

Fisher Early Learning Center



Fisher Family News

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Director's Message

Dear Fisher Families and Staff,

Happy New Year, and welcome back! I hope your winter break was filled with rest, joy, and time with loved ones. As we begin a new year, I want to share how incredibly thankful I am for our Fisher community. The care, generosity, and thoughtfulness you show truly make this such a special place for our children and staff.

Thank you to all of the families who participated in our cookie drive. The delicious sweet and savory treats were so appreciated by our teachers and staff and brought many smiles during a busy time of year. I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to our Adopt-a-Family Tree. Your generosity meant so much to the families, and we are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion you shared. Truly, thank you!

A huge appreciation to our Fisher Advisory Board as well to all of the families who were able to attend our holiday gathering. These opportunities to come together, celebrate, and connect with one another are deeply valued and I appreciate you taking the time to dedicate even more to our Fisher community.

Meaghan, Sharon, and I have been welcomed into classrooms to conduct teacher observation cycles, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to see the wonderful learning taking place and to engage in meaningful feedback conversations through pre-planning and post-observation meetings—this is something I am especially excited to continue into the new year.

Thank you for being such a supportive and caring community. We are so grateful to start this new year together.

Best,
Lauren

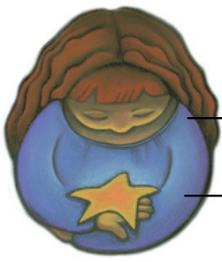
Save The Date

- January 12th -23rd: Book Drive Donations*
- January 19th: MLK Jr Day- Fisher CLOSED
- January 25th : Fisher Mat Pilates Class @12:30pm*
- January 26-30th: Used Book Sale*
- February 16th: Professional Development- Closed

*See Flyer Attached



Royal Ravens Circle Time
Welcome Song



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Weather Watch Guidelines

Fisher follows local weather conditions and uses the Denver Child Care Weather Watch guidelines to decide whether it is safe for children to play outside. Safety is always our top priority, and outdoor time may be adjusted when temperatures or conditions are not appropriate.

Denver Weather Guidelines

| Wind-Chill Factor Chart (in Fahrenheit) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Wind Speed in mph | | | | | | | | |
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| Air Temperature | 40 | 40 | 36 | 34 | 32 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 28 | 27 |
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| | -30 | -30 | -46 | -53 | -58 | -61 | -64 | -67 | -69 | -71 |

 Comfortable for out door play

 Caution

 Danger

Dressed for the Weather

As we move further into winter and the weather begins to shift, please remember to send your child with appropriate cold-weather clothing each day. Teachers will continue to take children outside when weather permits, as outdoor play remains an important part of our day. Many families find it helpful to leave an extra set of snow pants or bibs, gloves, hats, and other winter gear at school—just in case.

Winter Watch & Closures

As winter approaches, we want to remind families how Fisher handles weather-related delays and closures. We generally follow Denver Public Schools (DPS). However, because we are part of the University of Denver, a DU delay or campus closure will take priority—especially on days when DPS is not in session. Please watch your email for any updates during winter weather. Thank you for your flexibility and partnership!

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Meet some of our amazing substitute teachers!

Fisher Teacher Spotlight, Meet Emily

My name is Emily Raznick, and I have spent most of my professional career working with young children. I hold a PDIS Level 3 certification as well as a certificate in Expanding Quality in Infant and Toddler Care (EQIT). My experience includes serving as a lead teacher in Jackson, Wyoming, and as a co-teacher in Boulder, Colorado.

I grew up in Boulder and have spent much of my life in the Boulder and Denver communities. Outside the classroom, I enjoy reading, walking, and traveling with my partner. One of my most memorable recent adventures was traveling to Churchill, Canada, where I watched polar bears sparring in the wild.

I am excited to join this community and to support your children as they learn, grow, and reach new milestones. I hope to be a positive role model and a dependable, encouraging presence in their lives.



Fisher Teacher Spotlight, Meet Ollie



Hi my name is Ollie! I was born and raised in Dallas, Texas and just moved to Denver this past September. I graduated from Village Tech Schools in May of this year.

While I grew up babysitting my friends' younger siblings, I think my interest in Early Childhood Education began with my mom, as she is also a teacher. She taught pre-K at Village Tech for years, and I always enjoyed getting to help out wherever I could; passing out breakfast, tying shoes, handing out papers, etc. Similar to my mom, I think a huge part of my interest in this field is because I still hold onto a sort of childlike wonder myself—I love to get my hands dirty and play around, while still helping shape the kids into kind, curious, and understanding people.

As I'm really into the alternative fashion scene, I originally wanted to go into cosmetology and become an alternative hairstylist or something of the like, but after an internship at a hair salon during my junior year, I realized it wasn't for me. Senior year was where I really began exploring my passion for working with young children. Throughout the year, I co-led a group called the "Imagineers," which was dedicated to working with the students in Special Education, specifically through daily activities in Adapted Physical Education, but also whenever they needed assistance in the classroom. I also took on an elective to tutor young students one-on-one at the end of every day.

I am so grateful to get to be part of such a wonderful community, and get to work in the same place as my mom! I can't wait to meet all the kids!

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Fisher Advisory Board Links

General

Comment Box: Share feedback, ideas, or questions
Comment Box

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



Laughing Butterflies experimenting with dreidels and paint

DPP/UPK Credits

Please log into your FACTS account and check your DPP and UPK credits. The funding came in while the university was closed but all accounts should be credited and updated. Please send an email to FELC.billing@du.edu if you have any questions.

Kindergarten Summer Camp

We are currently finalizing details regarding Kindergarten Summer Camp and want to be sure we are sharing the most accurate and up-to-date information with families. We hope to send out an update by Friday and truly appreciate your patience as we work through the final planning.



Purple Coyotes during a baking lesson

Thank you, Teachers!

Thank you to all of our teachers for a wonderful showcase. So much time, care, and hard work went into thoughtfully displaying the learning that has taken place, and we are incredibly proud of the dedication and professionalism of our teaching team. Thank you as well to all of the parents and families who took time out of their day to explore the showcase, engage with the classrooms, and celebrate the children's learning alongside us.



every book deserves
a second story

Donate your books to our
USED BOOK SALE.

January 12th - 23rd

Drop off your books in the boxes in the lobby

*All genres & ages accepted
(including kids book, adult books, cookbooks, etc.)*

January 26th - 30th

Shop for new favorites

All proceeds will go to Fisher Early Learning.



HAVN GREENWOOD VILLAGE
5979 S. UNIVERSITY BLVD.

JAN 25, 2026 @ 12:30PM

Fisher Mat Pilates Class

UNHEATED CLASS, BRING YOGA MAT

PAYMENT DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED AT A LATER DATE

SIGN UP AT QR CODE
~~18~~ SPOTS AVAILABLE

10 Spots still available!



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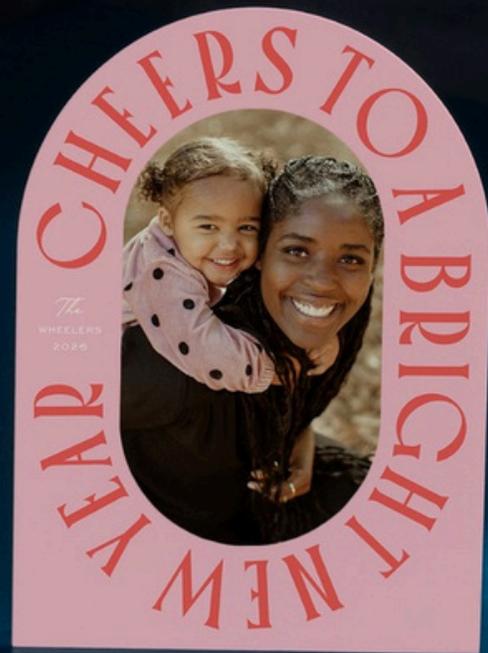
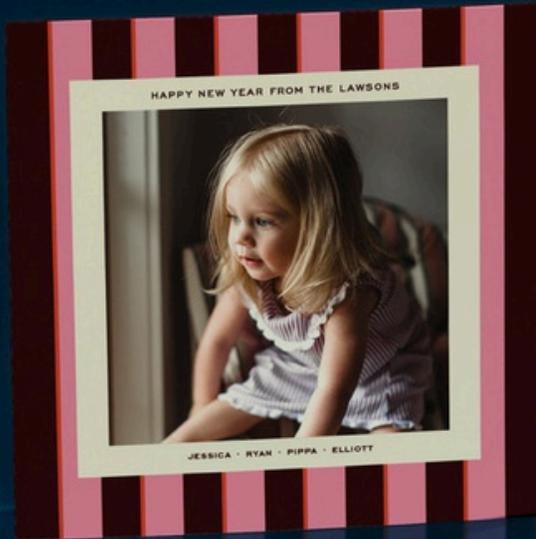
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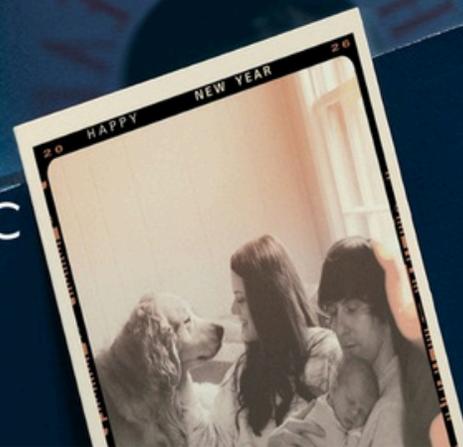
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| | No School: Holiday |
| | Professional Development: No School |
| | Break: No School |
| | First Day of School Classroom Curriculum Starts (Summer/Fall) |
| | Early Closure/Half Day 7:45am-12:00pm |
| | Parent-Teacher Conferences: No School |

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How to register:

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

Just head over to

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