



Early Childhood Family Education

BUFFALO HANOVER MONTROSE SCHOOLS

Fall 2021

Create and Connect at ECFE!



**Registration Opens
August 17 at 8 am**

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Welcome to Early Childhood Family Education



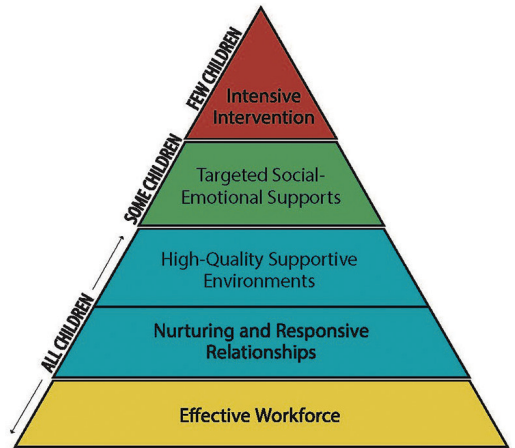
Barbara Eckberg

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, KidKare and Early Childhood Special Education programs.

What is the Pyramid Model?

The Pyramid Model is a framework for supporting the social and emotional development of our children. The goal of the Pyramid Model is to create an environment of success by designing classrooms that promote engagement in learning and by building positive relationships among children, families and staff. In our use of the Pyramid Model, our classroom staff will work together to ensure that all children understand behavior expectations, receive instruction in social skills, and those children who demonstrate a need for additional support, receive individual supports from the teaching team.



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What Happens in a Parent/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.

Every Family Counts!

Being on the census ensures that you will receive ECCE mailings, 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



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 4-Star Rated programs.** To apply for a preschool voucher, contact the ECCE office or Milestones, at 800.288.8549.



Mixed Ages

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

Parents and children have playtime together, then parents will separate and have a discussion led by a Parent Educator. For children, playtime continues with a Children's Educator. Activities for children birth to kindergarten entrance include stories, snack time and active play. Topics for parent discussion are based on parent needs. Children under 6 months are invited to stay with parents. (Limit 12)

F4005A (Buffalo)

Mondays, 8:30-10:15 am
September 13 - December 13
(No class Oct. 18, Nov. 22)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Patty Lammers/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005B (Buffalo)

Mondays, 10:30 am-12:15 pm
September 13 - December 13
(No class Oct. 18, Nov. 22)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Patty Lammers/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005C (Buffalo)

Tuesdays, 8:30-10:15 am
September 14 - December 14
(No class Oct. 19, Nov. 23)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005D (Buffalo)

Wednesdays, 8:30-10:15 am
September 15 - December 15
(No class Oct. 20, Nov. 24)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005E (Buffalo)

Wednesdays, 10:30 am-12:15 pm
September 15 - December 15
(No class Oct. 20, Nov. 24)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale



F4005F (Hanover)

Tuesdays, 8:30-10:15 am
September 14 - December 14
(No class Oct. 19, Nov. 23)
Hanover Elementary ECFE Rooms
Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005G (Hanover)

Thursdays, 8:30-10:15 am
September 16 - December 16
(No class Oct. 21, Nov. 25)
Hanover Elementary ECFE Rooms
Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005H (Montrose)

Wednesdays, 8:30-10:15 am
September 15 - December 15
(No class Oct. 20, Nov. 24)
Montrose Early Ed Center ECFE Rooms
Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding fee scale

Marvelous Mondays in Buffalo

F4005I

Mondays, 5 - 6:30 pm
September 13 - December 13
(No class Oct. 18, Nov. 22)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Patty Lammers
Fee: 12 week session - Sliding Fee

**Registration for ECFE
classes opens at 8 am
August 17**



Infant Class

(0-9 month old and their parents)

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, facilitated by licensed parent educator, Diane Mastel.

F4000A

Fridays, October 1, 8, 15
11 am-12 pm
3 sessions - FREE
Discovery Center
Diane Mastel
Room EC1



Sliding fee scale on page 7



Parent Child Classes

**Registration for ECFE classes
opens August 17 at 8 am**

Terrific Tuesdays

Tuesdays are terrific at the Montrose Early Education Center! Join parent educator, Diane Mastel, for a family style pizza dinner from 5:30-6 pm. Parents and children ages 2 to grade 2 will separate from 6- 6:45 pm with parents participating in parent talk time and children receiving care from our ECFE assistant staff. A final circle and bedtime story will close out the evening. (Limit 12)

F4100A

Tuesdays: September 14- December 14
(No class October 19, November 2, 23)
Montrose Early Education Center
11 sessions- Sliding fee scale

5:30-7 pm

Diane Mastel



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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 to continue the fun. 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. This class will focus on families who may or are accessing early intervention services. (Limit 10)

F4005J

Fridays, September 17 - December 17
(No class Oct. 22, Nov. 26)
Discovery Center
Diane Mastel/Patty Lammers
Fee: 12 week session - Free!

8:30 - 10:15 am

Room EC1 & EC4



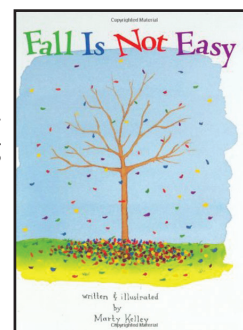
ECFE Evening Story Time

ECFE Evening Story Time is designed for parents and children 1-5 years of age. Our staff will design age-appropriate activities focused on a particular early childhood book title. Each session will offer a playtime, circle time and fun activities around each book's theme. Join our Bison Family for an evening with a focus on family time. (Non-separating).

\$15 per family per class. Limit 10 per class.

Fall Is Not Easy

This book is the rhyming story of a tree's humorous struggles to change its colors for fall and is a perfect introduction to the seasons for young children. Each family will receive a copy of this rhyming book.

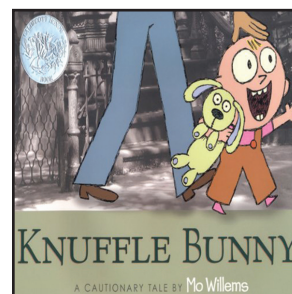


4044A

Thursday, November 11 5:30-6:45 pm
Buffalo, Discovery Center Room EC1
Jen Dismang

Knuffle Bunny

Bring along your own stuffed animal as we share the story of Trixie, Daddy and Knuffle Bunny's trip to the neighborhood laundromat. This exciting story plot takes a dramatic turn when Trixie realizes some bunny was left behind. Each family will receive a copy of this delightful story.



4044B

Thursday, December 16
Buffalo, Discovery Center
Patty Lammers

5:30-6:45 pm
Room EC1

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.



Call ECFE at 763.682.8780 for availability

Spring Into Preschool

(Age 2.5 by September 1, 2021)

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

4034B

September 30 - Family Day! Meet the teacher and return completed paperwork mailed out in July.

Thursdays, September 30 - May 19 8 - 9:30 am
(No class Oct 21, Nov 25, Dec 23, 30, Mar. 31, Apr 7)
 Discovery Center Room EC1, EC4
 Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel

4034C

October 4 - Family Day! Meet the teacher and return completed paperwork mailed out in July.

Mondays, October 4 - May 16 8:30 - 10 am
(No class Nov. 22, Dec. 27, Jan. 27, Feb. 21, Apr. 4)
 Hanover Elementary ECFE Room
 Annette Rabusch/Diane Mastel

Spring Into Preschool Payment Information

8 monthly payments due September 30 - April 30

Each payment \$45/month
 Sibling Care: One-time payment \$25/family

Ready Set Grow Preschool

3-5 years old by September 1, 2021

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. Choose either 2 days or 4 days to attend.

Buffalo - 4205F

Monday-Thursday 12-3 pm
 September 13 - May 19
 Parkside Elementary Room 307
 Emily Pearson

Ready Set Grow Preschool

4 years old by September 1, 2021

That special year before Kindergarten will focus on friendships, skill building and age appropriate academic experiences. Teachers use Creative Curriculum, Second Step, Handwriting Without Tears and TS Gold to prepare for growth and development.

3 or 4 DAY - Buffalo

4206A

Monday-Thursday, 12 - 3 pm
 September 13 - May 19
 Discovery Center Room EC2
 Jen Robeck

4 DAY - Buffalo

4206C

Monday-Thursday, 12 - 3 pm
 September 13 - May 19
 Parkside Elementary
 Room 303
 Miranda Weber

Ready Set Grow (4-5 years) Payment Information

9 monthly payments of \$240 due September 30 - May 30



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 5th 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 (Sept-May) or 763.682.8780 (June-August) to schedule.

Ready Set Grow (3-5 year olds) Payment Information

9 monthly payments due September 30 - May 30

2-Days \$120 per month, 4-Days \$240 per month

Screening Dates at Buffalo Discovery Center

September 10, 17
 October 1, 2, 8, 29

November 19, 22, 23
 December 3, 4, 10



Supporting Families

ECFE To Go Bags

ECFE To Go Bags are take home activity bags for parents and their little one to do together. **ECFE To Go Bags** contain activities designed to support your child's emerging skills in the areas of social/emotional, language and literacy, fine motor and mathematics. **ECFE To Go bags** are picked up and dropped off at the ECFE office, Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4 pm or by special arrangement Friday evenings until 6 pm. Register to check out one bag per week for 11 weeks.

4029A (0-2 years old)
September 13 - December 17
\$25 per family, 11 weeks/bags

4029B (2-5 years old)
September 13 - December 17
\$25 per family, 11 weeks/bags



4029C
(Alternating bags: First week 0-2 years old bag, next week 2-5 years old bag)
September 13 - December 17
\$25 per family, 11 weeks/bags

Parenting 8-7-7 Closed Facebook Group



Parenting can be difficult to navigate 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 with you and your birth to 5 year old children at your home or at ECFE. Visits can include:

- **Playtime** with your child
- **Time to talk** and problem solve ways to meet your family's needs
- **Resources** and ideas on parenting, child development and community services
- **Free!** Call ECFE at 763.682.8753 for more information



Family Learning

Parents with young children who want to:

- work on a GED diploma
- prepare to go back to college or into the job market
- work on individual education needs
- be better prepared to help their child with learning
- have time to discuss the challenges of parenting

Give us a call at 763.682.8780 to inquire about registration. Limited transportation available. School lunch provided.

F4029

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 14 - May 19 10 am - 2 pm
(No class Oct. 21, Nov. 23, 25, Dec. 23-30, Mar. 31, Apr. 5, 7)
Discovery Center Rooms EC1 & M4
No Fee Diane Mastel, Patty Lammers, Terrisa Fisher

FREE Child Care While You Study!

Adult Basic Education (ABE) helps adult learners 17 years and older who want to improve their math, reading and writing skills or to learn English as a new language.

- **Why:** So you can study for a GED or learn English knowing your children are cared for.
- **When:** Most Tuesday and Thursday nights, 5:30-8:30 pm, September 14 to May 19.
- **Who:** WEST ABE teachers help you with your study goals and Community Education's Early Child Care Assistants care for the children, ages 6 months to grade 2.
- **Where:** Discovery Center, 301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo.
- **How:** Call Terrisa Fisher at 763.682.8688 to ask questions and to register.

ECFE Child Care Connection

Provider Education

This unique class for licensed childcare providers and Family, Friends and Neighbor child care providers. Early Childhood Family Education staff come into your childcare setting for 4 weeks, 1 hour each week. ECFE Staff will develop information specific to your needs and spend an hour with you and the children in your care. Topics for discussion could include: **child development, challenging behavior, social emotional development, healthy nutrition, etc.** Dates and times scheduled when you call, 763.682.8780.

Early Childhood Family Education Advisory Council

Join other parents of young children, who meet together during the program year, to provide input from a parent perspective, about BHM ECFE programs. For more information contact Barbara Eckberg, Coordinator, 763.682.8753 or beckberg@bhmschools.org

Sliding Fee Scale & Registration



ECCE 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	\$5	\$15	\$5
20,000-39,999	\$36	\$6	\$39	\$6
40,000-59,999	\$67	\$7	\$70	\$7
60,000-79,999	\$98	\$8	\$101	\$8
80,000-99,999	\$129	\$9	\$132	\$9
100,000+	\$160	\$10	\$163	\$10

If you have questions, please call ECCE at 763.682.8780.



Registration Information



4 Ways to Register

Online
bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com

By Phone
763.682.8780 ECCE
763.682.8770 Community Ed

By Fax
763.682.8795 (24 hours)

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)

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

ECCE Mission & Goals

"Our mission is to support and strengthen parents - the first and most important teacher in a 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

Weather Cancellations

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

- **All Day Closure:** Community Education/ECCE 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 (including Family Learning). Classes that begin at 12 pm or after will be held as schedule
- Check out our Facebook page for cancellations and closing





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ECFE Family-Friendly Fall Activities



Saturday, September 18
10 am-12:30 pm at Sturges Park

- This FREE event will serve as a “welcome” and “welcome back” for our youngest learners and their families.
- FREE parent/child friendly activities.
- Entertainment by Brian Richards and his traveling magic show.



Saturday, October 30
1-2 pm



Discovery Center, Room EC-1

- FREE Child friendly activities along with an ECFE treat bag for each child.
- Children and their families are encouraged to dress in costume and move from the Boo Bash at Discovery Center down the hill to area merchants for trick or treating.



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