



Winter/Spring
2020-2021

Early Childhood Family Education

BUFFALO HANOVER MONTROSE SCHOOLS

Learning Adventures with ECFE

Registration Opens
December 8 at 8 am



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- Resources and Information
- Mixed Ages Parent Child Classes
- Early Childhood Screening
- Parent Child Book Series
- Preschool Opportunities



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Welcome to Early Childhood Family Education



Barbara Eckberg

From the Coordinator.....

Research has shown that the skills your child needs to be successful in the future are social and emotional skills! The more socially skilled children are, the more likely they are to succeed in school. Because this is so important for your child, we are implementing the **Pyramid Model** in our Ready Set Grow, Kid Kare and Early Childhood Special Education programs. Please contact me, Barbara Eckberg, at 763.682.8753 if you have any questions.

Keeping Families Safe

We continue to work diligently to provide Early Childhood programs and services to families in the BHM communities. We follow the recommendations and guidance from the Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Department of Health along with BHM Schools Superintendent. With that said, there may need to be changes to the models and/or the ability for us to offer programs as it is listed. We will notify you in advance (to the extent possible) of any changes.

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ECCE Advisory Council

You are invited to join other parents of young children, to provide input from a parent perspective about BHM ECCE programs. The meetings take place virtually from 6 - 6:45 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. The scheduled meeting dates are: January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12 and May 10. Join the ECCE Parent Advisory Council to support BHM Early Childhood programs and receive a 10% discount on your ECCE fees/tuition! **For more information contact** Barbara Eckberg IMH-E II, ECCE Coordinator, 763.682.8753 or beckberg@bhmschools.org

ECCE Mission & Goals

"The ECCE mission is to support and strengthen parents - the first and most important teachers in a young child's life." Our goals are to:

- Support parents in their child-rearing efforts
- Teach parents about child development and parenting techniques
- Give children opportunities to discover and learn with their parents
- Provide inclusive, developmentally appropriate preschool classes with parent participation
- Encourage a smooth transition to kindergarten and parents' involvement during the school-age years
- Provide information on community resources available to parents and children



What Happens in a Parent and Child Class...

Class begins with activities for parents and children together.



Parents separate from children for discussion, facilitated by a Parent Educator.



Children remain with an Early Childhood Educator for age-appropriate education.



ECFE Mixed Ages

Separating parent group classes for children birth to 5 years by September 1, 2020

Parents and children have playtime together, then parents separate and have a discussion led by a parent educator. For children, playtime continues with a children's educator. Activities for children 6 months to Kindergarten entrance include stories, snack time and active play. Topics for parent discussions are based on parent needs. Children under 6 months are invited to stay with parents. (Limit 10)

Buffalo Classes

W4005A

Mondays, January 11 - April 12
8:30-10:15 am
Discovery Center Room EC1
Patty Lammers/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 11 week session - Sliding fee scale

W4005B

Mondays, January 11 - April 12
10:30 am-12:15 pm
Discovery Center Room EC1
Patty Lammers/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 11 week session - Sliding fee scale

W4005G

Mondays, January 11 - April 12
5:30-7 pm
Discovery Center Room EC1
Annette Rabusch/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 11 week session - Sliding fee scale

W4005C

Tuesdays, January 12 - March 30
8:30-10:15 am
Discovery Center Room EC1
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

W4005D

Wednesdays, January 13 - March 31
8:30-10:15 am
Discovery Center Room EC1
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

W4005E

Wednesdays, January 13 - March 31
10:30 am - 12:15 pm
Discovery Center Room EC1
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

Hanover Classes

W4005K

Tuesdays, January 12 - March 30
8:30-10:15 am
Hanover Elementary ECFE Rooms
Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

W4005L

Thursdays, January 14 - April 1
8:30-10:15 am
Hanover Elementary ECFE Rooms
Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

Montrose Classes

W4005I

Tuesdays, January 12 - March 30
5:30-7 pm
Montrose Early Ed Center ECFE Rooms
Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

W4005H

Wednesdays, January 13 - March 31
8:30-10:15 am
Montrose Early Ed Center ECFE Rooms
Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale



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"To Go Bags"
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ECFE Sliding Fee Scale

Find your class fee based on your family's income.

# of sessions	11 sessions		12 sessions	
	1 child	2+ child	1 child	2+ child
0-19,999	\$14	\$19	\$15	\$20
20,000-39,999	\$36	\$42	\$39	\$45
40,000-59,999	\$67	\$74	\$70	\$77
60,000-79,999	\$98	\$106	\$101	\$109
80,000-99,999	\$129	\$138	\$132	\$141
100,000+	\$160	\$170	\$163	\$173

If you have questions, please call ECFE at 763.682.8780.



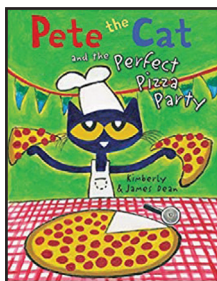
Parent Child Classes

Pet the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party

Join Pete the Cat in a groovy pizza party you don't want to miss. Pete invites his friends to build the perfect pizza. Each family will receive a copy of this book.

W4007E (Ages Birth- 5 years)

Thursday, December 3 5:30-7 pm
\$15 per family
Buffalo Discovery Center Room EC1

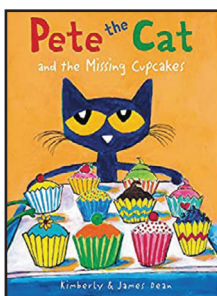


Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes

As Pete and his friends prepare for a party by baking cupcakes, they find that some of the cupcakes are missing. Help Pete and his friends find the missing goodies. Each family will receive a copy of this book.

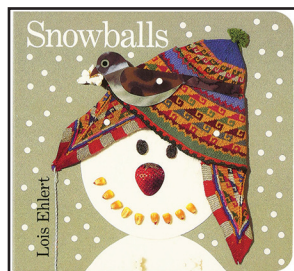
W4007J (Ages Birth- 5 years)

Thursday, December 17 5:30-7 pm
\$15 per family
Montrose Early Education Center ECFE Room



Snowballs

Cold, wet, sticky and white. Snow. Explore ice and snow with scoops, cups and pails. Build a snowman family, using paper, glue, and natural materials, while enjoying this winter-time favorite book. Each family will receive a copy of this book.



W4208A (Ages 2-5 years)

Thursday, January 14 5:30-7 pm
\$15 per family
Buffalo Discovery Center Room EC1

Playtime in the Park

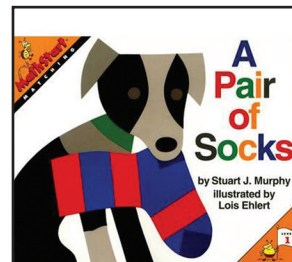
Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am

Dress for the weather and join us as we travel around town, meeting families, spending time together, enjoying the outdoors. We'll bring the chalk, bubbles, parachute and snack. New to the area? We'd love to meet you...at the park! **Sign up onsite. Free!**

Sturges Park	April 28
West Pulaski Park	May 5
Methodist Church Park	May 12
Buffalo Hills Park	May 19

A Pair of Socks

Young children will learn about matching, an important early math skill, as a lonely striped sock searches the house for its mate. They may be inspired to practice this skill in their own sock drawers! Each family will receive a copy of this book.



W4208B (Ages 2-5 years)

Thursday, March 4 6:15-7:15 pm
\$15 per family
Hanover Elementary ECFE Room

Goodnight Construction Site

Explore how materials come together to make homes for people and animals with windows, doors, entrances and exits using blocks, cardboard, paper, twigs and wood. We'll cut, glue, tape, staple and tie to create a unique BUILD! Finish the session with this story. Each family will receive a copy of this book.



W4208C (Ages 2-5 years)

Thursday, March 18 5:30-7 pm
\$15 per family
Montrose Early Education Center ECFE Room

Journeys

For families who may, or are currently, accessing Early Intervention Services

Parents and children birth to 5 years, explore parent/child activities designed just for them. Parents and children separate, with children remaining with the early childhood teacher. Children participate in story time, snack time and active play. Parents work with a parent educator, connecting to their parenting community and discuss the joys and challenges of parenting a child with special needs.

W4005F

Fridays, January 15 - April 16	8:30-10:15 am
Discovery Center	Room EC1 & EC4
Diane Mastel/Patty Lammers	
11 week session - Free!	

 **Not too late to join us!**

4 Star Rated!

Preschool



What does this mean? MN's one to four star rating system measures best practices identified by research that help children succeed. **Scholarships may be awarded to qualifying families whose children attend MN Parent Aware star-rated programs.** To apply for a preschool scholarship, contact the ECCE office or Milestones, at 800.288.8549. Call ECCE at 763.682.8780 for availability.

Join us for Fall 2021 Preschool Virtual Open House **February 6, 6:15-7:15 pm**

Spring Into Preschool - Buffalo

2.5 year olds by September 1, 2020

A preschool class for our youngest learners. For the parents, on designated dates, participation in a parent group led by a Parent Educator.

4034B

Thursdays, 8:15-9:45 am
Buffalo - Discovery Center

Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Room EC1

Parent Education Days: December 3, January 14, February 4, March 4, April 15. Parents and children come to class together and stay together

Spring Into Preschool Payment Information

\$50 registration fee plus
4 monthly payments due January 15 - April 15, 2021
Each payment \$42/month

Ready Set Grow Preschool - Buffalo

3 - 4 year old by September 1, 2020

Nurture and explore friendships, routines and building of social skills. Activities include storytelling, fingerplay, music, art, large muscle play and free choice. Teachers plan activities based on the Creative Curriculum and observe children using the Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment.

4205B

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8 - 10 am
Buffalo - Discovery Center

Jen Robeck
Room EC2

4205C

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8 - 10 am
Buffalo - Discovery Center

Miranda Weber
Room M4

Ready Set Grow Preschool (3-4 Year Olds) **Payment Information**

\$50 registration fee plus
5 monthly payments due January 15 - May 15, 2021
Each payment \$93/month

Ready Set Grow Preschool - Online

3-5 year old by September 1, 2020

Our teachers will spend time, through a digital platform, creating a partnership with you and building a relationship with your child. We will design activities to support your child's growth and development, through live time and recorded lessons. Many of the hands-on activities will be supported through the materials contained in the PreK Bison Pack. Just like our face to face preschool classes, Ready Set Grow On-Line will use creative curriculum, Handwriting without Tears and Second Step Social Emotional curriculum, all led by licensed early childhood teachers.

4207A

Monday-Thursday, 12-12:45 pm

Emily Pearson

PreK Bison packet pick-up at Discovery Center in Buffalo
Wednesdays and Thursdays between 8 am-4 pm

Ready Set Grow Preschool - Online **Payment Information**

\$50 registration fee plus
5 monthly payments due January 15 - May 15, 2021
Each payment \$85/month

Ready Set Grow Preschool - Buffalo

4 - 5 year old by September 1, 2020

Nurture and explore friendships, routines and building of social skills. Activities include storytelling, fingerplay, music, art, large muscle play and free choice. Teachers plan activities based on the Creative Curriculum and observe children using the Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment.

4206A

Monday-Thursday, 12-3 pm
Buffalo - Discovery Center

Jen Robeck
Room EC2

Ready Set Grow Preschool (4-5 Year Olds) **Payment Information**

\$50 registration fee plus you choose number of days
5 monthly payments due December 15 - April 15, 2021
2-Days/Week: Each payment \$130/month
3-Days/Week: Each payment \$187/month
4-Days/Week: Each payment \$240/month



Parent Activities

New! BHM ECFE To Go Bags

Join our Bison Family! ECFE is offering take home activity bags made just for parents and their little ones to do together! **BHM ECFE To Go Bags**, developed by our licensed teachers, contain social-emotional, language and literacy, mathematics, fine motor and science activities and books. Online access to licensed parent educators and internet links to relevant parent education topics is also included. Register based on your child's age, then pick-up your BHM ECFE To Go Bag at our ECFE Office, located at 301 2nd Avenue NE in Buffalo on one of the dates indicated. Return the books and bag to us at the end of the session. **Fee is \$20 per session.**

W4029A (Birth - 2 Years of Age)

January 15- February 12
Pick-up: January 11-14

W4029B (2-4 Years of Age)

January 15- February 12
Pick-up: January 11-14

W4029C (Birth - 2 Years of Age)

February 19- March 19
Pick-up: February 16-19



W4029D (2-4 Years of Age)

February 19- March 19
Pick-up: February 16-19

W4029E (Birth - 2 Years of Age)

March 22- April 22
Pick-up: March 15-19

W4029F (2-4 Years of Age)

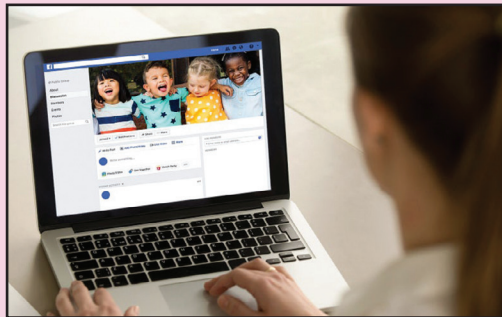
March 22-April 22
Pick-up: March 15-19

Parenting 8-7-7 Closed Facebook Group



Parenting can be difficult in the age of social media. How could a parent know which websites offer research based parenting strategies and tips?

Join licensed Parent Educator, Andrea Jonasson, through a closed facebook format to investigate, navigate, and celebrate parenting children birth through 8 years old.



Parent Coaching

An ECFE Parent Educator will visit virtually or in an ECFE classroom with you. Visits can include:

- **Time to talk** and problem solve ways to meet your family's needs
- **Resources** and ideas on parenting, child development and community services
- **Free for families with children ages birth to kindergarten entrance**
- Contact Barbara, ECFE Coordinator, at 763.682.8753 or beckberg@bhmschools.org for more information



ECFE Partners



BHM Nutrition Service



West Adult Basic Education

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Buffalo Parks Department



United for Youth

Information & Registration



Are you on the
school census?



Every Family Counts!



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Being on the census ensures that you will receive ECFE mailings, be notified of Early Childhood Screening and receive kindergarten information when your child becomes eligible to attend. Call 763.682.8737 if you:

- Recently had a baby or adopted a child
- Moved to this district and/or changed your address
- Did not receive this catalog in the mail

ECFE is an Early Childhood Family Education and School Readiness program. We provide parent education, together with early childhood education, for parents and their children aged birth to kindergarten enrollment. This also includes expectant parents. Parents and children participate in classes, parent discussion groups, home visits, or special events. We are part of Community Education and are funded by a local tax levy, state aid, and fees. Classes are taught by licensed early childhood or parent educators. We believe that "home is the child's first learning environment and parents are the child's first and most important teachers." **To learn more call 763.682.8780.**

3 Ways to Register

Online
bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com

By Phone
763.682.8780 (ECFE)
763.682.8770 (Community Ed)

In Person
Community Education Office, 301
2nd Ave NE, Buffalo. If our offices
are closed, use the **24 hour drop
box** at the east entrance (Door 1)

Weather Cancellations

In the event of severe weather, Community Education/ECFE closings will be announced on KRWC 1360 AM radio and the district website:

bhmschools.org

- **All Day Closure:** Community Education/ECFE classes do not meet when District 877 schools are closed for the day due to severe weather
- **Two Hour Late Start:** Morning classes are canceled. Classes that begin at 12 pm or after are held as scheduled
- Check BHM Early Childhood facebook page for the latest information



Early Childhood Screening

(ages 3-5 years)

Screening will check your child's overall development. The state of Minnesota recommends all children be screened before their 4th birthday in order to start kindergarten in any Minnesota public school. **Screening is required within 90 days of beginning ECFE preschool.** Call 763.682.8408 or 763.682.8780 to schedule. **Appointments available in Buffalo and Montrose.**

Am I in?

Yes! We will notify you if the class is full or canceled

Refunds

- If we cancel a class, you will be notified and your money refunded
- If you cancel, notify us at least one week prior to the start of class and we will refund your tuition. Cancellations received within one week prior to the start of class will be subject to a \$5 service fee. No refunds are given after the class start date

KidKare
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KinderKids

All Day Childcare with Preschool for 3 - 5 Year Olds

KinderKids is a full day care program for 3-5 year olds not yet in school. We offer ½ day care, full day care and wrap-around care for those enrolled in the district ECFE preschool program. **For more information, call Tiffany Lund at 763.682.8787 or visit bhmschools.org/kidkare**





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Let's celebrate the Week of the Young Child!
April 10-16, 2021

ECFE Family Fair

Saturday, April 17, 10 am - 1 pm

Discovery Center Gym

FREE

FREE



So much to see and do!

(BHM ECFE will follow current MDH guidelines for this event.)



Silent
Auction
Baskets



Bison
Box Lunch



Kiddie
Fishing
Pond



Community
Center
Toy Shop



- Allina Health
- Buffalo Police Dept
- Buffalo Fire Dept
- BHM School Board
- Wright County Public Health
- Montrose Lions



Dozens of parent and child activities!

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