

# **Community Education**

BUFFALO HANOVER MONTROSE SCHOOLS

WINTER 2026

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#### **Weather Cancellations**

- Community Education and ECFE classes do not meet when school is closed during the day due to weather.
- No morning ECFE classes when district 2-hour late start.
- KidKare sites remain open.

#### Senior 62+ Gold Card

Residents of the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District, age 62 and older, are eligible for a Senior 62+ Gold Card and the following benefits:

- Attendance at most school events (band, theater, musicals, athletic events) free of charge unless designated otherwise (i.e. MSHSL Section or State events, fundraisers, etc.)
- Discount on some Community Education classes and activities. Percentage and availability differ based on activity.

### How do I get a Senior 62+ Gold Card?

- Come to the Community Education office, 301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo with your ID. Our office is located inside Discovery Elementary School building.
- We will verify your address is within school district boundaries. Once verified you are a resident of BHM School district, you will be issued a Card.







### On the Cover

Danielle Stein (Left), BHM Schools Parent Educator, was honored with the Minnesota Association for Family and Early Education 2025 Emerging Leader Award. Teresa Fisher (Right), BHM Schools Adult Basic Education Teacher, was awarded the 2025 Teacher of the Year by the Literacy Action Network. Congratulations!

### **Registration Information**

### **General Information**

#### 3 Ways to Register

• Online: bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com

• Call: 763.682.8770

We welcome in-person registration

#### **Office Hours**

• 8 am - 4 pm, Monday - Friday

 The office will be closed December 24, 25, 26, 31, January 1, 2, February 16, April 3

#### **Class Confirmations**

All class confirmations are sent via email. Please provide a current email address for your confirmation. If you do not have an email address, assume you are in the class and that it will be held at the time and place indicated. We will contact you via email or daytime phone if there is a change. Community Education assumes no responsibility for reaching those who do not provide an email or daytime phone number.

### **Meet Our Team**

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#### **Register Early**

Many clases fill quickly. Classes will be cancelled approximately one week prior to the start date if sufficient enrollment is not received. Help us avoid the disappointment of class cancellations by registering early.

#### **Cancellation Policy**

If you need to cancel a registration, you must notify us at 763.682.8770 or email commed@ bhmschools.org at least five full working days before the class begins (see grid below). We will refund the class fee minus a \$5 processing fee. Full refunds will be issued for classes that are cancelled by Community Education. Refunds will not be given within five business days of the start date or after the class has started. We purchase supplies and commit to our instructors based on enrollment.

First Day of Class	Five Day Cancel by 9 am
Monday	Monday
Tuesday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Wednesday
Thursday	Thursday
Friday	Friday
Saturday	Monday
Sunday	Monday



### **Screening & Information**

### Early Childhood Screening



### Do you have a child between the ages of 3-5 years old?

Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing, and learning. Screening is tailored for your child's age, there is no pass or fail!

# Register online today! bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com

#### This free screening includes:

- Cognitive development
- Large and small muscle development
- Language and communication skills
- Social and emotional development
- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Health history
- Immunization review



Questions, call ECFE 763.682.8780

ECFE Sliding Fee Scale		
Yearly Household Income	13+ Week Class	2nd Child
\$0-19,999	Fee Waived	Fee Waived
\$20,000-\$34,999	\$20	\$10
\$35,000-\$49,999	\$65	\$15
\$50,000-\$74,999	\$120	\$20
\$75,000-\$99,999	\$165	\$25

All families are eligible to partipate in the ECFE program. Please call ECFE to inquire about financial assistance at **763.682.8780.** 

# Chicka Baby Bison Chicka Baby Bison

#### **Baby Bison Bags**

We want to welcome your little one to our Bison family with a *FREE* gift from ECFE! Stop by the ECFE office to pick up a **Baby Bison Bag** containing a book, a Bison onesie and child development information. Call ECFE at **763.682.8780** or email **jgreenhagen@bhhmschools. org** to receive your bag.

#### **Every Family Counts!**

Ensure that you receive communications from the school district, call **763.682.8737** if you:

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



#### COMMUNITY PARTNERS















#### ECFE is...

an Early Childhood Family
Education and School Readiness
program for parents and
children aged birth to
kindergarten enrollment.
To learn more, contact ECFE
at 763.682.8780.



# SAVE THE DATE



# Preschool Registration Opens

Wednesday, February 25 @ 9 am

### Welcome to BHM Early Childhood

We're so excited to have your family join our community. From curious explorers to creative thinkers, our preschool program is full of learning, laughter, and connections that last a lifetime.



**The Bison Preschool program** offers educational programs intentionally designed for our youngest BHM learners, **ages 2.5 years to Kindergarten entrance**.

- Our preschool classrooms are taught by licensed Early Childhood teachers.
- We are an inclusive preschool welcoming all children.
- Bison Preschool uses research based tools designed specially for early childhood students, including, The Creative Curriculum, which guides our learning, Teaching Strategies Gold-an authentic observation based assessment to measure a child's progress, and the Pyramid Model, a program wide initiative to build a child's social-emotional well-being and development.

Little Bison Preschool Locations (Age 2.5 years by September 1, 2026)

- Discovery Center, Buffalo
- Hanover Elementary
- Montrose Early Education Center



Bison Preschool Locations (Age 3 years by September 1, 2026)

- Discovery Center, Buffalo
- Hanover Elementary
- Montrose Early Education Center
- Farkside Elementary, Buffalo
- **ば** Tatanka Elementary, Buffalo

#### **Double the Excitement!**



Bison Preschool and KidKare enrollment is now open at the same time, February 25 @ 9 am, making it easier than ever to plan

your child's perfect year of learning and fun!

If your child needs care outside of the preschool school day, **see page 12** for more information about the KidKare program.

#### Want More Information?

Find out more about what makes BHM's Bison Preschool unique by:

- Visit bhmschools.org/preschool-classes.
- Schedule a tour by scanning the code.
- Arrange a time to talk with our Coordinator, Jen Greenhagen, about our unique preschool program at jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org.





### **ECFE** in Buffalo at Discovery Center

Class Registration Opens
December 10 at 9 am

#### Welcome Baby Bison!

Ages 0-12 months, Non-Separating



Join us for this FREE class! Navigating the early months of parenthood is an adventure, and you're not alone! This free class is designed for expecting parents and those with babies up to 12 months, offering a warm, welcoming space to connect with others who are on the same path. Whether you're preparing for the arrival of your little one or adjusting to

the whirlwind of life with a newborn, this class provides an opportunity to ask questions, share experiences, and learn from both a knowledgeable parent educator and other new parents.

This is class is led by a licensed ECFE Parent Educator and is non-separating, meaning babies and parents stay together creating a natural environment for shared experiences and mutual support. Limit 12

#### W5007

Wednesdays, January 7-May 13
10:30-11:15 am (No class March 25, April 1)
17 sessions - FREE!
Room EC1 Danielle Stein

#### **Family Learning**

ECFE partners with WEST ABE (Adult Basic Education) to provide a family class. Parents have learning time with their children, study English, and participate in parenting education discussions.

ECFE se asocia con WEST ABE (Educación básica para adultos) para brindar una clase familiar. Los padres tienen tiempo de aprendizaje con sus hijos, estudian inglés y participan en debates sobre educación para padres.

#### W5006

Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 6-May 19 10 am - 2 pm (No class March 26, 31, April 2) FREE! Room EC1 & M4

Danielle Stein, Nicole Tuchscherer, & Terrisa Fisher



#### Winter Subscription Box

Ages 1 to 5 years

Enjoy the ECFE classroom at your home with a seasonal subscription box. The box offers a fun, convenient, and enriching way to engage in hands-on learning and exploration. Pick up at the ECFE Family Fair on Saturday, April 18.



Alternative pick-up date is Monday, April 20 at ECFE in Buffalo.

#### W5012A

1 subscription box-\$30



Welcome to an exciting, mixed-age class where both children and their caregivers learn, grow, and connect together! This class is designed to nurture curiosity and foster relationships between children, parents, and caregivers. The first half of the session is filled with interactive activities that encourage bonding - children and their caregivers explore free choice play, engage in circle time, and create art together. The second half allows children to immerse themselves in play with peers, while caregivers come together with activities designed by a licensed Parent Educator in a supportive circle to share insights, challenges, and experiences in parenting discussions. Limit 12

#### W5005A

Mondays, January 5-May 18 8:30-10 am
(No class Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 30)
17 sessions - sliding fee scale page 4
Room EC1 Nicole Tuchscherer/Kim Freiberg

W5005B

Mondays, January 5-May 18 10:30 am-12 pm (No class Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 30)

17 sessions - sliding fee scale page 4

Room EC1 Nicole Tuchscherer/Kim Frieberg

W5005C

Wednesdays, January 7-May 13 8:30-10 am

(No class Mar 25, Apr 1)

17 sessions - sliding fee scale page 4

Room EC1 Nicole Tuchscherer/Danielle Stein

### **ECFE** in Buffalo at Discovery Center

#### **Toddling Bison**

Ages 12-24 months, Non-Separating



As your baby grows, so do their needs. We will dive into toddler development focusing on communication, motor skills, socialization, and navigating the new challenges of this exciting stage. Led by a licensed ECFE Parent Educator, this interactive, non-separating session for children ages 12-24 months will include activities, songs and play that will engage both you and your toddler,

all while reinforcing positive parenting techniques. Throughout, you'll build connections with other families and enjoy the benefit of learning in a relaxed, supportive enviornment. Come for the support, stay for the fun and leave empowered as a parent! Limit 12

#### W5008

Wednesdays January 7-May 13
11:15 am-12 pm (No class Mar 25, Apr 1)
17 sessions - FREE!
Room EC1 Danielle Stein

#### **Art Adventures**

Ages Birth to 5 years, Non-Separating

Stay and play for a bit. After playtime, celebrate the role of art in your child's development and seek to nurture their creative potential through supportive and enriching art experiences. Limit 12

#### W5011

Fridays, January 16-May 15 10:30-11:30 am (No class Jan 30, Feb 6, 27, Mar 6, 27, Apr 3, 10, May 1) 10 sessions - \$75 per family Room EC1 Kim Freiberg

#### **Marvelous Mondays**

Ages Birth to 5 years

Join BHM ECFE at the Buffalo Library for a story time and activity. Free and open to the public. Contact the library or ECFE for more information. Just walk-in!

Mondays, January 5-May 18 4-5 pm

(No class Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 30)

FREE! Buffalo Public Library, 763.682.2753



### **Playful Journeys**Ages Birth to 5 years, Non-Separating

For families who may, or are currently navigating or exploring Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education Services, seekin connection and support on their unique journey.

This class is designed to be a welcoming, non-separating space where families can connect, share experiences, and enjoy the joys of early childhood together. Parents will have the opportunity to engage in activities alongside their child, creating shared moments of learning and fun. Led by a licensed ECFE Parent Educator, the class offers a supportive environment for families navigating a range of experiences, whether their child is meeting milestones at their own pace, exploring special challenges, or discovering the world around them. Activities such as circle time, free play, sensory experiences, and creative art are tailored to engage each child in a way that feels comfortable. Limit 12

#### W5009

Fridays, January 16-May 15 8-9 am (No class Jan 30, Feb 6, 27, Mar 6, 27, Apr 3, 10, May 1) 10 sessions - FREE!

Room EC1 Kim Freiberg

#### Journeys - Supporting Every Step

Ages Birth to 5 years, Separating

For families currently navigating or exploring early intervention and early childhood special education services, seeking connection and support on their unique journey.

Following the Playful Journey's clsas, we offer an optional follow-up session called "Supporting Every Step", designed to provide additional support for parents and caregivers. In a relaxed, supportive setting, you'll have the opportunity to connect with other parents, share your journey, and learn from one another. The "Supporting Every Step" class creates a safe space for discussing challenges, celebrating milestones, and building a network of friends who truly understand the experience of parenting children with diverse needs. With the guidance of a licensed ECFE Parent Educator, you'll gain valuable knowledge and confidence to support your child's growth and development every step of the way. Limit 12

#### W5010

Fridays, January 16-May 15 9-10 am (No class Jan 30, Feb 6, 27, Mar 6, 27, Apr 3, 10, May 1) 10 sessions - FREE!
Room EC1 Kim Freiberg

### **ECFE** at Hanover Elementary

Class Registration Opens
December 10 at 9 am



#### **Full STEAM Ahead**

#### Ages 1 to 5 years, Non-Separating

Join us for this STEAM focused class, where curiousity meets creativity for both children and adults! This class is designed to ignite your child's imagination through hands-on activities that explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. But it's not just for kids - parents and caregivers will also have the chance to learn, create and build alongside their little ones. Limit 12

#### W5013

Mondays, January 5-May 18 11 am-12 pm (No Class Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 30)

17 sessions - \$75 Danielle Stein

Toddling Bison

Ages 12-24 months, Non-Separating



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and play that will engage both you and your toddler, all while reinforcing positive parenting techniques. Throughout, you'll build connections with other families and enjoy the benefit of learning in a relaxed, supportive environment. Come for the support, stay for the fun and leave empowered as a parent! Limit 12

W5016

Tuesdays, January 6-May 19 (No class Mar 31) 19 sessions - FREE! Room 200

10:45-11:30 am

Kim Freiberg

#### Welcome Baby Bison!

Ages 0-12 months, Non-Separating

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to the whirlwind of life with a newborn, this class provides an opportunity to ask questions, share experiences, and learn from both a knowledgeable parent educator and other new parents.

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#### W5015

Tuesdays, January 6-May 19 (No class Mar 31) 19 sessions - FREE! Room 200

Kim Freiberg

10-10:45 am

Bring your family to our Annual Spring Event and enjoy a fun-filled day designed for everyone! Experience a variety of activities and attractions, including: **Family and Child Activities** Live Entertainment **Silent Auction**  BHM School Board Book Giveaway **Community Partner Booths** • ECFE Advisory Council With so much to see and do, there's something for the whole family! SATURDAY | APRIL 18, 2026 Come join us! 💽 10 AM - 12:30 PM ( DISCOVERY ELEMENTARY GYM **BUFFALO, MN** For More Information Call 763-682-8780

### **ECFE** at Hanover Elementary

#### **Growing Together**

Ages Birth to 5 years/Separating

Welcome to an exciting, mixed-age class where both children and their caregivers learn, grow, and connect together! This class is designed to nurture curiosity and

foster relationships between children, parents, and caregivers. The first half of the session is filled with interactive activities that encourage bonding - children and their caregivers explore free choice play, engage in circle time, and create art together. The second half allows children to immerse themselves in play with peers, while caregivers come together with activities designed by a licensed Parent Educator in a supportive circle to share insights, challenges, and experiences in parenting discussions. Limit 12

#### W5018

Tuesdays, January 6-May 19 8-9:30 am (No class Mar 31)

19 sessions - sliding fee scale page 4 Room 200

Kim Freiberg





#### Winter Subscription Box

Ages 1 to 5 years

Enjoy the BHM ECFE classroom at your home with a seasonal subscription box. The box offers a fun, convenient, and enriching way to engage in hands-on learning and exploration.

Pick up at the ECFE Family Fair on Saturday, April 18 or alternative pick-up date is April 20 at ECFE in Hanover.

W5012B

1 subscription box- \$30

Class Registration Opens
December 10 at 9 am

# **Explore Nature**Exploring the Changing Seasons Winter to Spring

This make and take class invites families to create unique projects each week, inspired by the shift from winter to spring in Minnesota, while also learning about the natural world. Every session includes hands-on crafting, sensory exploration, and opportunities for free play and exploration in the outdoor spaces, allowing children and parents to connect with nature. Whether it's playing in the school forest or discovering new textures in the outdoor classroom, there's always room for curiousity and fun. Plus, you'll take home your creations to continue the adventure at home! In the event of inclement weather, exploration will be moved indoors to the Early Education Classroom. Limit 12

#### W5014B

Fridays, January 16-May 15 8:30-9:30 am (No class Jan 30, Feb 6, 27, Mar 6, 27, Apr 3, 10, May 1) 7 sessions - \$75 Danielle Stein Hanover Elementary School Forest



Ages 1-5, Non-Separating

### **ECFE at Montrose Early Education Center**

#### Welcome Baby Bison!

Ages 0-12 months, Non-Separating



Navigating the early months of parenthood is an adventure and you're not alone! This free class is designed for expecting parents and those with babies up to 12 months, offering a warm, welcoming space to connect with others who are on the same path. Whether you're preparing for the arrival of your little one or adjusting to the

whirlwind of life with a newborn, this class provides an opportunity to ask questions, share experiences, and learn from both a knowledgeable parent educator and other new parents.

This class is led by a licensed ECFE Parent Educator and non-separating, meaning babies and parents stay together throughout the session-creating a natural environment for shared experiences and mutual support. Limit 12

#### W5022

Wednesdays, January 7-May 13
10:30-11:15 am (No class Mar 25, Apr 1)
17 sessions - FREE!
ECFE Room Kim Freiberg

#### **Toddling Bison**

Ages 12-24 months, Non-Separating



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and play that will engage both you and your toddler, all while reinforcing positive parenting techniques. Throughout, you'll build connections with other families and enjoy the benefit of learning in a relaxed, supportive enviornment. Come for the support, stay for the fun and leave empowered as a parent! Limit 12

#### W5023

Wednesdays, January 7-May 13
11:15 am-12 pm (No class Mar 25, Apr 1)
17 sessions - FREE!
ECFE Room Kim Freiberg

Class Registration Opens
December 10 at 9 am

### Terrific Tuesdays

Ages 2 years to Grade 2, Separating



Join our ECFE staff for a family style pizza dinner from 5:30-6pm. After, parents will participate in a parent discussion group to learn, share experiences, and support one another in the journey of parenting. The children re-

main with a licensed ECFE teacher for age appropriate activities. Limit 12

#### W5020

ECFE Room

Tuesdays, January 6-May 19 5:30-7 pm (No class Mar 31)
19 sessions - sliding fee scale page 4

Danielle Stein & Stephanie Adelman



#### Winter Subscription Box

Ages 1 to 5 years

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W5012C

1 subscription box- \$30





**BHM** SCHOOLS

# ECFE **FAMILY FAIR**

Bring your family to our Annual Spring Event and enjoy a fun-filled day designed for everyone! Experience a variety of activities and attractions, including:

- Family and Child Activities
- Live Entertainment
- **Silent Auction**
- BHM School Board Book Giveaway
- Community Partner Booths
- ECFE Advisory Council

With so much to see and do, there's something for the whole family!

> **SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026**



10 AM - 12:30 PM



**DISCOVERY ELEMENTARY GYM BUFFALO, MN** 



For More Information Call 763-682-8780



#### School-Based Childcare



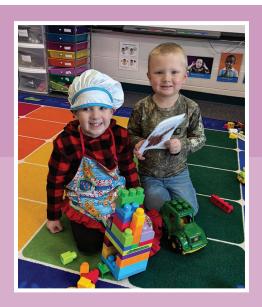
**KidKare is...** a school-based childcare program that extends your child's learning day while providing a safe, engaging and fun environment.

#### KinderKids (Age 3-5)

- Theme-based activities that support social-emotional development, academic readiness, learning through play and more.
- Offering care full-day, half-day, and care for children enrolled in Bison Preschool
- See page ? for more information on Bison Preschool.

#### School-Age (Grade K-6)

- Offering care before school, after school, and on early release days.
- Activities including arts and crafts, science experiments, outdoor play, gym games, and more.
- A structured, supportive environment where children can explore, create, and build friendships.





#### Non-School Days (Age 3-12)

- We are open most non-school weekdays and provide full-day care for enrolled children.
- Engaging activities to keep kids entertained, learning, and active throughout the day.
- Includes field trips, special events, or unique projects to enhance the experience.

#### Summer (Age 3-12)

- Offering full-day and half-day care options.
- Weekly themes that include a variety of fun and educational activities to keep kids learning, exploring, and active throughout the day.
- A safe, enriching environment where summer fun meets learning and friendships grow.
- Includes field trips, special events and creative projects designed to make each week memorable.

#### **About Our Staff**

Our KidKare staff are carefully selected for their passion for working with children. They are responsible, enthusiastic, caring and creative. Safety and well-being of the children is our top priority. All Site Lead Supervisors and Supervisors participate in on-going training including first aid and CPR. We meet children where they are developmentally and strive to create a program that kids are excited to be a part of.

# SAVE THE DATE



# Registration Opens Online Wednesday, February 25 @ 9 am

### Helpful Details

- Register for Summer 2026 season <u>AND/OR</u> School Year 2026-27 season.
- Each of these seasons requires a separate registration.
- All families, including current KidKare families, must register for each season, each year.
- \$50 non-refundable registration fee per family is due at registration.
- Auto-pay is required for all accounts.
- More information on rates and attendance options will be available in February.



#### **More Information**



### Site Contact Information

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Montrose Elementary Site Lead: Ashley Stuart 763.682.8360 Northwinds Elementary Site Lead: Irina Anderson 763.682.8830

Parkside Elementary Site Lead: Tina LaFave 763.682.8746 \*Serves Discovery and Parkside

**Tatanka Elementary Site** Lead: Ginger Elsenpeter 763.682.8631

#### **Beginner Shotokan Karate NEW!** (Ages 6-14)



Come discover Shotokan Karate developed for children, focused on teaching basic techniques, respect, and perseverance in a no contact environment. Learn your first kata in one of Japan's traditional styles and then have the opportunity to test for your next rank at the end of the Spring session. Kimono gi is not required until testing time!

#### W6012A

Wednesdays, January 14-28	6:20 - 6:50 pm
3 sessions - \$45	Irene Smith
Montrose Elementary	Cafeteria

#### W6012B

Wednesdays, February 4-25	6:20 - 6:50 pm
4 sessions - \$60	Irene Smith
Montrose Elementary	Cafeteria

#### W6012C

Wednesdays, March 4-25	6:20 - 6:50 pm
4 sessions - \$60	Irene Smith
Montrose Elementary	Cafeteria



#### **Intermediate Shotokan Karate NEW!** (Ages 6-14)



Have you attended Shotokan classes before and your belt is not white but rather a little dusty? Brush that off with a refresher in Heian Katas, Kumite techniques, and foundational Kihon combinations. Ranks obtained in any other Shotokan official testing are fully recognized though future examinations must meet rank requirements.

#### W6013A

Wednesdays, January 14-28	7-8 pm
3 sessions - \$50	Irene Smith
Montrose Elementary	Cafeteria

#### W6013B

Wednesdays, February 4-25	7-8 pm
4 sessions - \$70	Irene Smith
Montrose Elementary	Cafeteria

#### W6013C

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Wednesdays, March 4-25	7-8 pm
4 sessions - \$70	Irene Smith
Montrose Elementary	Cafeteria



#### **Dino Science**

(Ages 5-12)

Step into a world of prehistoric adventure with us in this science class all about dinosaurs.

Tuesday, December 30 9 am - 12 pm \$60 Discovery Center, Room 202

#### **Artsy Glow Party**

(Ages 5-12)

Create a colorful art project using special fluorescent art materials that really glow under blacklight.

Tuesday, December 30 1 - 4 pm, \$60 Discovery Center, Room 202

#### How to Draw Cartoons (Ages 5-12)



Learn step-by-step techniques to help you draw super cool (and cute) cartoons! From cuddly puppy dogs to kooky cool characters, we'll do it all at this class. Students will receive their own, How to Draw Cartoons booklet!



#### W6040

Mondays, January 26 - February 9 2:30-3:30 pm 3 sessions - \$75 Kidcreate Studio **Discovery Center** Room 202

#### **Champion Force Cheer** (Ages 4-14)

This fun course teaches students popular cheers, chants, choreographed pom/dance routines, jumps, splits, parade marching techniques and other skills required for school cheerleading tryouts. Improve selfconfidence, physical fitness and overall coordination.

#### Register online at erp.championforce.com/onlineregistration and use class #16325

- Thursdays, January 29 May 28
- (No class Feb 5, 12, April 2)
- One-time registration fee \$10
- \$9 per class (this can be paid weekly)
- Division 1 (ages 4-6): 6 pm
- Division 2 (ages 7-9): **6:45 pm**
- Division 3 (ages 10 & up): 7:30 pm
- Parkside Elementary, Cafeteria

Artistic Me is located at 205 5th Street NE, Buffalo. Parents may drop off at Artistic Me or choose to have their child meet at the Community Education office in the Discovery Center to walk with a chaperone to Artistic Me. Please call Bridget at 763.682.8733 to make arrangements. Everyone will pick up at Artistic Me.

#### Design a Plate

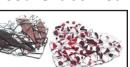
Use your imagination to create your own plate design. Stickers, tape, sponges and silk screens could be used to help the creativity flow!



Thursday, January 8

1 session - \$39 Artistic Me W6060A (Grades K-2) 2:45–3:45pm W6060B (Grades 3-5) 2:45–4:45pm

### Fused Glass Heart



(Grades 2-5) will be making a

Students will be making a 4" to 5" diameter heart using pieces of glass. These hearts are a wonderful gift for Valentine's or Mother's Day.

Will come with a short chain to hang as a sun catcher.

#### W6061

Thursday, January 22 1 session - \$49 2:45–4:45 pm Artistic Me

#### **Just for Kicks**



This fun shoe can make a great planter, an art or pencil holder or just a fun item to paint. Decorate it into your favorite sneaker.

Thursday, February 12

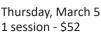
1 session - \$49 Artistic Me

W6062A (Grades K-2) 2:45–3:45pm W6062B (Grades 3-5) 2:45–4:45pm

#### Peeps and Eggs



Let's explore creative ways to paint eggs and peeps! You will learn fun new techniques that can later be used to decorate other projects while painting a choice of 5 eggs or peeps.



1 session - \$52 Artistic Me W6063A (Grades K-1) 2:45–3:45 pm W6063A (Grades 2-5) 2:45–4:45 pm

#### **Picture Frame**

Let your imagination run wild as you create a custom frame for that favorite photo. These frames are made with glass pieces which will be kiln fired. A backing will be added to hold the 4" x 6" photo in place.



Thursday, March 26

1 session - \$49 Artistic Me W6064A (Grades K-2) 2:45–3:30 pm W6064A (Grades 3-5) 2:45–4:30 pm

#### **Fused Glass Bowl or Plate**





Bring your imagination to create either a 5" diameter or 6"x 6" plate or bowl. Using bits of colored glass, stringers, pebbles and frit you can create your own master-

piece. This size is the perfect size for jewelry or other treasures and makes a great gift for Moms or Grandparents. These items will be kiln fired, maintaining the glass texture then formed into the shape chosen.

Thursday, April 23

1 session - \$52 Artistic Me

W6065A (Grades K-1) 2:45–3:45 pm

W6065A (Grades 2-5) 2:45–4:45 pm

#### **Fingerprint Art**



Choose from a rectangular tray, round platter or a cup and dinner plate combo to create your artwork. Making characters using your fingerprint is a fun way to design and parents will love the keepsake!

Thursday, May 14 1 session - \$55

Artistic Me

W6066A (Grades K-2) 2:45–3:45 pm W6066B (Grades 3-5) 2:45–4:45 pm



#### Cloud Game Development NEW! (Grades 1-3)





Learn about the exciting process of cloud and mobile app development with this hands-on class. You will create your own Flappy Bird game. Students will use Constructs 3, a visual coding platform that

teaches students the basics and structure of programming and game design. Computer skills are needed, this includes good keyboard and mouse skills.

#### **Technical Requirements:**

- PC (Windows 10 or later) or Mac (OSX) with at least a 2GHz processor and 4GB of RAM
- Chromebooks, tablets, and phones typically DO NOT Work
- Broadband internet
- Webcam, Microphone and Speakers
- Zoom Installed on Computer, zoom link will be sent before class.
- Constructs Website software. Constructs account sign up information will be provided before class.

#### W6084

Wednesdays, February 4 & 11 6-8 pm 2 sessions - \$85 **Tech Academy** Online Class from Home

#### Children's Self-Defense (Ages 4-14) & Safety Awareness

#### Young Americans School of Self-Defense

Students are instructed in self-defense, emergency notifications, physical techniques and abduction safety. This program promotes self-confidence, physical fitness, personal empowerment, and respect for others. New students will earn the yellow belt and ranking students will earn advanced belts. Instructors are certified black belts trained in run, yell, tell and stranger danger curricula.

- **Registration Night is February 5**
- 6:30 7:30 pm
- Registration fee is \$5 per student
- Discovery Center Gym
- Classes Thursdays, February 12 May 7
- (No class April 2)
- Beginners: 6:30 7:15 pm
- Intermediate/Advanced: 7:30 -8:15 pm
- Weekly class fee is \$9
- Discovery Center, Gym

#### **ZAPS ACT Prep Seminars**

Unlock your student's potential! In this seminar, your student will learn tips to improve ACT test scores, practice strategies to eliminate wrong choices, take practice tests, reduce their test anxiety, and gain confidence.



#### W6100

Monday & Tuesday, February 9 & 10 6-8:30 pm 2 sessions - \$99 Doorway to College Buffalo High School Bison Room C-219

#### Karate (Grade K-5)

Karate is a great tool for learning self-discipline, respect for self and others, keeping fit, building confidence and character development. Trained professional instructors specialize in helping kids develop a healthy body and mind. Sign up for multiple sessions - new skills each week! Class includes a free uniform!

#### W6010A

Wednesdays, February 4-25	2:30-3:15 pm
4 sessions -\$45	Buffalo Dojo
Hanover Elementary	Gym

#### W6010B

Wednesdays, March 4-25	2:30-3:15 pm
4 sessions -\$45	Buffalo Dojo
Hanover Elementary	Gym

#### W6010C

Wednesdays, April 8-29	2:30-3:15 pm
4 sessions -\$45	Buffalo Dojo
Hanover Elementary	Gym

#### W6011A

Tuesdays, February 3-24	2:30-3:15 pm
4 sessions -\$45	Buffalo Dojo
Discovery Center	Cafeteria

#### W6011B

Tuesdays, March 3-24	2:30-3:15 pm
4 sessions -\$45	Buffalo Dojo
Discovery Center	Cafeteria

#### W6011C

Tuesdays, April 7-28	2:30-3:15 pm
4 sessions -\$45	Buffalo Dojo
Discovery Center	Cafeteria
	(*April 21 in Board Room)

#### Art Lab: Creatures, Color & Optical Tricks NEW!



#### (Grades K-5)

Experiment, create, and explore in this imaginative after-school art class! Young artists will design playful creatures, explore colorful mixed media, and try out mind-bending optical illusions. Projects include a cheerful yeti, a Valentine's Day illusion drawing, and building their own pop-up book filled with creative surprises. Each week brings a new artistic challenge to spark creativity and build skills. **All supplies included.** 

#### W6090A

Tuesday, February 10 - March 17 2:30 - 3:30 pm 6 sessions - \$105 KidzArt Hanover Elementary Room 309

#### W6090B

Tuesday, February 11 - March 18 2:30 - 3:30 pm 6 sessions - \$105 KidzArt Discovery Center Room 202



#### Darling Valentine

(Ages 5-12 years)

Are you ready for some serious cuteness? Kids will love creating kawaii-style pitch pots in this Valentine's Day-themed class. They'll learn basic pottery techniques and decorate their pots with cute, heart designs filled with LOVE so adorable they'll make everyone go "Awww!" Perfect as a gift or keepsake.

#### W6041

Thursday, February 12 1 session - \$29 Discovery Center



2:30-3:30 pm Kidcreate Studio Room 202

#### Youth Hunter Gun Safety

For boys and girls 11 years old by January 1, 2026. Students who complete all the requirements receive a MN Dept of Natural Resources Firearms Safety Certificate. Questions contact Jerry Veches at 763.269.2583, M-F, 8 am-7 pm.

#### **Registration:**

- Register in-person on Tuesday, January 27, 7-8:30 pm, Buffalo High School, south entrance.
- Birth certificate is required!
- Classes held Tuesdays, February 10 April 14
- (No class March 31)
- 7-9 pm at Buffalo High School
- Local fee is \$7.50. An additional \$7.50 DNR fee will be paid directly to the DNR online. This information will be given at registration.
- Co-sponsored by Buffalo Conservation Club, MN DNR and Community Education.

#### Middle School Spanish Prep: Ignite your Language Journey! (Grades 6-8)

Students will learn Spanish conversation basics, advanced vocabulary, and verb conjugations through interactive games and cultural stories. This engaging class sets them up for future success in Spanish while building skills they'll use for a lifetime. Online portal resources and practice tools included.

#### W6009A

Mondays, February 23 - April 13 3:30 - 4:15 pm 8 sessions - \$150 Futura Language Professionals Online - Live Virtual

#### W6009B

Mondays, February 23 - April 13 4:45 - 5:30 pm 8 sessions - \$150 Futura Language Professionals Online - Live Virtual

### **Discover the World of SPANISH!** (Grades K-5)

Through lively songs, games, and dynamic activities, your child will develop essential Spanish skills in a fun and supportive environment. Hop aboard ¡Vamos a Viajar! (Let's Travel!), a hands-on course where students will master key travel phrases, order on a plane, use passports, and ask for prices—all in Spanish! Get ready to explore, connect, and gain a deeper appreciation for the Spanish language.

#### W6007

Wednesdays, February 25 - April 15 4:15-5 pm 8 sessions - \$150 Futura Language Professionals Online - Live Virtual

#### NEW

Intro to AI Coding \* \* (Grades 3-6) We will introduce kids to the fundamentals of coding and artificial intelligence through Scratch; a visual programming language designed for young learners. Campers engage in hands-on projects and collaborative activities that build foundational coding skills while exploring how AI works in fun and creative ways. Computer skills are needed (this includes good keyboard and mouse skills).

#### **Technical Requirements:**

- PC (Windows 10 or later) or Mac (OSX) with at least a 2GHz processor
- and 4GB of RAM
- Chromebooks, Tablets, and phones typically DO NOT Work.
- Broadband internet
- Webcam, Microphone and Speakers
- Zoom Installed on Computer, zoom link will be sent before class.
- Scratch Website Scratch Account sign-up information will be provided before class

#### W6082

Saturday, February 28 1 session - \$45 Online Class from Home 9-11 am Tech Academy

NEW!

### Amazing LEGO Brick Mazes

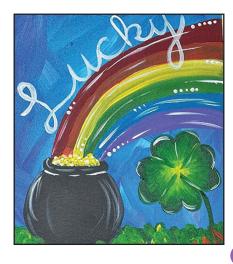
(Ages 5-12 years)

Attention, future engineers! Get ready for an exciting adventure. Young builders will design and construct their own intricate mazes using LEGO bricks. This hands-on class combines problem-solving, engineering, and tons of fun as kids bring their imaginative ideas to life!

#### W6043

Monday, March 9 1 session - \$29 Discovery Center 2:30pm - 3:30 pm Kidcreate Studio Room 202







#### St Paddy's Day Rainbow (Ages 5-12 years)

Students will paint a rainbow on a real canvas board using a special painting technique, then we will create a pot of gold for its end complete with shamrocks, perfect for any leprechaun. Just for fun, we'll even add real Lucky Charms to the pot of gold!

#### W6042

Thursday, March 12 2:30 - 3:30 pm 1 session - \$29 Kidcreate Studio Discovery Center Room 202

#### Intro to RC Racing (Grades K-8)

Interested in RC Cars? Want to try racing them on a track? Then come join us as we explore what makes them work and get to try them out. Participants will leave with a better understanding and get some time testing out their driving skills on a few different types of RC Cars. Participants can use RC Cars provided or use their own on approval.

#### W6080

Monday, March 16 1 session - \$25 Discovery Center



6-7 pm arty Crashers Cafeteria

#### RC Car Racing

(Grades K-12)

Are you a more experienced RC Racing driver? Want to drive RC Cars on a track? Then come join us and you can test your driving skills on a few different types of RC Cars. Participants can use RC Cars provided or use their own on approval.

#### F6081

Monday, March 16 1 session - \$25 Discovery Center 7:10-8:10 pm Party Crashers Cafeteria

### Multiplayer Minecraft: NEW!



Poke-Mods

(Grades 1-6)

In this multiplayer camp, you'll learn how to build your own Pokémon world. Create stunning landscapes, iconic locations, and even your own custom Pokémon using the Pixlemon mod. Create and use Pokémon themed mods, to create Gym battles. Discover hidden secrets, rare Pokémon, and exciting challenges throughout the Minecraft world. Bring a USB drive to save your games on the last day. Minecraft is a Mojang Studios trademark. This camp is not affiliated with them. Computer skills are needed (this includes good keyboard and mouse skills).

#### **Technical Requirements:**

- PC (Windows 10 or later) or Mac (OSX) with at least a 2GHz processor and 4GB of RAM
- Chromebooks, Tablets, and phones typically DO NOT Work.
- **Broadband** internet
- Webcam, Microphone and Speakers
- Zoom Installed on Computer, zoom link will be sent before class.
- MCreator software download instructions and setup information will be provided before class.
- Minecraft Java Edition (\$30, not required for the class, but is needed to use the mods later).

#### W6083

Thursdays, March 19 & 26 2 sessions - \$55 Online Class from Home

6-8 pm Tech Academy

#### **Squishmallow Mystery Art Workshop**

(Grades: K-5)

Join us for a fun art adventure inspired Squishmallows! Each participant will receive a mystery 5" Squishmallow plush to keep. Using their new Squishmallow as inspiration, kids will create a colorful acrylic painting on a 9x12



canvas while learning blending techniques and adding creative details.

#### W6091A

Tuesday, March 24	2:30 - 3:30 pm
1 session - \$29	KidzArt
Hanover Elementary	Room 309

#### W6091A

Wednesday, March 25	2:30 - 3:30 pm
1 session - \$29	KidzArt
Discovery Center	Room 202

#### **Hanover Youth BALL**

#### Hanoveryouthball.org

For boys and girls, ages 5-16 years. Registration is online in early February. Check their website for league information.



#### Fairy Garden Lantern (Ages 5-12 years)

Kids will create enchanting Fairy Garden Lanterns that really light up! Using real dried flowers for decoration, they'll design magical lanterns that any fairy would love. Perfect for adding a little glow and fairy magic to bedtime! Please bring a snack and drink for your child(ren).

#### W6044

Monday, March 30 1 session - \$60 **Discovery Center** 

No School

9 am - 12 pm Kidcreate Studio Room 202

#### Fairy Dust Slime

(Ages 5-12 years)

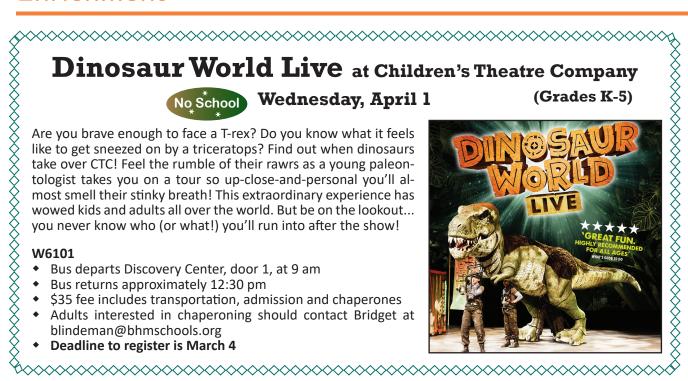
Spark creativity in this enchanting class! Young artists will make shimmering fairy dust slime and design whimsical storage jars adorned with moss, flowers, and tiny mushrooms, creating their own fairy garden magic. A hands-on adventure where little imagination truly shines! Please bring a snack and drink for your child(ren).

#### W6045

Monday, March 30 1 session - \$60 **Discovery Center** 

No School

12:30-3:30 pm Kidcreate Room 202



#### Kawaii Food Art



#### (Grades K-5)

Cute. Colorful. Creative! Kids in grades 1-4 will learn to draw and paint their favorite foods in the adorable Kawaii style— from smiling donuts to happy ramen bowls and mini food magnets.



#### W6092A

Tuesdays, April 7-21 2:30 - 3:30 pm 3 sessions - \$55 KidzArt Hanover Elementary Room 309

#### W6092B

Wednesdays, April 8-22 2:30 - 3:30 pm 3 sessions - \$55 KidzArt Discovery Center Room 202

#### **Purr-fect Pets**



#### (Grades K-5)

Calling all animal lovers! In this 3-week after school art class, kids will create artwork inspired by their favorite furry, feathered, and finned friends. Using paints. markers, and mixed media, students will explore fun techniques while designing colorful, personality-filled pets.

#### W6093A

Tuesdays, April 28-May 12 2:30 - 3:30 pm 3 sessions - \$55 KidzArt Hanover Elementary Room 309

#### W6093B

Wednesdays, April 29-May 13 2:30 - 3:30 pm 3 sessions - \$55 KidzArt Discovery Center Room 202

### Candyology



#### (Ages 5-12 years)

Step into the sweet world of Candyology! This exciting STEAM adventure combines science, creativity, and hands-on fun with a sugary twist. Kids will design and build candy machines, craft vibrant candy fish aquariums, and engineer thrilling candy rollercoasters. It's a delicious mix of learning, building, and tasting that turns candy into an unforgettable educational experience!

#### W6046

Mondays, April 13 - May 4 2:30 - 3:30 pm 4 sessions - \$99 Kidcreate Studio **Discovery Center** Room 202





Register NOW for Upcoming Classes!

BHM COMMUNITY EDUCATION

# **DRIVER EDUCATION**

#### Winter 2026

Mondays & Wednesdays January 12 - February 18 3:35-6:35 pm 10 sessions - \$465 (Classroom & BTW) Buffalo High School



#### **Spring A Session 2026**

Mondays & Wednesdays
February 23 - March 25
(Class on Tuesday, March 10, not on March 9)
3:35-6:35 pm
10 sessions - \$465 (Classroom & BTW)
Buffalo High School

#### **Spring B Session 2026**

Tuesdays & Thursdays April 7 - May 7 3:40-6:40 pm 10 sessions - \$465 (Classroom & BTW) Buffalo High School



**Summer 2026 opens mid-March** 

### Our Program Includes...

- ◆ 30-hours of in-person quality classroom instruction with a BHM teacher
- All classroom supplies and materials
- ◆ 6-hours of Behind-the-Wheel instruction
- Classroom and BTW instruction is with a licensed teacher you can trust
- Convenient location at Buffalo High School



# **WINTER TENNIS**

### **AGES 5 TO ADULT**

DECEMBER 7, 21, JANUARY 4, 11, 18, 25

(NO TENNIS DEC 14, 28)

Quickstart tennis helps kids learn the sport. The equipment is designed for children ages 10 and un¬der. Whether your child is just starting or already in the game, Quickstart Tennis is sized just right for them. This makes tennis EASY and FUN and allows kids to get into the game immediately — while also developing agility, coordination, and balance. Get¬ting your children started early in tennis is a good way to prepare them for a healthy and active life¬style. This format will help foster a lifelong "love" for the game of tennis.





W627A Quickstart 1 (ages 5-6)
W627B Quickstart 2 (ages 7-8)

W627C Quickstart 3 (ages 9-10)

11-11:45 pm \$85 12-12:45 pm \$85 1-1:45 pm \$85

Middle School Group Lessons W627D Grades 6-8 2-3 pm \$90

Bring your 💥 own racket

High School/Adult Open Hit and Play W627E Grades 9 to Adult 3-4 pm \$90



### **Recreation & Sports**



#### **Soccer Stars Youth Soccer** (Ages 3-8)

Soccer Stars offers a super fun, age specific curriculum that is crafted to improve soccer skills, build confidence, and develop socialization skills. Max: 10/group

#### Session 1

Wednesdays, January 7 - February 4 Buffalo High School- Bison Activity Center Court 3

\$90 W691A (3-5 years) 5 - 5:30 pm W691B (6-8 years) 5:30 - 6 pm \$90

#### Session 2

Wednesdays, February 11 - March 11 Buffalo High School- Bison Activity Center Court 3 \$90

W692A (3-5 years) 5 - 5:30 pm W692B (6-8 years) 5:30 - 6 pm \$90

#### Session 3

Wednesdays, April 1 - April 29

Buffalo High School- Bison Activity Center Court 3

W693A (3-5 years) 5 - 5:30 pm \$90 W693B (6-8 years) 5:30 - 6 pm \$90

#### **Amazing Athletes**

Develop your child's motor skills, hand-eye coordination, cardiovascular fitness and more through Amazing Athletes. Each 45-minute class encompasses two different developmental sport lessons, muscle identification and fruit or vegetable introduc-





tion, using fun activities so they can build their skills, at their own pace, in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Max: 12/group

#### Session 1

Thursdays, January 8-February 5 Discovery Elementary Cafeteria

W651A \$90 4:30-5:15 pm W651B 5:15-6 pm \$90

#### Session 2

Thursdays, February 19-March 19 Discovery Elementary Cafeteria

W651C \$90 4:30-5:15 pm W651D 5:15-6 pm \$90

#### Session 3

Thursdays, April 9-May 7 Discovery Elementary Cafeteria

W651E 4:30-5:15 pm \$90 W651F 5:15-6 pm \$90

### Jr. Bison Track Meet

**Boys and Girls Grades K-6** 

Bison Varsity Track Coach Scott Palmer along with assistant coaches and track members conduct this oneday event with emphasis on FUN! Each participant will receive a Bison Youth Track Team T-shirt.

#### W6440

Saturday, May 16 Check in 9 am, Meet starts at 9:20 am 1 session- \$20/participant Buffalo High School, Bison Activity Center



### **Recreation & Sports**

#### **BHM Community Education**

# Jr Bison Gymnastics

#### **Classes held in the Buffalo High School Gymnastics Room**

### **Beginners** (Age 5 and up) \*Students must be 5 years by class start date

Beginner skills include warm-up activities, stretching, rolls, bridges, back walkovers, pop-ups, pullovers, casts, beam introduction, cardio and strength endurance. As well as listening skills, following directions, staying on task and more. Max 20

<b>W681A</b> Mondays, January 5, 19, 26	6:15-7 pm	\$60
<b>W681B</b> Thursdays, January 8, 15, 29	6:15-7 pm	\$60
<b>W681C</b> Mondays, February 2, 9, 23	6:15-7pm	\$60
<b>W681D</b> Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19	6:15-7pm	\$60
<b>W681E</b> Mondays, March 2-23	4-4:50 pm	\$80
<b>W681F</b> Thursdays, March 5-26	5-5:50 pm	\$80
W681G Mondays, April 6-27	4-4:50 pm	\$80
W681H Thursdays, April 9-30	5-5:50 pm	\$80

### **High School Practice**\*For BHS Gymnastics Students

W684A Mondays, March 2-23	6:45-8:30 pm	\$120
<b>W684B</b> Thursdays, March 5-26	3:35-5 pm	\$120
<b>W684C</b> Mondays, April 6-27	6:45-8:30 pm	\$120
<b>W684D</b> Thursdays, April 9-30	3:35-5 pm	\$120

### Advanced (Age 6 and up) \*Students must have prior gymnastics training



Advanced beginners build on the skills introduced in Beginners as well as learning the terminology. This class is for the student that is starting to want more and commit to training longer than 45 mins one time a week. This class will have the opportunity to practice two times a week when the high school gymnastics season ends, when more gym time is available.

Max 20

<b>W682A</b> Tuesdays, January 6, 20, 27	6:15-7:45 pm	\$75
W682B Tuesdays, February 10, 17, 24	6:15-7:45 pm	\$75
<b>W682C</b> Tuesdays, March 3-24	4-5:15 pm	\$100
<b>W682D</b> Tuesdays, April 7-28	4-5:15 pm	\$10 <mark>0</mark>

#### **PRE-Team**

#### \*Invite only - permission required

This course is for students that have demonstrated commitment and discipline to the basic fundamental skills. Students will have the opportunity to practice putting their skills into routines and perform when they are ready.

#### W683A

Mondays March 2-23	5-6:45 pm
Tuesday March 3-24	5:20-7:05 pm
8 sessions - \$280	

#### W683B

Mondays, April 6-27	5-6:45 pm
Tuesdays, April 7-28	5:20-7:05 pm
8 sessions - \$280	

# Jr. Bison Baseball



#### For Players Ages 5 to 13

- This program is offered through Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Community Education.
- This program relies on volunteer coaches. We can't have teams without volunteer coaches.
   Contact Todd Lunning, Recreation Coordinator, at tlunning@bhmschools.org or 763.682.8176 to inquire and for more details.
- The Jr Bison Baseball season begins week of May 4 and concludes the end of June.
- (No ball play May 25)
- Evening practices and games will be played in Buffalo and Montrose beginning at 6:15 pm.
- The focus of this program is on instruction of proper baseball techniques and FUN.
- Questions, contact Community Education 763.682.8770 or Todd Lunning, Recreation Coordinator, 763.682.8176.

### Registration is Open!

Online bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com or call 763.682.8770.

\* Registration deadline is April 1 \*

#### \*Child's age as of May 1, 2026

Please register for the appropriate age group or students will be moved into their age group.

#### **Tee Ball**

<ul><li>Ages 5-6 years</li></ul>		\$95
	Class W6450 (T & Th evening	(s)

#### <u>Baseball</u>

•	Minor League (Ages 7-8) Class W6451 (M & W evenings)	\$110
•	National League (Ages 9-10) Class W6452 (T & Th evenings)	\$110
•	American League (Ages 11-13) Class W6453 (M & W evenings)	\$110

### Open Gym, Pool & Walking Track

Bison Activity Center (Gym & Walking Track) Monday - Thursday, 6 - 9 pm (Closed Dec 24-Jan 1, Feb 16) Gym: \$5/person or \$10/family Walking: \$2/person/day or purchase a season pass

### Buffalo Middle School (Gym & Pool)

\*Will close at 2:15 if no attendees
December 7, 14, 21
January 11 - May 17

(Closed Feb 15, April 5) \$5/person or \$10/family

### Montrose Elementary (Gym)

Wednesdays, 6 - 7:30 pm (Closed on non-school days) Free!

\*Children under age 12 must be accompanied by a parent.

### **Pool Information**

**Buffalo Community Middle School Pool** 

# Open Swim, Lap Swim & Open Gym

Sundays, 2 - 4 pm January 11 - May 17 (Closed February 15, April 5)

- To help with staffing, please arrive at 2 pm. We will close at 2:15 pm if no attendees.
- Enter door #3, lower west side.
- A lap lane is designated.
- Fee for Open Swim and/or Open Gym is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Please bring the exact amount as we may not be able to make change.

\*Please check our website for pool/gym updates.

#### **About Our Pool**

- The pool is located at the Buffalo Community Middle School on Hwy 25. Enter door 3 (facing the football fields).
- Participants are responsible for their valuables.
- Appropriate swimwear is required.
- Pool depth ranges from 3 feet 6 inches to 12 feet
- An adult must accompany children if under 52 inches in height.
- The use of approved life jackets/vests and other floatations are allowed when accompanied by an adult in the water.
- Non-swimmers wishing to watch can sit in the bleacher area.
- To use the deep end of the pool, swimmers must be able to swim the width of the pool using the American Red Cross Level 3 front crawl. Swimming ability will be at lifeguard discretion.
- Children are not allowed to jump off the diving boards into the arms of an adult in the water.
- Open swim passes available at the pool or the Community Education office. 10 individual for \$40 or 10 family for \$90.

#### Wright County WAVE Swim Club

For more information, visit waveswimclub.com



#### **Pool Rental**

The Buffalo Community Middle School pool is available for private use any time the pool is not scheduled. Pool rental may include birthday parties, lock-ins, gym/swim activities or aquatic conditioning for sports teams. Rental rates are \$75 per hour for In- District groups or \$90 per hour for Out-of-District groups. Fee includes 2 lifeguards. For more information, contact Sheila at 763.682.8752 or sjohnso@bhmschools.org.

#### Clip & Save Coupon

\$5 off a Sunday pool rental

Valid until 5/17/2026



### **Lap Swimming**

- ▶ Sundays, 2 4 pm during open swim
- Cost is \$5 per visit Pay at the pool
  - \*Please check our website for pool updates at bhmschools.org/open-swim-information

### **SWIMMING LESSONS FOR KIDS**

American Red Cross Learn to Swim program offers comprehensive levels to teach students how to swim skill-fully and safely. The pre-requisite for each level is the successful demonstration of skills from the preceding level. Note: The shallow end of our pool is 42" deep. **Therefore, children must be 52" in height and at least 6 years old to participate in levels 1-6.** Children under 52" in height should enroll in the Preschool program. Each level of Learn to Swim includes basic water safety and helping a swimmer in distress.

#### Parent & Child Aquatics (6 mo to 3 yrs) \$69

Parent and child learn together to increase a child's comfort level in the water and build a foundation of basic skills, such as arm and leg movements and breath control. The two levels are fun-filled and introduce water safety.

- Change body position in the water
- Learn how to play safely
- Experience wearing a life jacket
- Expectation for adult supervision
- Enter and exit the water safely
- Submerge in a rhythmic pattern

#### Preschool Aquatics (4–5 years old) \$69

Children are taught basic aquatic safety, survival and swimming skills, while increasing their comfort level in and around the water. Skills are age-appropriate, helping children achieve success on a regular basis and enjoy social interactions with other children. As in all Swimming and Water Safety courses, your child will always know that it's safety first.

#### **Levels 1-6** (Min. Height 52") \$75

#### **Level 1: Intro to Water Skills**

Orient participants to the aquatic environment and help gain basic aquatic skills. Begin to develop positive attitudes and safe practices.

#### **Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills**

Build basic aquatic skills, water safety and concepts learned in level 1.

#### **Level 3: Stroke Development**

Build on the skills learned in Levels 1 and 2 to help achieve basic water competency in a pool environment. Head first entry, survival floating and treading water will be covered.

#### Level 4: Stroke Improvement

Improve proficiency in performing swimming strokes introduced in Level 3. Skills include swimming front crawl 25 vards, breaststroke, back crawl and butterfly 15 vards.

#### **Level 5: Stroke Refinement**

Participants refine their performance of all six swimming strokes (front and back crawl, butterfly, breaststroke, elementary backstroke and sidestroke).

**Level 6:** Refines the strokes so participants swim them with ease, efficiency, power and smoothness over greater distances. Participant should have passes level 5.

Registration for Spring lessons opens online Tuesday, March 17 at 9 am

\*No winter lessons

Pool is located at the Buffalo Community Middle School. Enter door 3, lower west side.

### **Monday Lessons**

April 6, 13, 20, 27 May 4, 11, 18

6 pm	Preschool W5201M	Parent Child W5101M	Level 1
6:30 pm	Preschool W5202M	Parent Child W5102M	W5311M
7 pm	<b>Level 2</b> W5321M	<b>Level 3</b> W5331M	<b>Level 5/6</b> W5351M



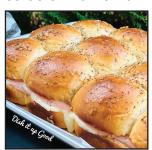
# **Cooking with Tess**

Easy, FUN and from the comfort of your own home!

Classes are lead by chef Tess Georgakopoulos



#### Kickoff Kitchen! Home-Baked Soft Subs & Hawaiian Roll Sliders!



Bring big flavor and fun to game night, or any night, while celebrating the art of scratch baking with soft, bakery-style submarine rolls and pillowy Hawaiian rolls that outshine anything found in stores. Once the doughs are perfected, shaped and baked,

the sub rolls will be transformed into irresistible submarine sandwiches layered with bold spreads, zesty vinaigrette, and fresh fixings, while the Hawaiian rolls are turned into golden sliders, filled with savory, melty goodness and brushed with buttery garlic glaze. You'll even learn how to adjust the sweetness of your Hawaiian rolls to match your personal taste. This will be an engaging, interactive cook-along experience that blends hands-on techniques with unforgettable flavor—ideal for game-day spreads or year-round crowd-pleasing family favorites.

#### W1300

Friday, January 30 1 session - \$45 Online via Zoom 5:30-8 pm Tess Georgakopoulos

### Flaky Jamaican Meat Patties Hand Pies!

Bring the vibrant flavors of Jamaica into your kitchen and experience the warmth of the Caribbean! During this cook-along experience you will learn to make a classic Jamaican hand pie (known as a meat patty) from the golden flaky pastry to the savory spiced meat-filling full of Island-



Inspired flavor! You will also learn how to customize the seasoning and heat level to your taste! Tess will guide you through the process step-by-step. The best tricks for freezing and reheating will also be shared so you can enjoy these hand pies anytime.

#### W1302

Saturday, February 28 1 session - \$39 Online via Zoom 4-6 pm Tess Georgakopoulos

#### Classic European Sweetheart Delights: Tiramisu & Stoopwafles

Celebrate this Valentine's Day with a sweet culinary adventure across Europe! You will learn to create two beloved classic desserts: a dreamy, velvety Italian Tiramisu (using Tess' unique signature no-raw-egg-method), and authentic Dutch Stroopwafles prepared completely by hand during this NEW real-time cook-along experience. Together we will mix the dough, make the gooey stroop filling, cook them in a special waffle iron and assemble them with an optional heart shaped twist.

#### W1301

Saturday, January 31 1 session - \$45 Online via Zoom 4-6:30 pm Tess Georgakopoulos



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#### Bulgogi Kimbap: Korean Signature Rice Rolls



Kimbap is Korea's answer to the perfect rice roll—similar in shape to sushi, yet uniquely its own with savory cooked fillings that create distinctive flavors and textures. Join Tess for this, fun filled cook-along adventure and explore

the art of making Bulgogi Kimbap rolls from start to finish, rivaling any you wild find in a restaurant. From seasoning the rice, to marinating and cooking Bulgogi, preparing colorful vegetables (including a quick pickle), and crafting a delicate omelet you'll bringing everything together into beautiful hand-rolled Kimbap.

#### W1303

Saturday, March 7 1 session - \$45 Online via Zoom 4-6:30 pm Tess Georgakopoulos

#### Banh Mi, from Baguette to Bite

Banh Mi is a delicious fusion of French and Vietnamese culinary traditions. Crisp baguettes are filled with savory meats, fresh and pickled vegetables, herbs, bold spreads, and seasonings. You'll learn to craft Banh Mi from the ground up—baking bakery-quality



baguettes, marinating and cooking char siu chicken, quick-pickling colorful vegetables, and mixing a zesty mayo spread before assembling everything into a flavor-packed creation. Prefer to keep it simple? Bring your favorite bakery baguettes and focus on the fillings and assembly. Either way you'll leave inspired and ready to recreate gourmet bahn me at home.

#### W1304

Saturday, March 21 1 session - \$45 Online via Zoom 4-6:30 pm Tess Georgakopoulos

#### California Sushi Roll Extravaganza!

When it comes to traditional sushi, made with raw sushi grade fish such as salmon or tuna, opinions tend to be pretty divided—people are usually either a very strong "yes", or an equally strong "no". Enter California Roll: the friendly gateway "Sushi" that has converted countless skeptics to enthusiastic fans! In this fun, interactive cook-along experience, Tess will guide you through the process of making a variety of California rolls that just might have you wondering why you have never tired making them yourself before! California roll combinations are only limited by your imagination! Make them vegetarian or with seafood, with or without seaweed, spicy

or mild—it's all up to you and your creativity. Learn the essentials of preparing seasoned sushi rice, whipping up flavorful spicy mayo, and wrapping, rolling, and shopping your sushi with a range of tasty fillings including a crab salad we will be making with crabsticks. To top it all off, Tess will share simple yet impressive plating and presentation ideas to make your rolls look as good as they taste!

#### W1305

Saturday, May 2 1 session - \$39 Online via Zoom 4-6 pm Tess Georgakopoulos





### On The Wright Track Model Railroad Club 2026... All Aboard!

We are an HO scale group that will teach basic construction, electrical and mechanical principles. This is also a great place for artistic ideas and creativity. Club members build and apply scenery to a module that connects with other members modules which are shown at train shows in the area. **The recommended age is 12 and up but all ages are welcome.** The club leader is an experienced model railroader.

#### W1232

Fridays, January 16, February 6, 27, March 20, April 10, May 1, 15 6:30-8:30 pm 7 sessions - \$35 Tim Pacel Discovery Center Boardroom

#### **Photo Chaos to Simplicity**

Imagine all your photos—old and new—organized, safely stored, and easy to find in one place. You'll learn how to digitize old photos, slides/negatives, movies, and memorabilia and store them securely using cloud storage and modern organization methods. We'll cover topics like selecting scanners, digitizing different types of media, organizing your collection, and restoring photos to their original glory. By the end, you'll leave with the tools and knowledge to access, organize, and share your cherished memories effortlessly!

#### W1400

Tuesday, April 21 6-7:30 pm 1 session - \$25 Susan DeJute Discovery Center Room 204



#### **Open Pickleball Play**

Join us for set times each week for players to rotate in and out of games and play with different partners. Everyone gets a chance to play, and it's a great way to get to know other pickleball players.

Four courts set up each Wednesday.

Wednesday, 6:30-8 pm, until March 25 \$5/person/night payable at the door Bison Activity Center



### **Easy Partner Dancing**

Looking for a fun way to move, connect, and try something new? This easygoing class is perfect for couples who want to enjoy dancing together — whether it's for an upcoming event or simply for a unique date. You'll learn simple patterns and turns based on classic ballroom moves, all set to your favorite music—from old-school tunes to today's top hits. No pressure, no stress—just a relaxed, supportive environment where everyone can have a great time. Think you have two left feet? You're in the right place!

This class is beginner-friendly and designed to make dancing fun and easy for everyone. Couples stay partnered. Wear comfortable clothing and come ready for a fun time!

#### W1401A

Wednesdays, February 4-18 6:30-7:45 pm 3 sessions - \$55 Deanna Constantine Discovery Center Cafeteria

#### W1401B

Wednesdays, May 6-20 3 sessions - \$55 Discovery Center 6:30-7:45 pm Deanna Constantine Cafeteria

### Adult Conversational Spanish Beginner Part 1

Always wanted to learn or refresh your Spanish? This class focuses on building conversational skills through interactive practice. Topics include greetings, pronunciation, numbers, food, clothing, and basic grammar. You'll engage in small conversations and explore cultural insights like word origins and dialects. Zoom access and basic computer skills required.

#### W1258A

Mondays, February 23-March 30 6-7 pm 6 sessions - \$119 Futura Language Professionals Online - Live Virtual

#### W1258B

Tuesdays, February 24-March 31 6-7 pm 6 sessions - \$119 Futura Language Professionals Online - Live Virtual

#### W1258C

Wednesdays, February 25-April 1 6-7 pm 6 sessions - \$119 Futura Language Professionals Online - Live Virtual

#### Adult Conversational Spanish Beginner Part 2

Continue your Spanish journey in Beginner Spanish Part Two! Build on conversational skills for directions, restaurants, and everyday interactions. Learn vocabulary on weather, dates, family, and key verbs like ser and tener. Explore cultural topics on food, family, and friendships. Open to new and returning students. Zoom access and basic computer skills required.

#### W1259A

Mondays, February 23-March 30 6-7 pm 6 sessions - \$119 Futura Language Professionals Online - Live Virtual

#### F1259B

Tuesdays, February 24-March 31 6-7 pm 6 sessions - \$119 Futura Language Professionals Online - Live Virtual





### **Adult Conversational Spanish**

#### **Intermediate Part 1**

This intermediate course helps adults improve conversation skills through interactive lessons. Topics include AR verb conjugation, infinitives, future tense, prepositions, and more. Practice making plans, discussing preferences, and explore holiday traditions in Spanish-speaking countries. Open to new students and previous Beginner Spanish Part 1 and 2 conversation participants. Zoom access and basic computer skills required.

#### W1260

Wednesdays, February 25-April 1 6-7 pm 6 sessions - \$119 Futura Language Professionals Online - Live Virtual

### Adult Conversational Spanish Spanish for Travelers

Learn Spanish for travel from the comfort of home! This live, interactive course helps adults master essential phrases for greetings, dining, and directions. With Futura's engaging approach, you'll build confidence while having fun. Perfect for beginners and those with some experience. Zoom access and basic computer skills required.

#### W1261

Thursdays, February 26-April 2 6-7 pm 6 sessions - \$119 Futura Language Professionals Online - Live Virtual



#### Writing for Children: A Beginner's Guide

Step into the magical world of children's and YA literature—and learn how to captivate young readers like a pro! This dynamic class dives deep into the hottest market trends, age-smart storytelling techniques, and unforgettable character creation that speaks directly to kids and teens. You'll also get insider tips on crafting submissions that grab the attention of kid-lit magazines and publishers. Whether you're dreaming of picture books or YA novels, this is your launchpad to creating stories that kids won't put down.

#### W1200

Sunday, March 15 1-3 pm 1 session - \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark Online Via Zoom

# Content Creation for Cash: Social Media Writing that Works

Harness the power of social media to grow your audience and boost your brand—one post at a time. This dynamic class dives deep into crafting scroll-stopping content tailored for each platform, from Instagram reels to Twitter threads. Learn how to write engaging captions, spark viral shares, and use storytelling to build authentic connections that keep followers coming back. You'll also discover savvy strategies to turn likes and comments into real income by monetizing your social presence like a pro.

#### W1201

Wednesday, March 18 1 session - \$35 Online Via Zoom

6-8 pm LeeAnne Krusemark

### Writing Short Stories: A Beginner's Guide

Writing short stories (1,000–30,000 words) helps you discover your writing voice and how to convey your ideas. You'll learn how to bring your story to life with an engaging plot, as well as character development, action, and dialogue. You'll also learn the technical parts of crafting a short story, including structure, important character moments, and progression in the story. You'll also know what to do with your short story once completed, including editing, proofing, and publishing options.

#### W1202

Friday, March 27 1 session - \$35 Online Via Zoom 4-6 pm LeeAnne Krusemark

#### Passive Income 101: Create Products That Sell While You Sleep

Unlock the secrets to earning money around the clock. This dynamic class teaches you practical strategies and step-by-step tools to develop, launch, and automate income-generating products that keep working for you with minimal ongoing effort. You'll learn how to identify profitable opportunities (50 ideas included!), build irresistible offerings, master automated sales and marketing systems, and scale your income streams—all while protecting your work and overcoming common hurdles. Get ready to transform your ideas into a powerful, passive income machine that works day and night.

#### W1203

Wednesday, March 25 6-8 pm 1 session - \$35 LeeAnne Krusemark Online Via Zoom

#### **An Introduction to Voiceovers**

Explore the craft of voiceovers! Discover current trends, opportunities and tools you need to find success in this growing remote working industry. Read a real script and receive coaching from your instructor, a professional voice actor, to improve your delivery. One-time, 90 minute, one-on-one, video-chat class! Upon registration you will be contacted by Voices For All to schedule your class, day and time of your convenience.

#### W1219

1 session - \$49 Voices for All, Online



#### Pitch Perfect: Crafting Query Letters & Proposals That Sell

Want editors to say "yes" to your pitch? In this power-packed session, learn how to craft irresistible query letters and proposals that demand attention. Discover how to hook an editor in the first sentence, tailor your pitch for maximum impact, sidestep the mistakes that sink submissions, and follow up like a pro. By the end, you'll have the skills and confidence to pitch your book, article, or services—and actually get the green light.

#### W1204

Saturday, March 28 1 session - \$25 Online Via Zoom 1-2 pm LeeAnne Krusemark

### Book Marketing Bootcamp: Promote Like a Pro Without a Publicist

Self-published or indie authors—this high-impact session gives you the insider playbook for marketing on a budget. Explore the fastest, smartest ways to grow your author platform, engage readers, leverage social media, organize book launches/signings, run ads, secure reviews, and other proven tactics to turn your book into a must-read and keep sales climbing.

#### W1205

Tuesday, March 31 1 session - \$35 Online Via Zoom 4-6 pm LeeAnne Krusemark



#### **Instant Piano for Busy People**

Learn to play piano the way professionals do-using chords. Since this class is being held online with ZOOM you will be able to sit at your piano or keyboard at home and take this course with no pressure at all. And since this course includes an online book and online follow up video lessons, you will be able to continue your practice and study on your own. An optional periodic online question and answer session is also included. A recording of the class is included as well. The course is partly lecture/demonstration and partly hands-on instruction. **Topics include:** 

- How chords work in a song
- How to get more out of sheet music by reading less
- How to form the three main types of chords
- How to handle different keys and time signatures
- How to avoid "counting"
- How to simplify over 12,000 complex chords

#### W1112

Monday, March 9 1 session - \$69 Online via Zoom 6:30-9:30 pm Craig Coffman



#### **Instant Guitar for Busy People**

Have you ever wanted to learn the guitar but simply find it difficult to find the time? In just a few hours you can learn enough about playing the guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment, and you won't have to take private lessons to do it. This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you playing along with your favorite songs right away. Since this class is being held online with ZOOM, you will be able to sit at home with your guitar and take this class without any pressure at all. And since the class includes an online book and online follow-up video lessons, you will be able to continue your practice and study on your own. An optional periodic online question and answer session is also included. A recording of the class is included as well. **Topics include:** 

- How chords work in a song
- How to form the three main types of chords
- How to tune your guitar
- Basic strumming patterns
- How to buy a good guitar (things to avoid)
- How to play along with simple tunes

#### W1113

Tuesday, March 10 1 session - \$69 Online via Zoom 6:30-9:30 pm Craig Coffman

#### Savvy Social Security

Learn strategies for maximizing Social Security benefits, including five factors to consider when deciding when to apply for benefits, how to minimize taxes on benefits, and how to coordinate Social Security with your other sources of retirement income.

#### W1216

Tuesday, February 17 1 session - \$15 **Discovery Center DO Conference Room** 

6:30-7:30 pm Justin Bettinger

#### **Taxes in Retirement**

Understanding tax strategies and managing your tax bill are important for your financial well-being. Whether it's determining where to save for retirement, how to create a tax efficient retirement paycheck or how to pass wealth to future generations, with careful planning you can potentially reduce your lifetime tax bill.



Tuesday, February 10 6:30-7:30 pm **Thomas Scheck** 1 session - \$15 **DO Conference Room Discovery Center** 

#### 4 Hour Defensive Driving Course

Improve your driving skills, and if you're 55 or older, get a discount on your personal auto insurance! This course covers basic crash prevention techniques and has a proven record of reducing traffic violations and incidents. The class consists of lecture, films and discussions. There is no behind-the-wheel driving. All participants can now take a 4-hour program as their initial training. 8-hours is no longer be a requirement.

#### W1115A

Thursday, February 12 1-5 pm 1 session - \$35 Minnesota Safety Council **Discovery Center Board Room** 

#### W1115B

Thursday, April 9 1-5 pm 1 session - \$35 Minnesota Safety Council **Discovery Center Board Room** 

#### W1115C

Tuesday, May 19 1-5 pm 1 session - \$35 Minnesota Safety Council **Discovery Center Board Room** 

#### **Medicare 101: The Basics**

This educational class is suitable for anyone who is or will become Medicare eligible soon and wants help answering Medicare questions including: When should I enroll? What if I don't enroll? What if I continue working? What is the difference between a Medicare Supplement Plan and a Medicare Advantage Plan, and how do they work with Original Medicare? What about prescriptions? How does my HSA impact my decision-making?

#### W1213A

Tuesday, February 10 5:30-6:30 pm Natalie McClory 1 session - FREE **Board Room Discovery Center** 

#### W1213B

Tuesday, April 14 5:30-6:30 pm 1 session - FREE Natalie McClory Discovery Center **Board Room** 

#### W1213C

Tuesday, May 12 1 session - FREE **Discovery Center** 

5:30-6:30 pm Natalie McClory **Board Room** 

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#### Phases of an IRA

Presentation on strategies for reducing the taxes you and your heirs could pay on retirement savings.

#### WSP1218

Tuesday, May 12 6:30-7:30 pm 1 session - \$15 Justin Bettinger Discovery Center Conference Room

#### **Savvy Tax Strategies**



This workshop helps attendees learn how an efficient retirement tax strategy can help avoid mistakes — and help keep more of their hardearned money.

Tuesday, March 24 6:30-7:30 pm 1 session - \$15 Justin Bettinger **Discovery Center DO Conference Room** 

# Get on the Bus DAY TRIPS

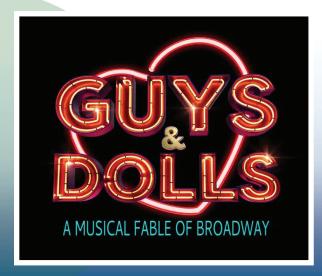


# American Swedish Institute Thursday, April 9

Lovingly dubbed the "Castle," the Turnblad Mansion on the American Swedish Institute campus is stylistically unique and massive in scale. Gazing up at its impressive structure, the towering turret and steep-pitched roof are reminiscent of French Renaissance architecture known as châteauesque. The hand-carved gargoyles, decorative lions and the Mansion's storied façade are carved out of Indiana limestone embedded with million-year-old fossils, which was mined from the same quarry as stone used in the Empire State Building. SMÖRGÅS-BORD Buffet with beet salad, cucumber dill salad, lingonberries, Swedish meatballs and more.

#### WSP1001

- Bus departs Discovery Center, door 1, at 8:45 am
- Bus returns to Buffalo approximately 3 pm
- The \$109 fee includes motorcoach transportation, tour, buffet lunch and chaperone
- Deadline to register is March 29



#### Chanhassen Theatre Wednesday, May 27

For the first time in over 35 years, Chanhassen Dinner Theatres brings you a thrilling and electric staging of **Guys and Dolls!** From the gritty streets of New York to the colorful cafes of Havana, Guys and Dolls is a grand spectacle of music and comedy to delight audiences of all ages. This fresh production is set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City in a perfect balance of story, dance, music and romance! Includes: Meal, dessert and souvenir drink.

#### WSP1000

- Bus departs Discovery Center, door 1, at 10 am
- Bus returns to Buffalo approximately 4:15 pm
- The \$140 fee includes motorcoach transportation, lunch, show ticket and chaperone
- Deadline to register is April 15

### **Adults with Disabilities** (Age 16+)

# ABOUTUS

Opening Doors activities and classes are designed and adapted for adults with cognitive and physical disabilities.

#### Participants can:

#### **Discover New Skills**

Arts ~ Crafts ~ Cooking

#### **Explore the Community**

Outings ~ Theater ~ Sporting Events

#### Socialize and Meet People

BINGO ~ Games ~ Bowling & Pizza

The Opening Doors Program offers activities and classes in the school districts of Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, Becker, Big Lake, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted and Monticello.

# Looking beyond disabilities... Focusing on abilities!



The Winter/Spring Opening Doors catalog will be available the beginning of January.

We would love to add you to the mailing list. Call Community Education at 763.682.8770 to receive the Opening Doors catalog.

To learn more about *Opening Doors* or to register for classes and activities, visit us at bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com or call 763.682.8770.

To request the current Opening Doors catalog, call Community Education at 763.682.8770.

Sheila Johnson, Program Coordinator sjohnso@bhmschools.org 763.682.8752



# St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance

Wear your favorite green outfit, enjoy some Irish music and win prizes! Dinner starting at 5:30 pm. Event is possible with a generous donation from the Knights of Columbus and St Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

#### W320B

Friday, March 20 5:30-8 pm St Francis Xavier Catholic School Trinity Hall, Buffalo \$5/person

#### Disability Resource Fair

Free Event!

Tuesday April 21, 4:30-8 pm Discovery Center Gym, Buffalo

The purpose of this event is for people to connect with transition based support resources. This event is open to everyone in the community. Staff from various community based programs are available for you to explore, ask questions and help prepare for the future! Questions, call 763,682,8715.



# Spring Fling Dance

Celebrate spring, get moving and dance along with DJ Roger who will be playing a variety of great music along with funny jokes! Sub style sandwiches, chips and treats will be served along with water. Come fling into spring with us!

#### **W321BL**

Friday, May 15 6-8 pm Big Lake Independence Elementary Cafeteria \$5/person

### **Adults with Disabilities** (Age 16+)



## 🖊 Opening Doors classes in Buffalo



To view classes in the other communities we serve, visit our website bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com (View All Programs and select Opening Doors)

#### **Snowman Sampler**



Create a couple of different snowmen using simple craft materials.

#### W305B

Tuesday, January 13 6-7 pm

1 Session \$9 Discovery Center, Room 202

#### **BINGO 2026!**

Bingo with fabulous prizes and a slice of pizza.

\$10/session 6-7:30 pm **Board Room** Discovery Center Enter door 2 facing parking lot

W300B - Friday, January 16 W301B - Friday, February 20 W302B - Friday, April 17 **W304B** - Friday, May 29

#### **Sloppy Joe Party!**

This class is all about cooking simple, delicious food while having fun with friends.

#### W306B

Wednesday January 21 6-7 pm 1 Session \$9 **Discovery Center** Room 202

#### **Super Bowl Snack Cowboy Caviar**

We will work together mixing and measuring to make a healthy and crowd-pleasing Super Bowl snack.

#### W322B

Friday, February 6 6-7 pm 1 Session \$9 **Discovery Center** 



#### **Buffalo Community Theatre Presents**



Find out if Stanley is able to become a three-dimentional boy ever again.

Thursday February 5 7-9 pm Discovery Center Auditorium Door 2 \$5/person

#### **Marshmallow Snowman** & Hot Cocoa Fun

A fun and relaxing evening for all!

#### **W323B**

Monday February 23 6-7 pm 1 Session \$9 **Discovery Center** Room 202

#### Marching Man in March

Let's get creative and turn everyday snacks into a fun character!

#### W324B

Tuesday, March 10 6-7 pm 1 Session \$9 **Discovery Center** Room 202

#### **Board Games** and Popcorn

Join us for an evening of board games, laughter, and fresh popcorn with friends.

#### W326B

Monday, March 23 6-7 pm 1 Session \$9 Room 202 **Discovery Center** 

#### **Easy Ice Cream Cone Cookies**

Join us for this delicious treat that we will make and eat in class!

#### W327B

Wednesday, April 8 6-7 pm 1 Session \$9 Room 202 **Discovery Center** 

#### Snackle Box

A "Snackle Box" is a cheerful springthemed snack box filled with a variety of bite-sized goodies.

#### **W316B**

Thursday, April 23 6-7 pm 1 Session \$9 **Discovery Center** Room 202

#### **Spring Cards**

Participants will create springthemed style cards using their imaginations.

#### **W317B**

Monday May 4 6-7 pm 1 Session \$9 **Discovery Center** Room 202





Come make a spring Snackle Box!

#### **Adult Education & GED**

# We Are ABE

All adult basic education classes are **FREE**. Study materials are also **FREE** – including textbooks, workbooks, online learning platforms, and GED practice tests. Some textbooks may be purchased in certain situations. If you are interested in taking a FREE Adult Education class, or simply have questions, contact Terrisa at **682.763.8509** or **tfisher@bhmschools.org**.

#### **Academic Open Lab**

The Adult Basic Education program helps adult learners aquire or improve their math, reading or writing skills for the GED test, college entrance or employment.

Open Lab time is free!

- Call Buffalo Community Education at 763.682.8770 for days and times for Open Lab.
- Open Lab is held at Discovery Elementary, 301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo, MN.
- Closed same days as BHM Schools. Closed in August.
- For more specific information, call 763.682.8509 or drop in.

## Get Your GED



Each June, adult learners from several adult basic education sites around Wright County come together to be recognized for earning their General Education Development (GED) certificates. Be one of these graduates in 2025!

To get started, call Terrisa in Buffalo at 763.682.8509 or the WEST ABE manager at 763.272.2040 to locate a program near you.

#### **English Language**

In this welcoming environment, classes meet the needs of people whose native language is other than English, including recent immigrants, refugees, migrant workers, permanent residents and citizens. In-person classes provide opportunities for reading, writing, listening and speaking practice, at all skill levels. Classes are free!

For more information or to find a location near you, please call Julia at **763.272.2040** or visit westabe.monticello.k12.mn.us

## WHAT: Family Learning Program

- 1) parent & child time with childhood experts
- 2) parents with a parenting specialist
- 3) parents work on their own learning goals with a teacher of adults- study for GED or English language for example.

**WHO:** Any parent with a child(ren), 6 months to kindergarten age, U.S. born or immigrants - all are welcome.

WHERE: Discovery Elementary/ECFE, 301 2nd AVE NE, Buffalo.

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 am-2 pm, September through May.



**WHY:** Family Learning is an interesting, fun, and friendly place where parents gain information about the upbringing and development of children. In turn, children social skills while participating in different activities such as playing, drawing, painting, music, dancing and making crafts which help to develop children's creativity, imagination, and school readiness.

HOW: Call Terrisa at 763.682.8509 or ECFE at 763.682.8780.



# GED PREP ONLINE CLASSES

September-July



## NO COST TO ATTEND

#### **PRE-GED CLASS**

- Build your basic literacy skills for a GED class
- Mon & Wed
- 9:00 AM-11:00 AM



**SCAN ME** 

#### **GED PREP CLASS**

- Prepare for all four subtests
- Wednesdays
- 5:30 PM- 8:00 PM

westabe.monticello.k12.mn.us/contact

#### Allina Health - Buffalo



### **Community Health Programs**

Buffalo Hospital invites you to participate in one of our free classes, events and support groups this by calling 763.684.7025 for more information.



303 Catlin Street, Highway 25 N., Buffalo, MN 55313

#### **WELLNESS COACHING**

Are you ready to improve your health, enhance your life balance and make lasting changes? The Health and Wellness Coaches have the training and experience to help you succeed. Common areas of focus include exercise, nutrition, sleep, and stress. Individual coaching includes appointments in person, over the phone or both. In-person coaching is available at Buffalo Hospital.

#### **FREE STROKE SUPPORT GROUP**

The Stroke Support Group provides encouragement and guidance for stroke, brain injury and head injury survivors and their loved ones, helping them to cope with physical, lifestyle and relationship changes following stroke or injury. Second Tuesday of every month, 1-2 pm, Buffalo Hospital Conference Center.

#### **BETTER BREATHERS CLUB**

Helps patients suffering with chronic lung diseases, such as chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma and COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) get support from others through education, encouragement and fellowship. First Monday of every month, 1:30- 3 pm, Willow Room (enter through Heart Center) at Buffalo Hospital. Call 763-684-3872 for more information.

#### THRIVING WITH CHRONIC PAIN WORKSHOP Thursdays, February 12-March 5, 1-2 pm Conference Room D or Virtual Microsoft Teams

This class is designed for people who have a diagnosis of chronic pain, offering strategies for dealing with their symptoms.

## HEALTHY EATING FOR BETTER HEALTH Thursdays, February 12-March 5, 12-1 pm Conference Room D or Virtual Microsoft Teams

This program is for people who want to learn more about how nutrition and lifestyle changes can promote better health. Class includes learning how to read nutrition labels, cooking skills, new information about the latest changes in the nutritional world and take a grocery store tour!

#### **BABY CAFÉ**

A family-friendly drop-in breastfeeding support group. Every Wednesday, 10 am-12 pm at the Wright County Historical Society/Heritage Society, 763.684.7630. **FREE!** 

#### **BIRTH CENTER TOUR**

Tour our labor and delivery rooms, postpartum rooms, and nursery before the arrival of your baby. Thursday tours meet 6:30-7:30 pm, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 16, May 7. FREE!

#### **BUFFALO HOSPITAL GIFT SHOP**

Shop the Buffalo Hospital Gift Shop and give back to your community. Your purchases go toward scholarships for high school students pursuing a career in health care.

#### **BUFFALO HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Gift Shop
- Guest Service Greeter
- Pet Therapy
- Emergency Department
- Learn more at volunteer/allinahealth.org

Information about Buffalo Hospital Education programs, call 763.684.7025

### City of Hanover & City of Montrose



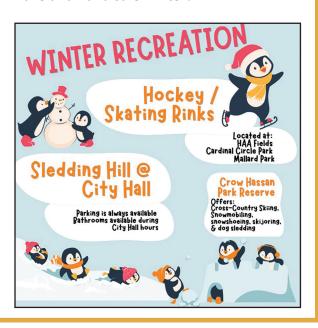
#### **City Hall**

11250 5th St NE, Hanover, MN 55341 Monday-Thursday, 7:30 am-4:30 pm Friday 7:30 am to 1:30 pm Contact us: 763-497-3777 or cityhall@ci.hanover.mn.us

The City of Hanover is looking to fill two open positions on the Planning Commission and two open positions on the Park Board. We invite passionate and dedicated residents to apply.



**Hanover offers** a wide range of winter activities for its residents throughout town. From hockey rinks and snow-packed walkways at Beebe Lake Park, we hope you have a fun and safe winter!





## **Keeping Busy Around the City**

#### **Civic Center**

You won't want to miss the annual Pond Hockey Tournament! Join us on Feb. 14th on Buffalo Lake. Sign up on the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce website:

buffalochamber.org/event/kites-ice-festival



Buffalo Community Center Open Hours:

Monday

8am-8pm

Tuesday - Friday

8am-4pm

Contact us: 763-682-6036

Contribute to the beauty of Buffalo!
Donations are now being accepted for the Flora Program!
Learn more about
Flora on our website



Community Center

Rental Space

Looking for a space for your next family gathering, graduation, baby/bridal shower, etc.? The Community Center is available for rent after hours or on weekends! Contact us for more information.

To learn more about the parks and recreation programs, Civic Center, Community Center classes, or to reserve a rental space or equipment, check out our website:

ci.buffalo.mn.us/158/Parks-Recreation

## Winter Fun Activities

#### **Outdoor Rinks**

- Bentfield Mills Park— Hockey, Pleasure Rink with lights and warming house
- Greenbriar Park—Hockey
- with lights and warming house
- <u>Lions Park</u>—Hockey with lights and warming house
- <u>Shonhaugen Park</u>— Pleasure Rink no lights
- Sturges Park— Pleasure Rink with lights and warming house
- Sundance Ridge Park— Hockey with lights

#### **Sledding Hills**

- Buffalo Heights Golf Course
- Prairie View Park

#### Fat Tire Bike

 Explore trails located at Trappers Pond and Serenity Parks





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Scan for Parks & Rec Website:



## City of Buffalo & Wright County Parks

## The Community Center is Moving!





Coming Spring 2026!

The new Community Center began renovations this fall and we're excited for all that's in store for our new space! This building holds the same atmosphere of community as the old building with many new accessible features and activities for all ages.

- Classes/Events
- Craft Room
- Activity Area
- Multipurpose Space
- Private Work Space
- Mini-Movie Theater
- Lounge Area for Connecting
- Rental Space for Events
- Indoor Playground



### **Great River Regional Library**



18 NW Lake Blvd Buffalo, MN 55313 Mon - Wed 10:00 - 8:00 Thursday 12:00 - 8:00 Friday 11:00 - 5:00 Saturday 10:00 - 2:00

#### **Spring Preschool Storytime**

Each storytime will develop important literacy skills and foster a life-long love of reading and learning. Books are selected for developmental ages 3 to 6, but all ages welcome. Sponsored by Friends of the Buffalo Library.

Wednesdays, Feb 4, 11, 18, & 25 and March 4, 11, 18 & 25, April 1, 8, 15 & 22 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Register? Questions? **763.682.2753** 

## Winter Reading Challenge - Chill out & Read!

January 2 - February 28, 2026

For adults and teens, 6th grade and up!

#### Have Fun with Chess!

Non-Competitive and friendly drop-in chess. Open to all players and abilities. For ages 8 and older. Chess equipment will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Buffalo Library.

Saturdays, Jan 10, Feb 21, March 21, April 11, and May 16

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

#### **Build Brainiacs**

Bring your imagination and Join Mr. Kyle for hands-on STEM. For ages 9 to 12. Registration required; limit of 10 children, but parents/guardians are welcome to work with their child. Sponsored by the Friends of the Buffalo Library. Thursdays, Jan 8, Feb 12, March 12, April 9, May 14 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

#### **Community Resource Guide**

Need help navigating community and county resources? Come to meet with Chad from Adult Outreach with Wright County Health & Human Services. No registration required. Drop-in meetings available on a first-come first-served basis.

Tuesdays
10:00 a.m. to Noon

## The place to dream, believe and achieve



## **Top 10**

#### Why attend BHM?

- **1.** BHM Schools provides *regionally unmatched opportunities* in academics, arts and activities.
- **2.** The comprehensive PreK-12 Portrait of a Graduate provides a *clear framework of skills* students will develop at every level of their education in BHM Schools, emphasizing rigorous academics, opportunity knowledge and student agency.
- **3.** BHS offers nearly 40 College in the Schools courses, *more than double* any other high school in Wright County or the Lake Conference. In all, 86.5% of the Class of 2025 graduated with credits on a college transcript, and annual family savings for college tuition equals nearly \$2 million.
- **4.** The unique Quest program is available to *nurture* and challenge gifted and talented students, some of whom regularly go on to become National Merit scholars.
- **5.** The district has *award-winning arts programs*, including band, choir, orchestra and theatre.

- **6.** BHS is home to *nationally recognized* FFA, journalism and BPA programs, and perennial state-level Knowledge Bowl and Mock Trial teams.
- **7.** Our *highly rated* preschool programs feed into the elementary level, where families can choose from their excellent neighborhood schools or pick locations with multi-age looping, a STEM emphasis or a STEAM focus.
- **8.** Many of our outstanding staff members have been recognized as *leaders in their field* at the state and national levels.
- **9.** Active community support is evident through career days, mentorship programs, AVID tutors, financial support and more.
- **10.** College and career opportunities are highlighted from elementary through high school, showing students where their learning can lead and *equipping them to dream, believe and achieve*.

## **Facility Use**

## **BHM Schools - Facility Use**

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools is proud to open our doors to the community. Our schools, gyms, fields, and meeting spaces are valuable resources that we're committed to making accessible for youth programs, community groups, organizations, and residents.

To make reserving and using our spaces easier, faster, and more convenient, we are transitioning to a new online reservation system – Eleyo. This modern platform will streamline how facility use requests are submitted, approved, and managed.

#### What's New with Eleyo?

- 24/7 Online Access Reserve school facilities anytime, anywhere.
- Real-Time Availability See open dates and times instantly, no more back-andforth.
- Faster Approvals Requests move through the system more quickly and efficiently.
- Secure Online Payments Convenient payment options right in the system.
- Mobile-Friendly Works on your phone, tablet, or computer.

#### Why This Matters for You

Whether you're organizing a youth sports league, hosting a community meeting, or planning a special event, Eleyo makes it easier to find and reserve the right space for your needs. This new system ensures transparency, efficiency, and better communication—so you can focus on your event instead of paperwork.

We're excited to make this transition and believe Eleyo will make accessing BHM facilities smoother and more user-friendly than ever. More details and instructions for using the new system will be available soon on our website.

#### Questions about reserving a space?

Coordinator

Sheila Johnson

Phone

763.682.8752

Coming this year!



### **BHM School Locations**

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**Buffalo Community Middle School** 1300 Hwy 25 N, Buffalo, MN 55313

**Buffalo High School** 877 Bison Blvd, Buffalo, MN 55313

**Discovery Elementary School** 301 2nd Ave, NE, Buffalo, MN 55313

Hanover Elementary School 274 LaBeaux Ave NE, Hanover, MN 55341

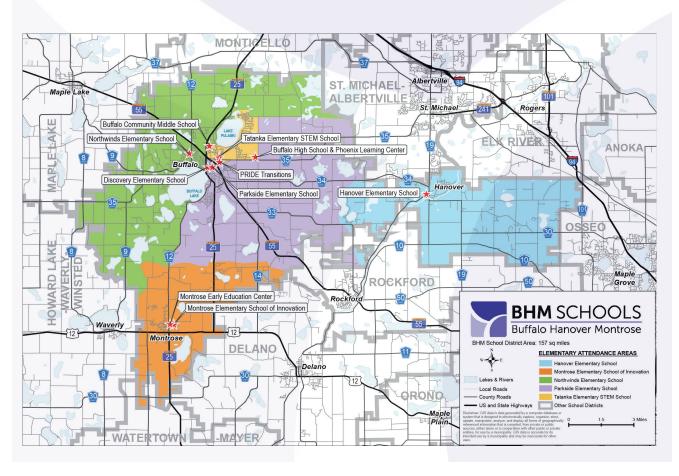
Montrose Early Education Center 115 2nd St S, Montrose, MN 55363 Montrose Elementary School of Innovation 100 2nd St S, Montrose, MN 55363

Northwinds Elementary School 1111 7th Ave NW, Buffalo, MN 55313

Parkside Elementary School 207 3rd St NE, Buffalo, MN 55313

**PRIDE Transitions** 800 8th St NE, Buffalo, MN 55313

**Tatanka Elementary STEM School** 703 8th St NE, Buffalo, MN 55313





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Home-Baked Subs & Sliders

Friday, January 30th

Flaky Jamaican Meat Patties

Saturday, February 28th

California Sushi

THESE AND MORE!
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American Swedish Institute
Thursday, April 9th



Guys & Dolls Chanhassen Dinner Theatre Wednesday, May 27th

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Adult Basic Education ESL & GED

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Easy Partner Dancing
Wednesday nights

Open Pickleball
Wednesday Nights

Photo Chaos to Simplicity
Tuesday, April 21st

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