



# Early Childhood Family Education

BUFFALO HANOVER MONTROSE SCHOOLS

Winter 2024



**Registration Opens**  
**Tuesday, November 28**  
**at 8 am!**



**Community Education**

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BHM Schools Early Childhood  
Family Education



# Welcome to Early Childhood Family Education

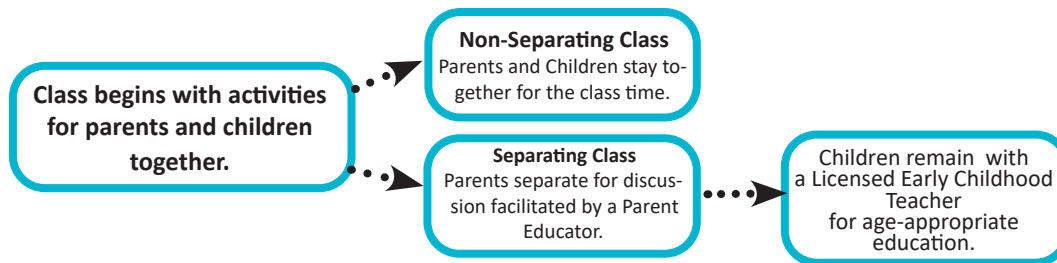
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Hi BHM Families,  
My name is Jen Greenhagen and I am the new Early Childhood Coordinator for Buffalo Hanover Montrose Schools. I am excited to continue my journey at BHM Schools, previously I have been an Early Childhood Special Education teacher and Education Support Professional. I live in Montrose with my husband and have three children (one BHM graduate and two current BHM students). I look forward to building more opportunities in our early childhood program, as well as, building relationships with the children and families in our community.

## What Happens in a Parent/Child Class?



### Registration is Easy!

#### Online

[bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com](http://bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com)

#### By Phone

763.682.8780 ECFE  
763.682.8770 Community Ed

#### Email

[tpaulus@bhmschools.org](mailto:tpaulus@bhmschools.org)  
[jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org](mailto:jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org)

#### In Person

Visit the ECFE office located at 301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo, 55313

### Weather Cancellations

In the event of severe weather, Community Education/ECFE closings will be announced on KRWC 1360 AM radio, the district website, and ECFE Facebook page. You should be notified by email or text. Please call the ECFE office if you have questions.

**All Day Closure:** Community Education/ECFE classes do not meet when District 877 schools are closed for the day due to severe weather.

**Two Hour Late Start:** Morning classes are canceled (including Family Learning). Classes that begin at 11:15 am or after will be held as scheduled.



### ECFE Mission & Goals

Our mission is to, “support and strengthen parents who are the first and most important teacher in a child’s life.”

#### Our goals are to:

- Support parents as they navigate the world of parenting
- Teach parents about child development and parenting techniques
- Give children opportunities to discover and learn
- Provide inclusive, developmentally appropriate preschool classes with parent participation
- Encourage a smooth transition to kindergarten



## Parent Coaching is available!

Do you need small group or 1:1 support? An ECFE Parent Educator will visit with you, virtually or at one of our ECFE classroom locations. A coaching visit is designed to help families plan for responses to challenging child behaviors, bedtime routines, mealtimes, and other parenting concerns. Parent coaching is free of charge. Call the ECFE office at 763.682.8780 or email [jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org](mailto:jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org) for more details.

## Marvelous Mondays at the Library (Age Birth-5 years)

Join us for family storytime! Program includes books read aloud, a story-based activity or craft, and time to browse the library shelves. Questions? Call Buffalo Public Library at 763.682.2753.

5:30-6:30 pm FREE!

January 8, 22, February 5, 12, 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6

Great River Regional Library - Buffalo  
ECFE Staff-Catherine Frisbie



## Family Learning

Parents with young children who want to:

- work on a GED diploma
  - prepare to go back to college or into the job market
  - work on individual education needs
  - be better prepared to help their child with learning
  - have time to discuss the challenges of parenting
- Call 763.682.8780 to inquire about registration. Limited transportation available. School lunch provided.

### W4029

Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 2 - May 23  
10 am - 2 pm

(No class March 28, April 2, 4)

Discovery Center

Rooms EC1 & M4

No Fee

Danielle Stein, Patty Lammers, Terrisa Fisher



## ECFE To Go Bags

**ECFE To Go Bags** are take home activity bags for parents and their little one to do together. **ECFE To Go Bags** contain activities designed to support your child's emerging skills in the areas of social/emotional, language and literacy, fine motor and mathematics.

### W4022A (Age 0-5 years old)

January 22 - May 6

(No bags week of Jan 29, Feb 19, Mar 25, April 1)

Discovery Center, pick up and drop off inside door #1

Monday-Friday from 8am-2pm

\$25 per family, 12 weeks/bags



### W4022B (Age 0-5 years old)

January 22 - May 6

(No bags week of Jan 29, Feb 19, Mar 25, April 1)

Hanover Elementary, pick up and drop off inside door #1

Monday-Friday from 8am-2pm

\$25 per family, 12 weeks/bags

## 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 office at 763.682.8780 or email [jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org](mailto:jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org) to receive your bag.



## Early Childhood Advisory Council

Parents, WE NEED YOU! Parents of young children are invited to participate in special events, fundraising, and provide programming input. This is a great way to meet other area families and get involved in the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose school district. The meetings take place in person and virtually 6:15-7:15pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. Members receive a 10% discount on ECFE fees/tuition.

### Meeting Dates 2024:

January 8

February 12

March 11

April 8



# Non-Separating Parent Child Classes



## Preschool STEAM Lab

(Age 1-5 years)

Join Miss Nicole in the exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. (Limit 12)

### W4006

Mondays, January 8-May 13 11am-12 pm  
(No class Jan 15, 29, Feb 19, Apr 1)  
Hanover Elementary Room 200  
Fee: Free! Nicole Tuchscherer

## Yoga With Me

(Age 2.5-5 years)

Bring your little one and join the ECFE family for child yoga! Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and enjoy the benefits that yoga has to offer. (Limit 8)

### W4007

Tuesdays, January 2-February 6 10:45-11:45am  
Hanover Elementary Room 200  
Fee: \$15 per family Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie

## Messy Masterpieces

(Age 0-5 years)

Get curious and explore with your child “making a mess” in this fun and engaging offering. Together with us, you and your child will play, create, and learn through art, sensory, music, and movement activities. (Limit 12)

### W4008

Tuesdays, February 20-April 9 10:45-11:45am  
(No class March 12, April 2)  
Hanover Elementary Room 200  
Fee: \$15 per family Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie

## Trains, Planes, & Automobiles

(Age 0-5 years)

Does your child love Thomas the Tank Engine? Are they fascinated by dump trucks and tractors? This class is for you! Join us as we learn more about things that go through play, books, art, and music activities designed for little learners and their grownups. (Limit 12)

### W4009

Tuesdays, April 16-May 14 10:45-11:45am  
Hanover Elementary Room 200  
Fee: \$15 per family Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie

## Discover Nature

(Age 1 year to Kindergarten entrance)

Come explore our outdoor classrooms to get your wiggles out, interact, and socialize with other families. In the event of inclement weather class will be held indoors. There will be movement-based songs, sensory experiences, circle time, and outdoor activities. (Limit 12)

### W4042A

Mondays, January 8-May 13 10-11am  
(No class Jan 15, 29, Feb 19, Apr 1)  
Montrose Early Ed Center ECFE Rm/Outdoor Classroom  
Fee: Free! Anita Gruenhagen

### W4042B

Thursdays, January 4-February 8 10:45-11:45am  
Hanover Elementary Rm 200/HES Playground  
Fee: Free! Nicole Tuchscherer/Catherine Frisbie

### W4042C

Thursdays, February 15-March 21 10:45-11:45am  
Hanover Elementary Rm 200/HES Playground  
Fee: Free! Nicole Tuchscherer/Catherine Frisbie

### W4042D

Thursdays, April 11-May 16 10:45-11:45am  
Hanover Elementary Rm 200/HES Playground  
Fee: Free! Nicole Tuchscherer/Catherine Frisbie

## Daytime Stay and Play

(Age Birth – Kindergarten Entrance)

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

### W4054A

Fridays January 5-May 17 10:15-11:15 am  
(No class Jan 26, March 29, April 5)  
Hanover Elementary Room 200  
Fee: Free! Nicole Tuchscherer

### W4054B

Fridays, January 5-May 17 10:30-11:30 am  
(No class Jan 26, March 29, April 5)  
Montrose Early Ed Center ECFE Room  
Fee: Free! Anita Gruenhagen

### W4054C

Fridays, January 5-March 1 10:45-11:45 am  
(No class January 26)  
Discovery Center EC1  
Fee: Free! Catherine Frisbie

### W4054D

Fridays, March 8-May 17 10:45-11:45 am  
(No class March 29, April 5)  
Discovery Center EC1  
Fee: Free! Catherine Frisbie

# Separating Parent Child Classes



## Mixed Ages

Separating parent group classes for birth to 5 years by  
September 1, 2023

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

### W4005A (Buffalo)

Mondays, January 8 - May 13  
8:30-10:15 am  
**(No class Jan 15, 29, Feb 19, Apr 1)**  
Discovery Center  
Room EC1 & EC4  
Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie  
Fee: 15 week session - Sliding fee scale

### W4005B (Buffalo)

Mondays, January 8 - May 13  
10:45 am-12:15 pm  
**(No class Jan 15, 29, Feb 19, Apr 1)**  
Discovery Center  
Room EC1 & EC4  
Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie  
Fee: 15 week session - Sliding fee scale

### W4005C (Buffalo)

Tuesdays, January 2 - May 14  
8:00-9:30 am  
**(No class April 2)**  
Discovery Center  
Room EC1 & EC4  
Patty Lammers/Danielle Stein  
Fee: 19 week session - Sliding fee scale

### W4005D (Buffalo)

Wednesdays, January 3 - May 15  
8:15-10 am  
**(No class Mar 29, Apr 5)**  
Discovery Center  
Room EC1 & EC4  
Patty Lammers/Danielle Stein  
Fee: 18 week session - Sliding fee scale

### W4005F (Hanover)

Tuesdays, January 2 - May 14  
8:30-10:15 am  
**(No class April 2)**  
Hanover Elementary  
ECFE Rooms  
Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie  
Fee: 19 week session - Sliding fee scale

### W4005G (Hanover)

Thursdays, January 4 - May 16  
8:30-10:15 am  
**(No class Mar 30, Apr 6)**  
Hanover Elementary  
ECFE Rooms  
Nicole Tuchscherer/Catherine Frisbie  
Fee: 18 week session - Sliding fee scale

### ECFE Sliding Fee Scale

Yearly Household Income	15 week classes	17 week classes	18 week classes	19 week classes	2nd Child
\$0-19,999	\$18	\$22	\$24	\$26	\$5
\$20,000-39,999	\$48	\$54	\$57	\$60	\$6
\$40,000-59,999	\$79	\$85	\$88	\$91	\$7
\$60,000-79,999	\$110	\$116	\$119	\$122	\$8
\$80,000-99,999	\$141	\$147	\$150	\$153	\$9
\$100,000+	\$172	\$178	\$181	\$184	\$10

### Budget tight?

All families are eligible to participate in the ECFE program. Please contact the ECFE office for financial assistance at 763.682.8780

## Terrific Tuesdays (Age Birth-Grade 2)

Join a parent educator for a family style pizza dinner from 5:30-6 pm. After, parents and children will separate with parents participating in parent talk time while children remain with an ECFE teacher. (Limit 12)

### W4100

Tuesdays, January 2- May 14 5:30 -7 pm  
**(No class February 27 and April 2)**  
Montrose Early Ed Center ECFE Room  
Danielle Stein/Patty Lammers  
Fee: 18 week session - Sliding Fee



## Journeys (Age Birth- 6 years)

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

Parents and children birth to 5 years, explore activities designed just for them. Children participate in story time, snack time and active play. Parents work with a parent educator, connecting to their parenting community and discuss the joys and challenges of parenting a child with special needs. (Limit 10)

### W4005

Fridays, Jan 5 - May 17 8:30-10:15 am  
**(No class Jan 26, Mar 29, Apr 5)**  
Discovery Center EC1 & EC4  
Catherine Frisbie  
17 week session - Free!

### REGISTRATION BEGINS

November 28

at 8am

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# Special Events

## Little Builders

(Age 0-5 years)

Do you have a little builder? This interactive class is designed for your family to explore hands-on activities with age appropriate building materials, from construction with Lego bricks to molding playful creations with play dough. Our teachers will provide you and your child with an entertaining start to your Saturday. (Limit 12)

### W4032A

Saturday, January 13  
Discovery Center  
Fee: \$5 per family

10-11:30am  
EC1  
Julie Kirkpatrick



## Little Artists-Valentine's Day

(Age 1-5 years)

Join us as we celebrate the joy of having others in our lives. We will create new memories through play, child directed art activities, and a festive snack. (Limit 12)



### W4030

Tuesday, February 13  
Hanover Elementary  
Fee: \$5 per family

10:45-11:45am  
Room 200  
Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie

## Little Artists-St. Patrick's Day

(Age 1-5 years)

Come enjoy a festive day with your child. Celebrate the day with entertaining activities designed for you and your little learner. Enjoy a story, playtime, art activities, and a special snack. (Limit 12)



### W4030B

Tuesday, March 12  
Hanover Elementary  
Fee: \$5 per family

10:45-11:45am  
Room 200  
Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie

## It's A Bugs Life for Me

(Age 1-5 years)

Come and enjoy a fun night with your child filled with indoor activities where we explore and learn more about BUGS! We will end the night with the book, Can you Make a Scary Face? Little Learners and their adults will be entertained by the silly adventures of the bug in this book. (Limit 12)

### W4044A

Thursday, February 15  
Discovery Center  
Fee: \$15 per family

5:30-6:30pm  
EC1  
Patty Lammers

## Home Tweet Home

(Age 1-5 years)

Explore the world of animals that live in trees with your child by creating an eco-friendly bird feeder and homemade "binoculars." Kids and grown-ups will delight in this early spring activity that will include make and take crafts, a read aloud, and snack. (Limit 12)

### W4032B

Saturday, March 23  
Montrose Early Ed Center  
Fee: \$5 per family

10-11:30am  
ECFE Room  
Anita Gruenhagen

### REGISTRATION BEGINS

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## Tree-mendous Fun

(Age 1-5 years)

Join us as we learn more about the wonder of the world around us! Enjoy some playtime, story time, and a collaborative art activity with your child. Our little learners and their adults will delight in the interactive book, Tap the Magic Tree which guides our scientific discovery and exploration of changes over time. (Limit 12)

### W4044B

Thursday, April 18  
Montrose Early Ed Center  
Fee: \$15 per family

5:30-6:30pm  
ECFE Room  
Patty Lammers



## Early Childhood Screening

(Age 3-5 years)

*Has your child been screened?*

Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing, and learning. Screening at age 3 is preferred.

Screening consists of the following components:

- 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

To schedule a screening appointment for your child, please call 763.682.8408.

Upcoming Screening Dates at Discovery Center:

**January 5, 10, 19**  
**February 2, 7, 9, 21**  
**March 1, 13, 15, 27, 28**  
**April 10, 12, 24, 26**

## Early Childhood School Census

Every family is important! Being on the census ensures you will receive ECFE mailings, be notified of Early Childhood Screening, and receive kindergarten information when your child becomes eligible to attend.

Please call 763.682.8737 if you are:

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

## Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Preschool



**Join our Bison Family today!**

School Year 2023-24 Registration  
 Contact the Early Childhood Office at 763.682.8780 for available space options.

### Spring Into Preschool

2.5 year olds

A preschool class designed for our youngest learners. For parents, on designated dates one time per month, participation in a parent group sharing joys and challenges of raising children in today's busy world.

### Ready Set Grow Preschool

3-5 year olds

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



Our program is 4 star parent aware rated. Our teachers are licensed by the State of Minnesota.

**School Year 2024-25 Registration  
 Opens February 2024**

## Early Childhood Family Education Partners



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# ECFE Family Fair

Gather your loved ones and come experience the fun of our delightful event designed for the whole family!

**Saturday April 20 10AM-12PM**

**Family & Child Activities**  
**BHM Board of Education**  
**Book Giveaway**  
**Community Partners**  
**Entertainment**  
**ECFE Advisory Council**  
**Silent Auction**  
**And much more!**

**Discovery Elementary Gym**  
301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo

**Questions?**  
Call ECFE at 763.682.8780 or visit [bhmschools.org](http://bhmschools.org)



### Baby Bison Bags

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### Spring Into Preschool

2023-24 Spots available!

Preschool designed for our youngest learners. See page 7 for more details.



The place to dream, believe and achieve.

**We are HIRING!**

**Substitute ECFE Assistants**  
Contact Jen at [jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org](mailto:jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org) or 763.682.8753

**School-Age Care (2-6 pm)**  
Contact Tiffany at [tlund@bhmschools.org](mailto:tlund@bhmschools.org) or 763.682.8787

**Aquatic Instructors & Lifeguards**  
Contact Sheila at [sjohnso@bhmschools.org](mailto:sjohnso@bhmschools.org) or 763.682.8752