



Winter/Spring
2022

Early Childhood Family Education

BUFFALO HANOVER MONTROSE SCHOOLS

Coming Together at ECFE

Registration Opens
December 7 at 8 am



What's Inside ...

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



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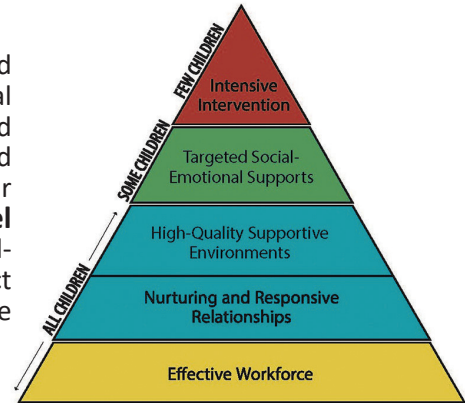
Welcome to Early Childhood Family Education



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.



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ECFE 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 6 - 6:45 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. The scheduled meeting dates are: January 10, February 7, March 14, April 7 and May 9. 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 an age-appropriate education.



ECFE Mixed Ages

Separating parent group classes for children birth to 5 years by September 1, 2021

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 3 - April 25
8:30-10:15 am
(No class Jan 17, Feb 21, Apr 4)
Discovery Center Room EC1
Patty Lammers/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 14 week session - Sliding fee scale

W4005B

Mondays, January 3 - April 25
10:30 am-12:15 pm
(No class Jan 17, Feb 21, Apr 4)
Discovery Center Room EC1
Patty Lammers/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 14 week session - Sliding fee scale

W4005D

Tuesdays, January 4 - April 26
8:30-10:15 am
(No class April 5)
Discovery Center Room EC1
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Fee: 16 week session - Sliding fee scale



**Early Childhood
Screening**
See page 7

W4005E

Wednesdays, January 5 - April 27
8:30-10:15 am
(No class Mar 30, Apr 6)
Discovery Center Room EC1
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Fee: 15 week session - Sliding fee scale

W4005F

Wednesdays, January 5 - April 27
10:30 am - 12:15 pm
(No class Mar 30, Apr 6)
Discovery Center Room EC1
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Fee: 15 week session - Sliding fee scale



Hanover Classes

W4005G

Tuesdays, January 4 - April 26
8:30-10:15 am
(No class April 5)
Hanover Elementary ECFE Rooms
Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 16 week session - Sliding fee scale

W4005H

Thursdays, January 6 - April 28
8:30-10:15 am
(No class Mar 31)
Hanover Elementary ECFE Rooms
Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 15 week session - Sliding fee scale

Montrose Classes

W4005I

Wednesdays, January 5 - April 27
8:30-10:15 am
(No class Mar 30, Apr 6)
Montrose Early Ed Center ECFE Rooms
Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 15 week session - Sliding fee scale

ECFE Sliding Fee Scale

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

# of sessions	14 sessions		15 sessions		16 sessions	
	1 child	2+ child	1 child	2+ child	1 child	2+ child
0-19,999	\$17	\$22	\$18	\$23	\$20	\$25
20,000-39,999	\$45	\$51	\$48	\$54	\$51	\$57
40,000-59,999	\$76	\$83	\$79	\$86	\$82	\$89
60,000-79,999	\$107	\$115	\$110	\$118	\$113	\$121
80,000-99,999	\$138	\$147	\$141	\$150	\$144	\$153
100,000+	\$169	\$179	\$172	\$182	\$175	\$185

If you have questions, please call ECFE at 763.682.8780.



Parent Child Classes

Lunch Brunch Fun and Run

(Ages birth-5 years)

This is a **FREE** non-separating class designed to let little ones use their big muscles to run, ride, bounce and play. Each class begins with a FREE 'grab and go' lunch prepared by BHM Nutrition Services for your child. Parents are welcome to join the lunch time gathering by supplying their own bag lunch. After lunch, everyone is off to the large gym and playground for large motor activity. Accommodations for special dietary needs can be emailed to Kim Hinrichs, Director of Nutrition Services, at khinrichs@bhmschools.org. **Classes held on the following Fridays, 11 am-12:30 pm. Registration is required.**

F4005M

December 3, 10, 17, January 14, 21
February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25
Montrose Early Education Center

Patty Lammers

Infant Class

(Ages 0-9 Months)

Enjoy exploring the "firsts" during the first few months with your new baby. You are invited to gather with other parents of infants to learn about the development of your 0-9 month old. (Limit 8)



W4000K

Fridays, February 11, 18, 25
Discovery Center
FREE

11 am- 12 pm
EC1
Diane Mastel

EVENINGS

Marvelous Mondays (Ages birth-5 years)

Join our ECFE parent and child educators for stories, playtime and snack. Parent discussion, led by a parent educator, will focus on current parenting topics. (Limit 10)

W4005C (This is a NON-separating group)

Mondays, January 3 - April 25 5- 6:30 pm
(No class Jan. 17, Feb. 21, April 4)
Discovery Center Room EC1
14 week session - Sliding Fee Dana Pearson/Rachael Hartfiel

Terrific Tuesdays (Ages birth-grade 2)

Join parent educator, Diane Mastel, for a family style pizza dinner from 5:30-6 pm. After, parents and children will separate with parents participating in parent talk time and children receiving care from our ECFE assistant staff. A final circle and story close out the evening. (Limit 10)

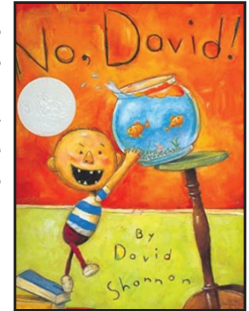
W4005K (This is a separating group)

Tuesdays, January 4 - April 26 5:30 - 7 pm
(No class February 1 and April 5)
Montrose Early Education Center ECFE Room
15 week session - Sliding Fee Diane Mastel

No David

(Ages 2-5 years)

David's mom always said, "No David". All young children and parents can relate to the childhood antics of David. Join Miss Patty for a fun evening of parent/child friendly activities, designed to get everyone involved. Each family will receive a copy of one of the "No David" books. (Limit 12)



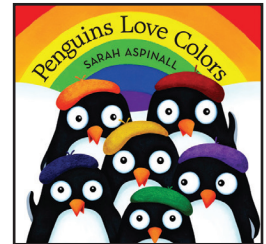
W4044A

Thursday, February 10
Discovery Center
\$15 per family

5:30-6:45 pm
Room EC1
Patty Lammers

Penguins Love Color (Ages 1-5 years)

Mama penguin is in for a special surprise when her little penguins make a special gift for her. What could it be? Here's a hint....it's very colorful. Come and explore the world of penguins, colors and flowers. Join us for some creative art and time to explore our Early Childhood Classroom, after a teacher-led circle time with stories and songs. Each family will receive a copy of *If You Were a Penguin*, a great rhyming book about penguins! (Limit 12)



W4044B

Thursday, March 24
Discovery Center
\$15 per family

5:30-6:45 pm
Room EC1
Jen Dismang

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. (Limit 10)

W4005J

Fridays, January 7 - April 29 8:30-10:15 am
(No class Jan 28, Apr 1, 8)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Diane Mastel/Patty Lammers
14 week session - Free!



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.



Spring Into Preschool - Hanover

2.5-3.5 year olds by September 1, 2021

A preschool class designed for our youngest learners. For parents, on designated dates one-time per month, participation in a parent group sharing joys and challenges.

4034C

Mondays, January 3-May 16
Hanover Elementary
Annette Rabusch/Diane Mastel

8:30-10 am
ECCE Room

Spring Into Preschool Payment Information

\$50 registration fee plus
5 monthly payments due January 30 - May 30, 2022
Each payment \$45/month

Ready Set Grow Preschool - Buffalo

3 - 5 year old by September 1, 2021

Children are invited to nurture and explore friendships, build routines and social skills. Activities include language and literacy, art, large and fine motor activities, math and free choice. Teachers plan activities based on Pyramid Model, Creative Curriculum and assess children's development using the Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment.

4205A

Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 4-May 10
Buffalo - Discovery Center
Jen Robeck

8 - 10:30 am
Room EC2

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

\$50 registration fee plus
5 monthly payments due January 30 - May 30, 2022
Each payment \$110/month

Ready Set Grow Preschool - Buffalo

4 - 5 year old by September 1, 2021

Children are invited to nurture and explore friendships, build routines and social skills. Activities include language and literacy, art, large and fine motor activities, math and free choice. Teachers plan activities based on Pyramid Model, Creative Curriculum and assess children's development using the Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment.

4206A

Monday-Thursday, January 3-May 11
Buffalo - Discovery Center
Jen Robeck

12-3 pm
Room EC2

4206C

Monday-Thursday, January 3-May 11
Buffalo - Parkside Elementary
Miranda Weber

12-3 pm
Room 303

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

\$50 registration fee plus 5 monthly payments
due January 30 - May 30, 2022
2-Days/Week: Each payment \$120/month
3-Days/Week: Each payment \$187/month
4-Days/Week: Each payment \$240/month





Parent Activities

BHM ECFE To Go Bags

Ages: 0-5 years old

ECFE To Go Bags are take home activity bags for parents and their little one to do together. The **ECFE To Go Bags** contain activities designed to support your child's emerging skills in the areas of social/emotional, language and literacy. The bags are picked up and dropped off at the ECFE office Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm weekly.



W4029A (0-3 years)

W4029B (3-5 years)

January 24-April 18

8 am- 4 pm pickup and drop off bags at Discovery Center
\$25 per family for up to 11 bags



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, Buffalo

May 4

Pioneer Park, Hanover

May 11

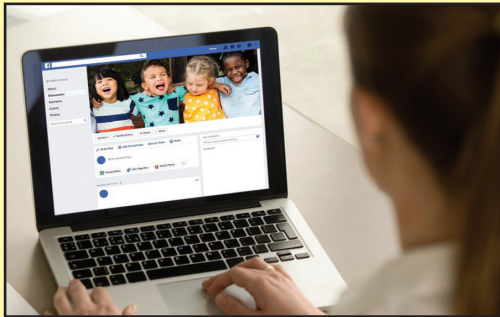
Montrose Early Ed Center

May 18

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



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We Are

HIRING

ECFE is currently hiring classroom assistants.
Visit bhmschools.org/job-opportunities.

ECFE Partners



BHM Nutrition Service



West Adult Basic Education

Allina Health



Buffalo Parks Department



United for Youth

Information & Registration



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.

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.

Am I in?

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

Refunds

- If we cancel a class, you will be notified and refunded.
- If you cancel, notify us at least one week prior to the start of class. No refunds given on/after the class start date.

Weather Cancellations

- Community Education/ECFE closings are announced on KRWC 1360 AM radio and on bhmschools.org.
- **All Day Closure:** Community Education/ECFE classes do not meet when District 877 schools are closed for the day.
- **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.

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

KidKare

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3 Ways to Register

Online
bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com

By Phone
763.682.8780 (ECFE)

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)



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ECFE Family Fair

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Saturday, April 23, 10 am - 1 pm
Discovery Center Gym

FREE

So much to see and do at Family Fair!



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**Dozens of parent and child
activities AND entertainment!**



Silent
Auction
Baskets



Bison
Box Lunch



Community
Center
Toy Shop



Montrose
Lions Club



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We Are

HIRING!

ECFE Assistants

Contact Barbara at beckberg@bhmschools.org or 763.682.8753

School-Age Care (2-6 pm) and Youth Enrichment Instructors

Contact Tiffany at tlund@bhmschools.org
or 763.682.8787

Aquatic Instructors & Lifeguards

Contact Sheila at sjohnso@bhmschools.org
or 763.682.8752

