

# **Early Childhood Family Education**

**BUFFALO HANOVER MONTROSE SCHOOLS** 

Building Relationships
at ECFE



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- Pyramid Model Innovation
- Mixed Ages Parent Child Classes
- Parent Child Book Series
- Early Childhood Screening
- ECFE Family Fair



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#### **Welcome to Early Childhood Family Education**



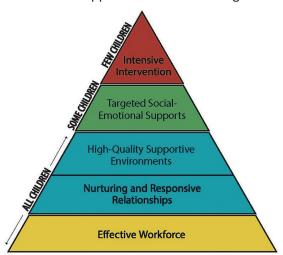
Barbara Eckberg

#### From the Coordinator.....

Research has shown that the skills your child needs to be successful in the future are social and emotional skills! The more socially skilled children are, the more likely they are to succeed in school. Because this is so important for your child, we are implementing the **Pyramid Model** in our Ready Set Grow, Kid Kare and Early Childhood Special Education programs.

#### What is the Pyramid Model?

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



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#### What Happens in a Parent and Child Class...



Class begins with activities for parents and children together.



Parents separate from children for discussion, facilitated by a Parent Educator.



Children remain with an Early Childhood Educator for age-appropriate education.

#### **Parent Child Classes**



#### **Infant Class**

#### (0-9 month old and their parents)

Enjoy exploring the "firsts" during the first few months with your new baby. You are invited to gather with other parents of infants to learn about the development of your 0-9 month old, facilitated by licensed parent educator. Diane Mastel.

#### W4000B

Tuesdays, February 4 - March 3 8:30-9:30 am Diane Mastel 5 sessions - FREE **Discovery Center** Room FC1



Hey, registration for ECFE classes opens at 8 am November 26

#### ECFE is an Early Childhood Family Education and School Readiness program.

We provide parent education, together with early childhood education, for parents and their children aged birth to kindergarten enrollment. This also includes expectant parents. Parents and children participate in classes, parent discussion groups, home visits, or special events. We are part of Community Education and are funded by a local tax levy, state aid, and fees. Classes are taught by licensed early childhood or parent educators. We believe that "home is the child's first learning environment and parents are the child's first and most important teachers." To learn more call 763.682.8780.

#### **Mixed Ages**

#### Separating parent group classes for children birth to 5 years by September 1, 2019

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 12)

#### W4005A (Buffalo)

Mondays, January 13 - May 4 8:30-10:15 am

(No class Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 17, Mar. 30) Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4 Patty Lammers/Andrea Jonasson

Fee: 13 week session - Sliding fee scale

#### W4005B (Buffalo)

Mondays, January 13 - May 4

10:30 am-12:15 pm

(No class Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 17, Mar. 30) Room EC1 & EC4 **Discovery Center** 

Patty Lammers/Andrea Jonasson Fee: 13 week session - Sliding fee scale

#### W4005C (Buffalo)

Wednesdays, January 15 - April 29 8:30-10:15 am

(No class March 25, April 1)

Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4 Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel

Fee: 14 week session - Sliding fee scale

#### W4005D (Buffalo)

Wednesdays, January 15 - April 29 10:30 am-12:15 pm

(No class March 25, April 1)

Room EC1 & EC4 **Discovery Center** Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel

Fee: 14 week session - Sliding fee scale



#### W4005E (Hanover)

Tuesdays, January 14 - April 28 8:30-10:15 am

(No class March 31)

Hanover Elementary **ECFE Rooms** Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson

Fee: 15 week session - Sliding fee scale

#### W4005F (Hanover)

Thursdays, January 16 - April 30 8:30-10:15 am

(No class Feb. 13, Mar. 26, Apr. 2)

Hanover Elementary **ECFE Rooms** Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson

Fee: 13 week session - Sliding fee scale

#### W4005G (Montrose)

Wednesdays, January 15 - April 29 8:30-10:15 am

#### (No class March 25, April 1)

Montrose Early Ed Center **ECFE Rooms** Jen Dismang/Andrea Jonasson

Fee: 14 week session - Sliding fee scale



## Parent Child Classes

Explore parent/child activities designed just for parents and children birth to 5 years. This gently-separating class will focus on parents and children who want some time together...after the childcare day, with a grandparent, or other important adult in the life of a young child. We will create a great environment of activities, circle time, get "messy" with paint, sand, and sensory table activities.

#### **Marvelous Mondays in Buffalo**

#### W4005J

Mondays, January 13 - May 4 5:30 - 7 pm (No class Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 17, Mar. 30)

Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Annette Rabusch/Jen Roback

Fee: 13 week session - Sliding Fee

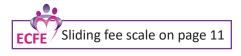
#### **Terrific Tuesdays in Montrose**

#### W4005H

Tuesdays, January 14 - April 28 5:30 - 7 pm

(No class February 25, March 3, 31)
Montrose Early Education Center ECFE Room
Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel

Fee: 13 week session - Sliding Fee



#### **Journeys**

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

Parents and children birth to 5 years, explore parent/child activities designed just for them. Parents and children separate, with children remaining with the early childhood teacher. 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.

#### W4008

Fee: 14 week session - Free!

Fridays, January 17 - May 1 8:30-10:15 am

(No class March 27, April 3)
Discovery Center Room EC1 & EC4
Diane Mastel/Patty Lammers





#### **Playtime for Everyone!**

#### Children Birth-5 years and their parents/caregiver

Stop by Monday mornings to have fun in our early child-hood classroom. Parents/caregivers and children stay together to participate in fun activities, meet other families with young children and find support in shared community resources. There will be new toys and activities each week, songs, fingerplays and new friends for everyone. Registration is necessary with a one-time fee.

#### W4054A

Mondays, February 3 - March 16 9-10:30 am (No class February 17)
6 sessions - \$20 per family Annette Rabusch Hanover Elementary ECFE Room

## Bringing families together at ECFE



#### **Family Learning**

Who is the Family Learning Class for?
Parents with young children who want to:

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

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

#### W4029

Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 7 - May 21 10 am - 2 pm (No class Feb. 13, Mar. 31, Apr. 2) Discovery Center Rooms EC1 & EC4 No Fee

Diane Mastel, Patty Lammers, Terrisa Fisher

#### **Parent Child Classes**

**Registration for ECFE** 

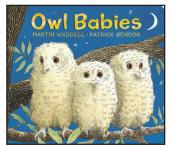
classes opens at 8 am

November 26



#### **Owl Babies**

Three baby owls, Sarah, Percy and Bill wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone and they wonder where she is. So they sit on a branch and wait. Parents and children will enjoy this story about the parent child relationship. **Each family** 



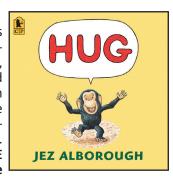
receives a FREE copy of this touching story. Limit 12.

#### F4007C

Thursday, December 12 1 session - \$5 per family Hanover Elementary 6-7 pm ECFE staff ECFE Room

#### Hug

Bobo needs a hug. But his friends don't seem to understand. "Hug," he implores, time and again. Time and again his puzzled pals—from the smallest chameleon to the tallest giraffe—shrug and cuddle with their jungle mothers. Each family receives a FREE copy of this endearing tribute to love and belonging. Limit 12.

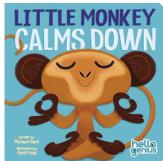


#### W4007D

Thursday, January 16 1 session - \$5 per family Discovery Center 5:30-6:30 pm ECFE Staff Room EC1

### Calm Down Little Monkey

Little Monkey is having a bad day. After a major melt down, he goes to his room and uses some coping techniques to calm down. He sings a quiet song, cuddles with his blankie, and learns how take deep breaths. Parents and children alike will enjoy this story about teaching self- soothing strategies. **Each family re-**



ceives a FREE copy of the book to take home!

#### W4007F

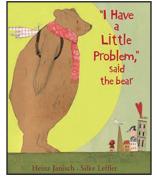
Thursday, February 20 1 session - \$5 per family Discovery Center 5:30-6:30 pm ECFE Staff Room EC 1

#### W4007G

Thursday, April 30 1 session - \$5 per family Montrose Elementary 5:30-6:30 pm ECFE Staff ECFE Room

#### "I Have a Little Problem", said the Bear

"I Have a Little Problem," said the Bear follows a troubled bear as he tries to find someone to listen to his problem. He visits everyone from an inventor to a doctor to find someone who will listen, but everyone is quick to provide a solution before they even listen to his problem! Children and parents alike will enjoy this story about the importance of listening. Each family receives a FREE copy of the book to take home!



#### W4007E

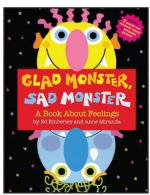
Thursday, January 30 1 session - \$5 per family Discovery Center 5:30-6:30 pm ECFE Staff Room EC1

#### **Glad Monster Sad Monster**

Glad Monster Sad Monster is a book about feelings with fun monster masks that children can try on and talk about times when they felt glad, sad, loving, worried, silly, angry and scared—just like the monsters! Children and parents alike will enjoy this story about the names of emotions. Each family receives a FREE copy of the book to take home!

#### W4007H

Thursday, March 12 1 session - \$5 per family Hanover Elementary



6:30-7:30 pm ECFE Staff ECFE Room

#### Call ECFE at 763.682.8780 for availability

#### **Spring Into Preschool**

#### 2.5 year olds by January 1, 2020

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

#### 4034C

Fridays, January 17 - May 8 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

(No class March 27, April 3)

Discovery Center Room EC1, EC4
Sibling Care Room EC6

Patty Lammers/Diane Mastel

Parent Education Days: January 17, February 7, March 6,

and April 10

Visitation Day: January 17 - Parents and children come to class

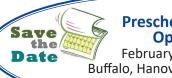
together and stay together for this session

#### **Spring Into Preschool Payment Information**

\$50 registration fee plus

4 monthly payments due January 15 - April 15, 2020

Each payment \$42/month
Sibling Care: One-time payment \$25/family



#### Preschool 2020-2021 Open House

February 6, 6:15-7:15 pm
Buffalo, Hanover and Montrose Sites

#### Early Childhood Screening (ages 3-5 years)

Screening will check your child's overall development. The state of Minnesota recommends all children be screened before their 4th 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 or 763.682.8780 to schedule. Dates are listed below.

Buffalo February 21, 22 March 6, 13, 20, 21 April 17 Hanover February 7 March 25 May 1

Montrose April 10 May 18

#### **Ready Set Grow Preschool - Montrose**

#### 3 -5 year old by September 1, 2019

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.

4205M (2 DAY - Montrose)

Mondays & Fridays, September 23 - May 22 (No class Jan. 3, 20, 27, Feb. 17, Mar. 27, Apr. 3)

8 - 11 am

Montrose Early Ed Center

ECFE Room Jen Dismang

### Ready Set Grow Preschool - Montrose Payment Information

\$50 registration fee plus

5 monthly payments due January 15 - May 15, 2020

Each payment \$112/month

#### Ready Set Grow Preschool - Buffalo

#### 4 -5 year old by September 1, 2019

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.

#### 4206D and F4206F

Mondays-Fridays, September 9 - May 18 12-3 pm (No class Nov. 25-28, Dec. 23-Jan. 2, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 13, 17, Mar. 25, 26, 30, 31, Apr. 1, 2)
Discovery Center Room M4 & M5

Miranda Weber & Emily Pearson

#### Ready Set Grow Preschool - Buffalo Payment Information

\$50 registration fee plus you choose number of days 5 monthly payments due December 15 - April 15, 2020

> 2-Days/Week: Each payment \$112/month 3-Days/Week: Each payment \$180/month 4-Days/Week: Each payment \$224/month



May 8, 28, 29

**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 star-rated programs.** To apply for a preschool voucher, contact the ECFE office or Milestones, at 800.288.8549.

#### **Parent Classes**





#### **Parenting 8-7-7** Closed Facebook Group

Parenting can be difficult in the age of social media. How could a parent know which websites offer research based parenting strategies and tips?

Join licensed Parent Educator, Andrea Jonasson, through a closed facebook format to investigate, navigate, and celebrate parenting children birth through 8 years old.



#### **Parent Coaching**

An ECFE Parent Educator will visit with you and your birth to 5 year old children at your home or at ECFE. Visits can include:

- Playtime with your child
- **Time to talk** and problem solve ways to meet your family's needs
- **Resources** and ideas on parenting, child development and community services
- Free! Call ECFE at 763.682.8780 for more information



#### **ECFE Mission & Goals**

"The ECFE mission is to support and strengthen parents - the first and most important teachers in a young 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

## Early Childhood Family Education Advisory Council

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 Preschool, Spring Into Preschool, ECFE Parent/Child classes and Early Childhood Screening. The meetings take place 6 - 7:15 pm, at the Discovery Center in Buffalo, with childcare provided with prior notice on the following dates: January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4. Join the ECFE Parent Advisory Council and their work to support BHM Early Childhood programs and receive a 10% discount on your ECFE fees/tuition! For more information contact Barbara Eckberg IMH-E II, ECFE Coordinator, 763.682.8753 or beckberg@bhm-schools.org

Let's celebrate the Week of the Young Child!

## **ECFE** Family Fair



Saturday, April 18, 10 am - 1 pm Discovery Center Gym





**Featuring** 



So much to see and do...



Silent Auction Baskets



Bison Box Lunch



Scholastics Book Fair



Community Center Toy Shop



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• Allina Health

- Buffalo Police Dept
- Buffalo Fire Dept
- BHM School Board
- Wright County Public Health
- Montrose Lions

Sponsored by BHM Early Childhood Family Education 763.682.8780



Kiddie Fishing Pond

#### **Resources & Information**





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

#### Are you on the school census?

Being on the census ensures that you will receive ECFE mailings, notified of Early Childhood Screening and receive kindergarten information when your child becomes eligible to attend. Call 763.682.8737 if you:

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





## ECFE Child Care Connection

#### **Provider Education**

This unique class is held in your childcare home. Early Childhood Family Education staff come into your childcare setting for 4 weeks 1 hour each week. ECFE Staff will develop information specific to your needs and spend an hour with you and the children in your care.

Topics for discussion could include:

child development, challenging behavior, social emotional develoent, healthy nutrition, etc.

Dates and times will be scheduled when you call. Call 763.682.8780 today!

Fee: FREE!

### Buffalo Public Library 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

The 1000 Books Foundation is a non-profit whose objective is to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers. Visit **1000booksbeforekindergarten.org** or call 763.682.2753 for information.

Location: 18 NW Lake Blvd, Buffalo, MN

Monday: 10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm
Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm
Thursday: 12 pm - 8 pm
Friday: 11 am - 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm
Sunday: Closed



## Coming Summer 2020... ECFE Summer in the Park!

Tricia and the Toonies
Hooperina
Brian Richards
Teddy Bear Band
Rachael Kroog and Kid Power
Wonderful World of Woody

Watch for all the details in the summer ECFE catalog coming out in April!

#### **ECFE Partners**



**West Adult Basic Education** 





**United for Youth** 





**BHM Food Service** 

**Buffalo Courts Apartments** 

Buffalo Buffalo Parks Department



#### Resources & Information

#### Fare For All

Want to save \$\$\$ on food? Food distributions will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Highway 25, in Buffalo. please For information, fareforall.org or call 763.450.3880. Note: No income quidelines.

#### **Blessing Closet**

Zion Lutheran Church, Buffalo, MN Children clothing, backpacks, school supplies. Call 763.682.1245 or visit online at zionbuffalo.org for dates and times.

#### **Baby Cafe**

Buffalo Baby Café is a drop-in service to help you reach your breastfeeding goals. There will be refreshments and snacks available for you to enjoy as you visit with trained breastfeeding health professionals and other mothers. A scale is available to weigh your baby as well as breastfeeding resources and information for you to take home. There is no cost and no registration required to participate—just come as you are!

Wednesdays. 10 am - 12 pm Wright County Historical Society 2001 Hwy 25 N, Buffalo



Check out our Facebook page for cancellations and closing

#### 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 12 pm or after are held as scheduled



#### **KinderKids**

All Day Childcare with Preschool for 3 - 5 Year Olds

KinderKids is a full day care program for 3-5 year olds not yet in school. We offer ½ day care, full day care and wrap-around care for those enrolled in the district ECFE preschool program. For more information, call Lori Trogstad at 763.682.8787 or visit bhmschools. org/kidkare



#### **Family Resources**

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon - Military Families Support Services **Buffalo Hospital Service** 

Child Care Resource and Referral

Early Intervention Services 0-3 years

Four County Mental Health Crisis Response Team

Help Me Grow - Statewide Early Intervention/Child Development

Little KidKare - Montrose

Love INC - Big Woods

Poison Control

Rivers of Hope - family abuse prevention

Wright County Community Action: energy assistance

Wright County Child Passenger safety seats

Wright County Child Protection

Wright County Resource Guide

612.669.9664

763.682.1212

1.888.291.9811

763.682.6361

310.253.5555

helpmegrowmn.org

763.682.8473

763.682.6821

1.800.222.1222

763.295.3433

320.963.6500 763.682.7516

763.682.7400

co.wright.mn.us/documentcenter/view/1751

#### **Sliding Fee Scale & Registration**



#### **ECFE Sliding Fee Scale** Find your class fee based on your family's income. # of sessions 13 sessions 14 sessions 15 sessions 1 child 2+ child 1 child 1 child 2+ child 2+ child 1 child 2+ child 0-19.999 \$14 \$19 \$15 \$20 \$16 \$21 \$17 \$22 20,000-39.999 \$38 \$44 \$41 \$47 \$44 \$50 \$47 \$53 \$62 40,000-59,999 \$69 \$67 \$74 \$79 \$77 \$84 \$72 60,000-79,999 \$84 \$92 \$91 \$99 \$98 \$106 \$105 \$113 80,000-99,999 \$110 \$119 \$119 \$128 \$128 \$137 \$137 \$146 100,000+ \$137 \$147 \$147 \$157 \$157 \$167 \$167 \$177

If you have questions, please call ECFE at 763.682.8780.

#### **5 Ways to Register**

Online bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com

#### By Mail

Community Education/ECFE 301 2nd Avenue NE, Buffalo

#### By Phone

763.682.8780 ECFE 763.682.8770 Community Ed

#### By Fax

763 682-8795 (24 hours)

#### In Person

Community Education Office, 301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo. If our offices are closed, use the **24 hour drop box** at the east entrance (Door 1)

#### Am I in?

Yes! We will notify you if the class is full or canceled

#### Refunds

- If we cancel a class, you will be notified and your money refunded
- If you cancel, notify us at least one week prior to the start of class and we will refund your tuition. Cancellations received within one week prior to the start of class will be subject to a \$5 service fee, or you may choose a full refund in the form of a credit voucher. No refunds are given after the class start date

	online at <b>bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com,</b> or call <b>763.682.8780</b> with your credit carc information. You are notified only if a class is canceled or is full.				
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**Registration Form** 

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#### Look Inside For...

Let's celebrate "Week of the Young Child"!

## ECFE **Family Fair**

Saturday, April 18, 10 am - 1 pm **Discovery Center Gym** 

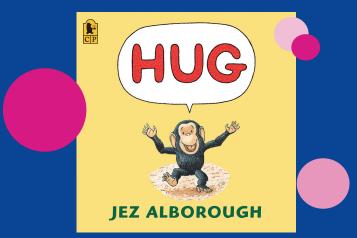


Dozens of parent and child activities!



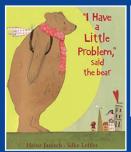
So much to see and do at Family Fair! See page 8 for all the details.

#### Parent & Child Classes based on these popular books!

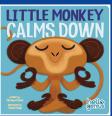


January 16, 5:30-6:30 pm, Discovery Center Parents and children alike will enjoy this story about an endearing tribute to love and belonging.

#### See page 5 for more details!

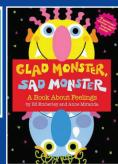


The importance of listening. January 30 **Discovery Center** 



Self-soothing strategies. February 20 **Discovery Center** 

April 30 **Montrose Early Ed Center** 



Feelings and emotions. March 12 **Discovery Center** 



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