents to sign, and we'll be having a friendly contest to see which classroom can collect all of their parent signatures first!

[Fisher 2025-2026 Family Handbook](#)



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Lunch Menu Update

Attached you will find the lunch menu for the month. Please note there are a few changes, and we're still waiting for the final menu from Sodexo. For now, you'll see Week 1 and Week 2 options, which we will follow until Fall. Once Fall session begins, we will rotate back to our three-week menu. I have also requested an updated menu with allergen information for both parents and teachers and will share it as soon as it's available.



Friendly Sea Turtles outside with dinos

Health Department Visit

You may see new signs around the bathrooms and classrooms reminding everyone about handwashing, trash disposal, and other requirements. These are part of our regular health department inspections. We appreciate your support in respecting these guidelines. We did receive feedback that our adult bathrooms did not reach the required hot water temperature. A work order has been submitted to address this as soon as possible.

Enrollment Agreements & Registration Fees

We still have some families who have not yet picked up their Enrollment Agreement at the front desk or have not yet paid their registration fees. These were due back on June 2nd. Please note that you will receive an email if you're missing any items, and we will need these completed by July 11th.

Regarding tuition payments: We're transitioning to the FACTS system for payment collection. Families will be able to log in and set up payments beginning July 15th. Starting August 1st, monthly tuition will be collected on the first of the month via ACH (automatic) payments that you can set up in FACTS.

We sincerely apologize for any confusion around the first month of collection. If you need to pay your August tuition before the 15th, you are welcome to bring in a check this week.



Outside play with Friendly Sea Turtles

FISHER EARLY LEARNING CENTER

BREAKFAST MENU

MONDAY

French Toast Sticks with Pancake Syrup,
Sausage Patty, Applesauce, Milk

TUESDAY

Buttermilk Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Turkey
Sausage Link, Sliced Strawberries, Milk

Vegan Option

Scrambled Tofu

WEDNESDAY

Bagels, Strawberry Cream Cheese, Turkey
Bacon, Diced Cantaloupe, Milk

Vegan Option

Scrambled Tofu, Greek Breakfast Potato

THURSDAY

Mini Wheat, Vanilla Greek Yogurt,
Diced Fresh Pineapple, Milk

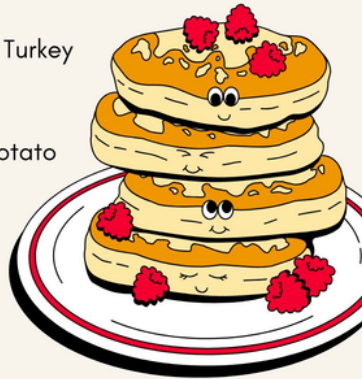
FRIDAY

Cinnamon Coffee Cake, Scrambled
Eggs, Diced Peaches, Milk

Vegan Option

Scrambled Tofu

WEEK 1



FISHER EARLY LEARNING CENTER

LUNCH MENU

MONDAY

Chicken Nuggets & Ketchup, Fresh Mashed Potato, Country Cream Gravy,
Corn, Diced Cantaloupe, Milk
Vegan Option
Vegan Chicken Tenders

TUESDAY

Grilled Cheese, Macaroni Salad, Diced Carrots,
Diced Honey Dew, Milk
Vegan Option
Vegan Grilled Cheese

WEDNESDAY

Pulled Chicken BBQ, Sandwich Roll, Green Peas, Diced Peaches,
Milk
Vegan Option
White Cheese Vegetarian Lasagna, Low Fat Cottage Cheese

THURSDAY

Beefy Cheddar Mac Casserole, Bread Roll, Italian Green Beans,
Applesauce, Milk
Vegan Option
Roasted Italian Vegetable Wrap, Broccoli Cheddar Quiche

FRIDAY

Cheeseburger with Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle and Ketchup, Baked Tater
Tots, Milk
Vegan Option
Vegan Impossible Burger on a Whole Wheat Bun with Lettuce, Tomato,
Pickle, Toasted Lentil Salad

WEEK 1

FISHER EARLY LEARNING CENTER

SNACK MENU

MONDAY

Graham Crackers, String Cheese, Milk

TUESDAY

Carrot & Cucumber Sticks, Hummus, Milk

WEDNESDAY

Pretzels, Cheese Sauce, Milk

THURSDAY

Graham Crackers, Bananas, Milk

FRIDAY

Club Crackers, Cubed Cheese, Milk

WEEK 1



FISHER EARLY LEARNING CENTER BREAKFAST MENU

MONDAY

Pancakes with Syrup, Turkey Bacon, Fresh Diced Pineapple, Milk
Vegan Option
Scrambled Tofu

TUESDAY

Buttermilk Biscuit, Country Cream Gravy, Turkey Ham Slice, Warm Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk
Vegan Option
Vegan Biscuits, Vegan Sliced Cheese

WEDNESDAY

English Muffin, Scrambled Eggs, Apple Butter, Diced Peaches, Milk
Vegan Option
Scrambled Tofu

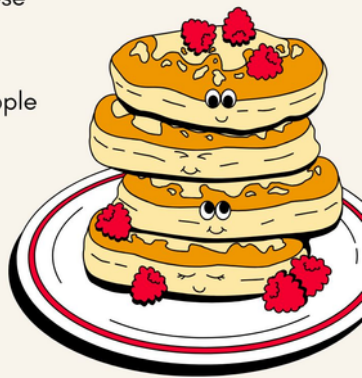
THURSDAY

French Toast with Pancake Syrup, Scrambled Eggs, Banana, Milk
Vegan Option
Scrambled Tofu

FRIDAY

Cherrios, Vanilla Greek Yogurt, Diced Honeydew, Milk

WEEK 2



FISHER EARLY LEARNING CENTER LUNCH MENU

MONDAY

Turkey Soft Tacos, Basmati Cilantro Rice, Scratch Refried Pinto Beans, Lettuce and Tomato, Sliced Strawberries, Milk
Vegan Option
Vegan Impossible Soft Taco

TUESDAY

Pasta Alfredo with Chicken, Garlic Roll, Peas and Carrots, Watermelon, Milk
Vegan Option
Vegan Butter Noodles, Vegan Chicken, Vegan Parmesan

WEDNESDAY

Meatballs, Spaghetti Noodles with Marinara, Mozzarella Cheese, Broccoli Florets, Apple Crisp, Milk
Vegan Option
Vegan Meatballs, Diced Honeydew

THURSDAY

Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Chicken Gravy, Cut Green Beans, Diced Cantaloupe, Milk
Vegan Option
Vegan Chicken Tenders, Vegan Gravy

FRIDAY

Ham and Cheese Melt, Baked Tator Tots with Ketchup, Steamed Corn, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Vegan Option
Vegan Three Cheese and Apple Melt

WEEK 2

FISHER EARLY LEARNING CENTER SNACK MENU

MONDAY

Pretzel Twists, Cheese Sauce, Milk

TUESDAY

Diced Cantaloupe, Cottage Cheese, Milk

WEDNESDAY

Bagel, Cream Cheese, Milk

THURSDAY

Grilled Pita Chips, Hummus, Milk

FRIDAY

Club Crackers, Ham, Milk

WEEK 2

