



Fisher Early Learning Center



# Fisher Family News

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## Director's Message

Dear Fisher Families,

As we move deeper into the school year, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued partnership and engagement with our Fisher community. Your involvement whether through volunteering your time to your classrooms, attending field trips, helping with Trick or Treating, attending events like the Barre3 event, and communicating with us daily are what makes Fisher so wonderful. You are part of what makes Fisher such a special place with our robust community!

If you've missed any of our monthly newsletters, you can always find past editions of our newsletters on our website under **Fisher Monthly Update**. These updates are a great way to stay informed about upcoming events, important dates, and highlights from around our school.

As the holiday season approaches, we're reminded of the importance of community and caring for one another. If your family is in need of support, please take a moment to fill out our **FELC Adopt A Family Needs Form**. Once we have our families needs, we will send these out to our community to sign up to spread kindness. Together, we can make the season brighter for all members of our Fisher family.

Best,  
Lauren

## Save The Date

- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Fisher Closed Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 4-21<sup>st</sup> Canned Food Drive\*
- November 26-28<sup>th</sup> Closed for Holiday
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:00pm Tentative PreK Ribbon Cutting
- December 12<sup>th</sup>: Save the Date: Fisher Winter Showcase
  - Showcase more details to come soon
  - Early Release, Fisher closes at 12:00pm
- December 22<sup>nd</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Closed for Winter Break



*Abiyoyos Field Trip at Four Mile Historic Park*

\*See Flyer Attached



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*Thank you to Fisher Advisory Board and everyone who went to the Barre3 class for community building!*

## Enrollment Documents

We're already looking ahead to another wonderful year together! If your family will be returning for the 2026–2027 school year, please submit your re-enrollment request to the front office by November 25, 2025.

## Missing Forms

We have a few students whose files are missing required documents such as annual General Health Appraisal forms or updated immunization records. Please remember that these documents are required for state licensing compliance. If we do not have current records on file, your child may need to remain at home until updated forms are submitted.

The deadline for all families to provide any missing documentation is **Friday, November 14th**. Krista, has reached out to families who are missing forms. If you're unsure about your child's file status, please contact her for clarification.

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## Holiday Attendance

As the holidays quickly approach, we will have sign up sheets for attendance for two main reasons. One being that that we are not wasting food ordered and can plan for all meals served. The second is so that we can schedule accordingly for any teachers who will be taking time off for the holidays and travel.

At your classroom, please check off the days that your child(ren) will be in attendance and that would be a huge help! If schedules, change no worries at all, please just communicate with classrooms.

## Parking Reminder

We kindly ask families to avoid parking in the staff parking lot during drop-off and pick-up times. Teachers and staff pay for these spaces, and the university has recently become very strict, issuing tickets and even booting cars. To avoid fines or disruptions, please use street parking when dropping off or picking up your child. Thank you for helping us keep things running smoothly!

## Minted

Please see the attached flyer for Minted if you need any printing needs. Fisher does get a portion as a fundraiser for any families who make a purchase.

## Fisher FIT Spotlight, Meet Gina!

Gina Monheit, MA, ECSE is a graduate of the University of Denver, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Master of Arts degree in Early Childhood Special Education. While completing her degrees, Gina worked at the Fisher Early Learning Center and the STAR institute for Sensory Processing Disorder.

In 2018, she moved to Sydney, Australia where she worked within the early childhood disability sector - supporting community-based preschools with inclusion initiatives and providing direct therapy to children with disabilities aged two through eight years old. She has a high level of expertise supporting children with a range of learning differences, including: challenging behaviors, sensory differences, Autism Spectrum Disorder, developmental delays, and speech and language delays. She has been trained in using the coaching model across preschool and in-home settings. She was also trained in using the Early Start Denver Model at the Child Development Institute in Sydney, Australia.

Gina returned to Denver in 2022 and worked as an Early Childhood Special Educator within Denver and Aurora Public Schools before moving back into early intervention. Since 2013, Gina has worked across a variety of settings, as a teacher, coach, inclusion support, Early Childhood Special Educator, and therapist - working with diverse populations. Gina currently works at Red Wagon Therapy and is excited to return to Fisher as part of the Fisher Inclusion Team. Outside of work, Gina enjoys: traveling, singing, scuba diving, and climbing.



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## Pre-K Playground Updates

I want to extend our deepest thank you to all of the families who made our Pre-K playground possible through your generous donations. Your kindness and support have truly brought this project to life and we are so excited to share that we have a tentative date for our ribbon-cutting celebration for our PreK Playground. Please mark your calendar for **December 3rd at 3:00 p.m.** Families are invited to sign their child out and join us on the playground for this special event as we celebrate this exciting milestone together.

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## Food Drive in the Lobby

Thank you to Fisher Advisory Board for organizing our food drive. We're collecting donations for our food drive now until November 21st! Please bring any items you'd like to contribute, and be sure to log your classroom's donations with the stickers and chart. Let's see which class earns those bragging rights!

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## Link your King Soopers to Fisher

Support Fisher Through King Soopers Community Rewards!

Did you know that just 5 minutes of your time could mean over \$10,000 for Fisher each year? King Soopers will donate a portion of your purchases back to our school through their Community Rewards Program—at no extra cost to you! Whether or not you already have a King Soopers Card, registering takes 1–5 minutes online and directly supports our classrooms, teachers, and program.

Visit [King Soopers Rewards](#) for instructions on how to sign up!

Thank you for helping us make a big difference with such a small step!

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## Fisher Advisory Board Links

### General Comment Box:

#### Comment Box

- Share feedback, ideas, or questions

This link is always live and will always serve as a confidential way for anyone to share feedback, questions, or thoughts with the board and with the Fisher Leadership.

### Get to Know You Survey:

#### Survey Link

- Help us learn more about your family and how you'd like to get involved



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# FISHER HOLIDAY GATHERING

THE HOLIDAYS ARE AROUND THE CORNER, AND WE'RE COOKING UP PLANS FOR A FISHER HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER (ADULTS ONLY)! BEFORE WE BOOK ANYTHING, WE'D LOVE YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHAT KIND OF CELEBRATION FEELS RIGHT THIS YEAR. SCAN BELOW TO SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK.





## MINTED FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

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Use code: FUNDRAISEFELC

Shop at [minted.com/holiday](https://minted.com/holiday)





FISHER EARLY LEARNING CENTER

# Food Drive

NOVEMBER 4-21, 2025

We're collecting donations for **Food Bank of the Rockies** from Nov. 4-21. Help support local families by donating non-perishable, shelf-stable food in the front lobby bins.

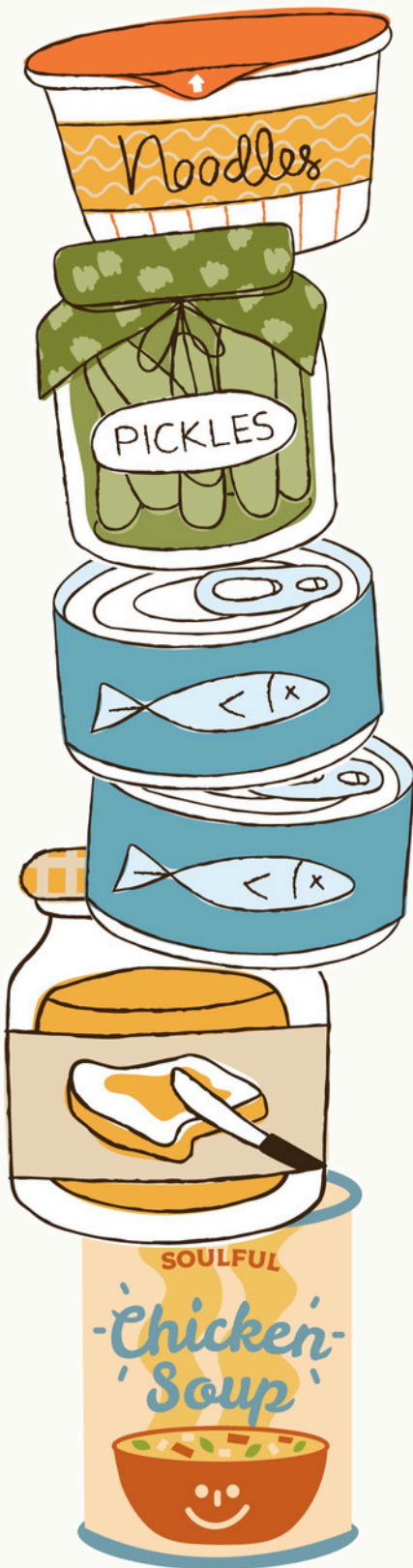
## How it works:

- Drop items in the bin
- Add a sticker to your classroom chart
- 1 item = 1 sticker
- The classroom with the most stickers wins bragging rights!

## Some suggested items:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pasta
- Tuna
- Baked or Dry Beans
- Soup & Chili
- Canned Fruits & Veggies
- Stuffing / Gravy

**Items we do not accept:** damaged, expired, or items packaged in glass.







## King Soopers Rewards

**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 takes **5 minutes** or less and could bring **+\$10,000** to Fisher per year if **everyone** registers.

### How to register:

Whether you have a King Soopers Card or not, it will take between 1 to 5 minutes

Just head over to

<https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards> for instructions on how to sign up!

*Organization Name: Fisher Early Learning Center*