



Early Childhood Family Education

BUFFALO HANOVER MONTROSE SCHOOLS

Fall 2023



Sweater Weather is better together at ECFE!

bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com

763.682.8780



BHM Schools
Early Childhood Family Education

Registration opens online
August 22 at 8 am



Welcome to Early Childhood Family Education

What's Inside.....

Supporting Families	3
Non Separating Classes	4
Separating Classes	5
Preschool & Screening.....	6
Registration	7

What is the Pyramid Model?

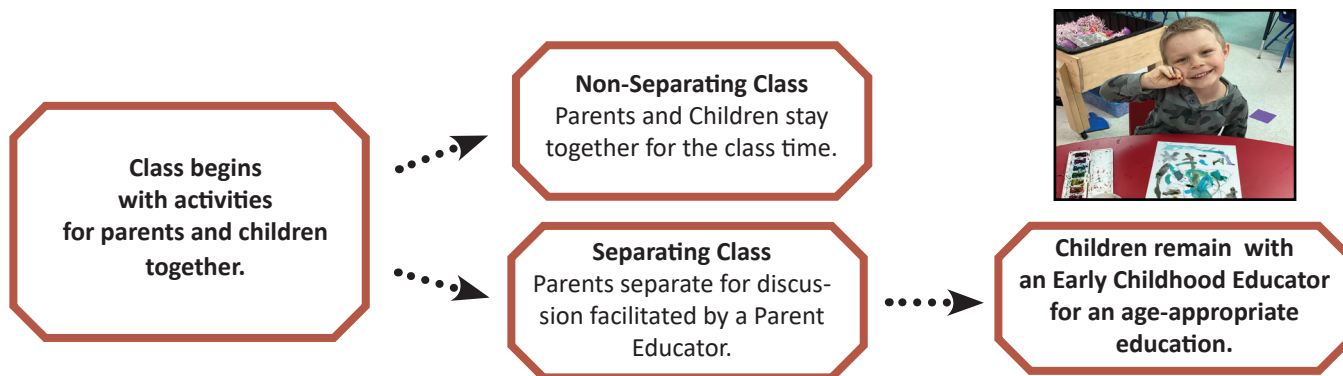
The Pyramid Model is a framework for supporting the social and emotional development of our children. The goal of the Pyramid Model is to create an environment of success by designing classrooms that promote engagement in learning and by building positive relationships among children, families and staff.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



New ECFE Opportunities!

Parent Book Study *Simplicity Parenting* pg 3
 Discover Nature pg 4
 Parent Workshop *The Big Bed* pg 6
 Little Artists pg 6

What Happens in a Parent/Child Class



ECFE Mission & Goals

"Our mission is to support and strengthen parents - the first and most important teacher in a child's life." Our goals are to:

- Support parents in their child-rearing efforts
- Teach parents about child development and parenting techniques
- Give children opportunities to discover and learn with their parents
- Provide inclusive, developmentally appropriate preschool classes with parent participation
- Encourage a smooth transition to kindergarten and parents' involvement during the school-age years
- Provide information on community resources available to parents and children

Parent Aware Rated Program



What does this mean? MN's one to four star rating system measures best practices identified by research that help children succeed. **Scholarships may be awarded to qualifying families whose children attend MN Parent Aware 4-Star Rated programs.** To apply for a preschool voucher, contact the ECFE office or Milestones, at 800.288.8549.



Family Learning

Parents with young children who want to:

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

Give us a call at 763.682.8780 to inquire about registration. Limited transportation may be available. School lunch provided. Ready Set Grow Preschool is provided if age-eligible children FREE of charge.

F4029

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 12 - December 21

10 am - 2 pm

(No class Sept 26, Oct 19, Nov 21, 23)

Discovery Center

No Fee

Rooms EC1 & M4

ECFE Staff and Terrisa Fisher

Parent Coaching

An ECFE Parent Educator visits 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 ECFE at 763-682-8753 for more details.



Baby Bison Bags

We want to welcome your little one to our Bison Family with a gift from ECFE! Stop by to pick up a Baby Bison Bag containing a book, a Bison onsie, and child development information. Can't make it in? We are happy to deliver!

ECFE To Go Bags

ECFE To Go Bags are take home activity bags for parents and their little ones, birth-kindergarten entrance, to do together. Bags contain activities designed to support your child's emerging skills in the areas of social/emotional, language, literacy, and motor skills. Each bag also contains materials that support parents in their most important role. We will contact you prior to first week of pick up to share information about the contents of the bag based on your child's age.

4022A (Age 0-5 years old)

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

Monday-Friday from 8am-2pm

September 25 - December 11

(No bags the week of November 20)

\$25 per family, 12 weeks/bags

4022B (Age 0-5 years old)

Hanover Elementary, pick up and drop off inside door

#1, Monday through Friday from 8am-2pm

September 25 - December 11

(No bags the week of November 20)

\$25 per family, 12 weeks/bags

Simplicity Parenting Book Class

(Age 1-5 years)

Join others in your parenting community for a discussion based on the book *Simplicity Parenting: Using the Extraordinary Power of Less to Raise Calmer, Happier, More Secure Kids* by Kim Payne, M.ED.. Each family will receive a copy of the book. Limit 12 children

F4001A

Tuesdays

Nov. 7, 14, 28 and Dec. 5, 12, 19

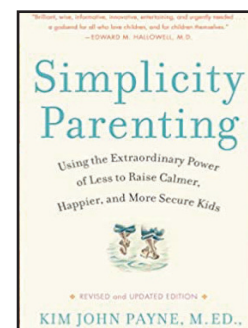
10:45am-12:15 pm

Hanover Elementary

Room 200

Fee: \$15 per family

Catherine Frisbie/Julie Kirkpatrick





Non-Separating Parent Child Classes

Preschool STEM Lab - New! (Age 1-5 years)

Join Miss Nicole in the exploration of science, math, and building activities for parents/grandparents and children.



F4006

Mondays, Sept 11-Dec 18

11am-12 pm

(No class Oct. 2, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 11)

Hanover Elementary Room 200

Fee: FREE! Nicole Tuchscherer

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. Class max 20

F4054A

Fridays, September 15-December 15

(No class Oct. 20, Nov. 10, 24)

Discovery Center

Fee: FREE!

10:45-11:45 am

Room EC1

ECFE Staff

F4054B

Fridays, September 15-December 15

(No class Oct. 20, Nov. 10, 24)

Hanover Elementary

Fee: FREE!

10:15-11:15 am

Room 200

Nicole Tuchscherer

F4054C

Fridays, September 15-December 15

(No class Oct. 20, Nov. 10, 24)

Montrose Early Ed Center

Fee: FREE!

10:30-11:30 am

ECFE Rooms

Catherine Frisbie

Mini Melody Music

(Age Birth – Kindergarten Entrance)

Songs, musical instruments, and dance create a fun filled hour for you and your little one. Enjoy a snack and an age-appropriate parent/caregiver musical activity take home.

F4032

Tuesdays, Sept. 12, 19 and Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24

10:45am-12:15pm

Hanover Elementary

Room 200

Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie

Fee: 6 week session- Sliding Fee Scale

ECFE Evening Story Time

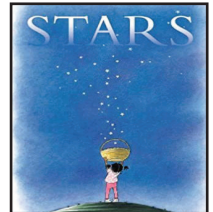
Our staff will design age-appropriate activities focused on a particular early childhood book title. Each session offers playtime, circle time and fun activities around the book's theme. (Non-separating).

Limit 10 per class.

Mary Lyn Ray Story of Stars

(Age 2- 5 years)

Mary Lyn Ray Story of Stars promotes imagination and is filled with themes about friendship, self-esteem, and more. Age-appropriate activities surrounding stars. Each family will receive a copy of the book.



F4044A

Thursday, October 12

Discovery Center

\$15 per family

5:30-6:30 pm

Room EC1

Patty Lammers

Love is for Roaring

(Age 2- 5 years)

Everyone needs love but we don't all enjoy hugs and kisses. Mike Kerr's sweet tale shares how there are many different ways to show love. Each family will receive a copy of the book.



F4044B

Thursday, December 14

Montrose Early Ed Center

\$15 per family

5:30-6:30 pm

ECFE Rooms

Patty Lammers

Discover Nature - New!

(Age 1-5 years)

Children and their parent(s) are invited to join us in our outdoor classroom for an hour of exploration and age-appropriate science investigations. Please dress for the outdoor weather conditions. Funded by MN DNR No Child Left Inside grant program.



F4042A

Mondays, Sept 11-Dec 18 10-11am

(No class Oct. 2, Nov. 20, Dec. 11)

Montrose Early Ed Center

ECFE Room/Nature-Based Classroom

Fee: FREE! ECFE Staff

F4042B

Thursdays, Sept 14-Dec 21

10:45-11:45am

(No class Oct 19, Nov 23)

Hanover Elementary playground

Fee: FREE!

Catherine Frisbie



Registration
opens
August 22
8am

Separating Parent Child Classes



Mixed Ages

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

Separating Parent/Child classes are designed for parents and children to learn together through age-appropriate activities and circle time. Then parents and children will separate, with parents joining a licensed parent educator to discuss current parenting topics. Children remain with the licensed classroom teacher for an experience designed just for them. Children under 6 months are invited to stay with parents. (Limit 10)

F4005A (Buffalo)

Mondays, Sept 11 - Dec 18
8:30-10:15am

(No class Oct. 2, Nov. 20, Dec. 11)

Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie
Fee: 11 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005B (Buffalo)

Mondays, Sept 11 - Dec 18
10:30am-12:15pm

(No class Oct. 2, Nov. 20, Dec. 11)

Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie
Fee: 11 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005C (Buffalo)

Tuesdays, Sept 12 - Dec 19
8-9:30 am

(No class Sept. 26, Nov. 21)

Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Patty Lammers/Danielle Stein
Fee: 13 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005D (Buffalo)

Wednesdays, Sept 13-Dec 20
8:15-10 am

(No class Oct. 18, Nov. 22)

Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Patty Lammers/Catherine Frisbie
Fee: 13 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005F (Hanover)

Tuesdays, Sept 12 - Dec 19
8-9:30 am

(No class Sept. 26, Nov. 21)

Hanover Elementary Room 200
Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie
Fee: 13 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005G (Hanover)

Thursdays, Sept 14 - Dec 21
8-9:30 am

(No class Oct. 19, Nov. 23)

Hanover Elementary Room 200
Nicole Tuchscherer/Catherine Frisbie
Fee: 13 week session - Sliding fee scale

F4005E (Montrose)

Fridays, Sept 15-Dec 15
8:15-10 am

(No class Oct. 20, Nov. 10, 24)

Montrose Early Ed Center ECFE Room
ECFE Staff
Fee: 13 week session - Sliding fee scale



Terrific Tuesdays (Age 2-Grade 2)

Join our ECFE staff for a family style pizza dinner from 5:30-6pm. After, parents will participate in a parent discussion group and children remain with a licensed ECFE teacher. (Limit 12)

F4100 (Separating)

Tuesdays, September 12- December 19
5:30-7 pm

(No class Sept. 26, Nov. 21)

Montrose Early Ed Center
Danielle Stein
13 sessions- Sliding fee scale

Journeys

(Age birth- 6 years)

For families who may, or are currently accessing Early Intervention Services. Parents will join a parent educator for discussion about the joys and challenges of parenting, while the children remain with a licensed teacher and enjoy activities designed just for them. Evening class includes light meal.

*Please register for 1 section only.

F4008B

Fridays, Sept 15-Dec 15
8:30-10:15am

(No class Oct. 20, Nov. 10, 24)

Discovery Center
Rooms EC1 & EC4
ECFE Staff
Fee: Free!

F4008A

Wednesdays, Sept 13-Dec 20
5:30 - 7pm

(No class Oct. 18, Nov. 22)

Montrose Early Ed Center
ECFE Rooms
Patty Lammers/Catherine Frisbie
Fee: Free!

ECFE Sliding Fee Scale

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

# of sessions	11	13	2nd Child
0-19,999	\$14	\$16	\$5
20,000-39,999	\$36	\$42	\$6
40,000-59,999	\$67	\$73	\$7
60,000-79,999	\$98	\$104	\$8
80,000-99,999	\$129	\$135	\$9
100,000+	\$160	\$166	\$10



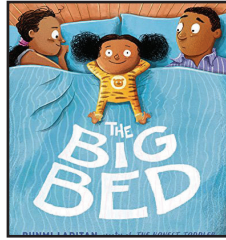
Special Events & Preschool

4 Star Rated!

The Big Bed

(Age 1-5 years old)

Join us for an evening parent workshop about bed time routines, sleep, and making it all work. Facilitated by Angie Klinefelter, MS, LMFT, IMH-E. Handouts for parents are included to assist with night time sleep issues PLUS a free copy of *The Big Bed* for each family. FREE childcare provided for children ages 1 year to kindergarten entrance. (Limit for childcare: 30 children, Limit for adults: 50)



F4001B Child Care

Thursday, November 9

Discovery Center

Fee: FREE!

5:30-7 pm
Room EC1 and EC2
ECFE Staff

Discover Nature at the Hanover School Forest

(Age 1-5 years)

Children and their parent(s) are invited to join us in our outdoor classroom for an hour of exploration and age-appropriate science investigations. Meet at the Hanover Elementary Playground for a trip into the Hanover School Forest. Please dress for the outdoor weather conditions. Funded by MN DNR No Child Left Inside grant program.



F4032E

Saturday, October 28

Hanover Elementary

Fee: FREE!

Catherine Frisbie/Becky Commerford

10-11am
Playground

Little Artists- Celebrate Halloween!

(Age 1-5 years old)

Join our non-separating Boo bash with age appropriate art activities designed for parents and children to do together. Limit 12 children



F4030

Tuesday, October 31

Hanover Elementary

Fee: \$5 per family

10:45am-12:15pm
Room 200
Julie Kirkpatrick/Catherine Frisbie

Join our Bison Family!

Spring Into Preschool

(Age 2.5 by September 1, 2023)

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

Openings available in sections:

4034A, 4034B, 4034D

Spring Into Preschool Payment Information

\$50 registration fee plus 8 monthly payments of \$45 due

October 30 - May 30, 2024

Ready Set Grow Preschool

(Age 3-5 years old by September 1, 2023)

Nurture and explore friendships, routines and building of social skills. Activities include storytelling, fingerplay, music, art, large muscle play and free choice. Teachers plan activities based on the Creative Curriculum and observe children using the Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment.

Openings available in sections:

4206A, 4206C, 4206D, 4207B

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

\$50 registration fee plus 9 monthly payments

due September 30 - May 30

2 days at Buffalo - \$120 per month

4 days at Buffalo - \$240 per month

5 days at Hanover - \$215 per month

Marvelous Mondays

(Age birth-5 years)

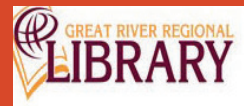
Join BHM ECCE at the Buffalo Library on Monday evenings for a story time and activity. Free and open to the public. Contact GRRL-Buffalo or BHM ECCE for more information. griver.org/events

Mondays

FREE!

5:30-6:30 pm

Buffalo Public Library 763.682.2753



Child and Teen Checkups



The Child and Teen Checkups program provides FREE medical, dental, and vision checkups to Wright County residents who are age 20 or younger and enrolled in Medical Assistance. Contact your health care plan to set up an appointment with a participating provider today!



Join ECFE Advisory Council!

Receive 10% off class fees/
tuition

You are invited to join other parents of young children, who meet together at Discovery Center during the program year. To provide input from a parent perspective about BHM ECFE programs including: Ready Set Grow, Spring Into Preschool, ECFE Parent/Child classes, and Early Childhood Screening. The meetings take place 6:15-7:15pm—virtually: Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 6.

Please call the ECFE Coordinator at 763.682.8753 for more information.



Early Childhood Screening

(Age 3-5 years)

Screening will check your child's overall development. The State of Minnesota recommends all children be screened before their 5th birthday in order to start kindergarten in any Minnesota public school. **Screening is required within 90 days of beginning ECFE preschool.** Call 763.682.8408 (Sept-May) or 763.682.8780 (June-August) to schedule.

Screening Dates at Buffalo Discovery Center

October 27

December 1, 6, 15

November 1, 3, 17, 20, 21

Are you on the school
census?
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

Registration is Easy!

Online

bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com

By Phone

763.682.8780 ECFE

763.682.8770 Community Ed

In Person

301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo, 55313

If our offices are closed, use the **24 hour drop box** east entrance to Discovery Center, by door #1



Online Registration

Budget Tight?

All families are eligible to participate in the ECFE program. Please contact the Coordinator at 763.682.8753.

Am I in?

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

Refunds

- If we cancel a class, you are notified and your money refunded
- Cancellations received within one week prior to the start of class is subject to a \$5 service fee. No refunds given after class begins

Weather Cancellations

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

bhmschools.org

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

Check out our Facebook page for cancellations and closings



Early Childhood Family Education

BUFFALO HANOVER
MONTROSE SCHOOLS

301 2nd Avenue NE
Buffalo, MN 55313
Phone: 763.682.8780

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 32324
Twin Cities, MN

DATED MATERIAL

Please Deliver Promptly

ECFE Family-Friendly Fall Activities

Fall Festival



Saturday, October 7

10 am-12:30 pm at Sturges Park

- This FREE event will serve as a “welcome” and “welcome back” for our youngest learners and their families
- FREE parent/child friendly activities
- No registration required... see you there!
- Questions, call ECFE 763.682.8780

Touch-A-Truck



Tuesday, September 26

10am-1pm

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



763.682.8780

bhmschools.org