



Early Childhood Family Education

BUFFALO HANOVER MONTROSE SCHOOLS

Fall 2022

Nurturing this season of life at ECFE



*Registration opens online
August 24 at 8 am*

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Welcome to Early Childhood Family Education



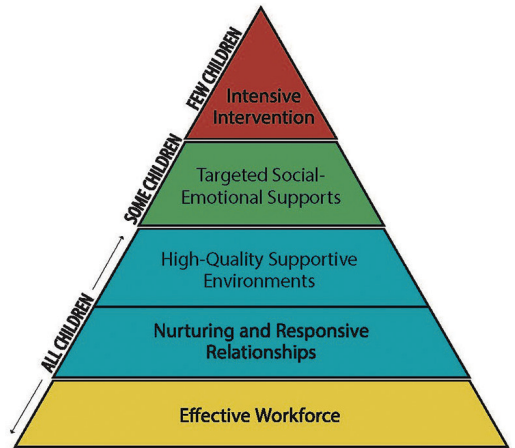
Barbara Eckberg

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



Parent Aware Rated Program



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, 2022

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 10)

F4005A (Buffalo)

Mondays, 8:30-10:15 am
September 12 - December 19
(No class Nov. 21)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
ECFE Staff
Fee: 14 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005B (Buffalo)

Mondays, 10:30 am-12:15 pm
September 12 - December 19
(No class Nov. 21)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
ECFE Staff
Fee: 14 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005C (Buffalo)

Tuesdays, 8:30-10:15 am
September 13 - December 20
(No class Sept. 20, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 6)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Fee: 11 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005D (Buffalo)

Wednesdays, 8:30-10:15 am
September 14 - December 21
(No class Oct. 19, Nov. 23)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Fee: 13 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005E (Buffalo)

Wednesdays, 10:30 am-12:15 pm
September 14 - December 21
(No class Oct. 19, Nov. 23)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel
Fee: 13 week session - Sliding fee scale



F4005F (Hanover)

Tuesdays, 8:30-10:15 am
September 13 - December 20
(No class Sept. 20, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 6)
Hanover Elementary ECFE Rooms
ECFE Staff
Fee: 11 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005G (Hanover)

Thursdays, 8:30-10:15 am
September 15 - December 22
(No class Oct. 20, Nov. 24)
Hanover Elementary ECFE Rooms
ECFE Staff
Fee: 13 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005H (Montrose)

Wednesdays, 8:30-10:15 am
September 14 - December 21
(No class Oct. 19, Nov. 23)
Montrose Early Ed Center ECFE Rooms
ECFE Staff
Fee: 13 week session - Sliding fee scale

Marvelous Mondays

Join 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)

F4005I (Non-Separating)

Mondays, 5 - 6:30 pm
September 12 - December 19
(No class Nov. 21)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
ECFE Staff
Fee: 14 week session - Sliding Fee

Terrific Tuesdays

Tuesdays are terrific at our Montrose Early Education Center! Join a parent educator 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 (Separating)

Tuesdays: September 13- December 20
5:30-7 pm
(No class Sept. 20, Oct. 25, Nov. 8, 22, Dec. 6)
Montrose Early Ed Center ECFE Staff
10 sessions- Sliding fee scale



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August 24**



Parent Child Classes

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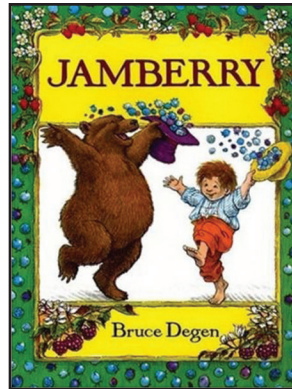
ECFE Evening Story Time

Our staff will design age-appropriate activities focused on a particular early childhood book title. Each session offers playtime, circle time and fun activities around the book's theme. (Non-separating).

Limit 10 per class.

Jamberry

A small boy and a big friendly bear embark on a berry-picking extravaganza, looking for blueberries, blackberries, and strawberries. Their fun adventure comes to a razzamatazz finale under a starberry sky. Join Miss Patty for a fun evening of parent/child friendly activities, designed to get everyone involved. Each family receives a copy of, *Jamberry*.



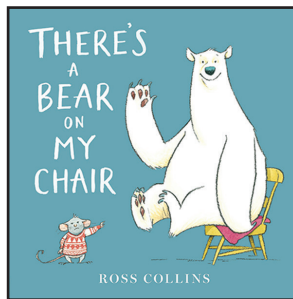
F4044A (Ages 2- 5 years)

Thursday, October 6
Discovery Center
\$15 per family

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

There's a Bear in My Chair

Poor Mouse! A bear has settled in his favorite chair, and that chair just isn't big enough for two. Mouse tries all kinds of tactics to move pesky Bear, but nothing works. Once Mouse has gone, Bear gets up and walks home. Join us for some puppet play, fun activities 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, *There's a Bear in My Chair*.



F4044B (Ages 1-5 years)

Thursday, December 1
Discovery Center
\$15 per family

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



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Daytime Stay and Play

(Birth – Kindergarten Entrance)

Non-separating parent-child group, where parents participate in incidental parent education experiences and children have the opportunity to explore age-appropriate activities in a fun new environment. Class max 15

F4054A

Wednesdays September 14-December 21
(No class Oct. 19, Nov. 23)

10:15-11:15 am

Montrose Early Ed Center

ECFE Rooms
ECFE Staff

FREE- register online or upon arrival

F4054B

Fridays September 16-December 16
(No class Oct. 21, Nov. 11, Nov. 25)

10:45-11:45 am

Discovery Center

Room EC1
ECFE Staff

FREE-register online or upon arrival

Twilight Stay and Play

(Birth – Kindergarten Entrance)

This non-separating group will provide a focus on the parent/child dyad and their time together. After a long day apart, you'll have time to spend with your little one in an age appropriate early childhood environment. A fun evening awaits both of you! Class max 15

F4054

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 13 - December 22

(No class Sept. 20, Oct. 20, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Nov. 24, Dec. 6)

6-8 pm

ECFE Staff

Discovery Center

Room EC1

FREE- register online or upon arrival

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 staff to continue the fun. Children participate in 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.

F4005J

Fridays, September 16 - December 16
(No class Nov. 11, 25)

8:30 - 10:15 am

Discovery Center

Room EC1 & EC4

Diane Mastel

Fee: 11 week session - Free!



We are waiting
for you at Preschool!

**Space is still available...
call ECFE at 763.682.8780.**

Spring Into Preschool

(Age 2.5 by September 1, 2022)

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

Spring Into Preschool Payment Information

8 monthly payments of \$45 due October 30 - May 30

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.

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

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.

Ready Set Grow (4-5 years) Payment Information

9 monthly payments of due September 30 - May 30

3-Day - \$187

4 Day/5 Day Hanover- \$240

5 Day - \$275



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.

Screening Dates at Buffalo Discovery Center

October 7, 14, November 18, 19, 21, 22,
December 2, 9

Join ECFE Advisory Council

Receive 10% off class fees/tuition!

Join other parents of young children, who meet virtually 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



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 inside door 1 at Discovery Center, Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm or by special arrangement Fridays until 6 pm. Check out one bag per week for 12 weeks.

4029A (0-2 years old)

September 26 - December 12
\$25 per family, 12 weeks/bags

4029B (2-5 years old)

September 26 - December 12
\$25 per family, 12 weeks/bags

Health and dental checkups are important to your child's health!

Each appointment includes the following:

- Physical Exam
- Health History
- Growth & Measurements
- Hearing & Vision Checks
- Guidance & Health Education
- Immunizations & Laboratory tests (including hemoglobin and cholesterol)
- Blood lead test at ages 12 & 24 months
- Developmental and Behavior Checks
- Dental Referral



Children and teens, birth through age 20, covered by a Minnesota Health Care Program (Medical Assistance or Minnesota Care) are auto-enrolled in the Child and Teen Checkups program.

Allina Health Clinic-Buffalo Crossroads

Phone: 763.684.6300

Allina Health Clinic

Phone: 763.682.5225

Stellis Health

Phone: 763-684-8300

Parent Coaching

An ECCE Parent Educator visits with you and your birth to 5 year old at ECCE, home or virtually that includes playtime with your child.

- **Time to talk** through ways to meet your parenting challenges.
- **Resources** on parenting, child development and community services.
- **Free!** Call ECCE 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 13 - December 22

10 am - 2 pm

(No class Sept. 20, Oct. 20, 25, Nov. 22, 24, Dec. 6)

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.

- **When:** Most Tuesday nights, 6-7:15 pm, September 12-May 23.
- **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, room EC1
- **How:** Call Terrisa Fisher at 763.682.8688 to inquire

Sliding Fee Scale & Registration



ECCE Sliding Fee Scale

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

# of sessions	10	11	13	14	2nd Child
0-19,999	\$13	\$14	\$16	\$17	\$5
20,000-39,999	\$33	\$36	\$42	\$45	\$6
40,000-59,999	\$64	\$67	\$73	\$76	\$7
60,000-79,999	\$95	\$98	\$104	\$107	\$8
80,000-99,999	\$126	\$129	\$135	\$138	\$9
100,000+	\$157	\$160	\$166	\$169	\$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 11:15 am or after will be held as scheduled
- Check out our Facebook page for cancellations and closing





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ECFE Family-Friendly Fall Activities



Saturday, September 17
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.
- **Bug Magic** with Brian Richards at 11:30 am
- No registration required... see you there!
- Questions, call ECFE 763.682.8780.

**Come see, touch and explore
a variety of vehicles!**



Tuesday, September 20, 10 am - 1 pm

- Stop in at the Great River Regional Library, 18 Lake Blvd NW, and take your picture in one of the big trucks!
- **FREE** and open to the public.
- Co-sponsored by GRRL Buffalo, the City of Buffalo, Buffalo Community Center, WCCA Headstart and BHM Early Childhood Family Education.



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