



# Early Childhood Family Education

BUFFALO HANOVER MONTROSE SCHOOLS

## Fall 2024

Registration opens August 19 at 8am



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# Welcome to Early Childhood Family Education

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## REGISTER

Registration is easy!



### ONLINE

Log on to [bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com](https://bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com) for convenient secure registration available 24/7!

### PHONE

763.682.8780, credit card and ACH checking accepted

### IN PERSON

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

## What is ECFE?

**ECFE is Early Childhood** (children from birth up to Kindergarten entrance) **Family** (parents, grandparents, caregivers, and guardians) **Education**

A typical **separating class** offers about 45 minutes for parents and children to play and learn together. The following 45 minutes, children stay with our ECFE teacher to continue the fun and parents meet for a parent educator led parent discussion.

A typical **non-separating class** parents and children spend the entire class time playing and learning together with ECFE staff.



## 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.

## 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 on the 2nd Monday of each month. Members receive a 10% discount on ECFE fees/tuition. For more information contact Jen Greenhagen, [jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org](mailto:jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org) or 763.682.8753

**Meeting Dates 2024:**  
**October 14, November 11, December 9**



## 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!

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

**Register online today!**



**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

## ECFE Sliding Fee Scale

Yearly Household Income	9 week classes	13 week classes	14 week classes	15 week classes	2nd Child
\$0-19,999	\$12	\$16	\$17	\$18	\$5
\$20,000-39,999	\$30	\$42	\$45	\$48	\$6
\$40,000-59,999	\$61	\$73	\$76	\$79	\$7
\$60,000-79,999	\$92	\$104	\$107	\$110	\$8
\$80,000-99,999	\$123	\$135	\$138	\$141	\$9
\$100,000+	\$154	\$166	\$169	\$172	\$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

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS





# ECFE in Buffalo

**Discovery Center**  
301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo

## Mixed Ages

**Ages birth to 5 years**

### Separating

Parents and children will learn together through age-appropriate activities, teacher-led circle time, and a separate parent discussion time with a parent educator. During parent discussion time, children remain with the licensed ECFE teacher where the learning and fun continues.

Limit 12

### F4005A

Mondays, September 9 -December 16 8:30-10 am

**(No class November 4, 25)**

13 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3

Room EC1 TBD Teacher/Kim Freiberg

### F4005B

Mondays, September 9 -December 16 10:30 am-12 pm

**(No class November 4, 25)**

13 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3

Room EC1 TBD Teacher/Kim Frieberg

### F4005E

Wednesdays, September 11 -December 18 8:30-10 am

**(No class October 16, November 27)**

13 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3

Room EC1 Patty Lammers/Danielle Stein

### F4005F

Wednesdays, September 11 -December 18 12:30-2 pm

**(No class October 16, November 27)**

13 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3

Room EC1 Patty Lammers/Danielle Stein

## Marvelous Mondays

**Ages birth to 5 years**

Join BHM ECFE at the Buffalo Library on Monday afternoons for a story time and activity. Free and open to the public. Contact GRRL-Buffalo or BHM ECFE for more information. [griver.org/events](http://griver.org/events)

Mondays, September 16-December 16 4-5 pm

**(No class October 14 and November 11)**

FREE! Buffalo Public Library 763.682.2753



## 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.

### F4030

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 10 - December 19

10 am - 2 pm

**(No class October 17, November 26, 28)**

27 sessions - *FREE!*

Room EC1 & M4

Danielle Stein, Patty Lammers, & Terrisa Fisher

## Infants and Toddlers



**Ages birth to 2 years**

### Non-Separating

Come and join other parents and enjoy with your little one. Activities will include sensory experiences, music, movement, and exploring social and emotional development topics with a parent educator.

### F4009

Wednesdays, Sept 11-Dec 18

10:30-11:30 am

**(No class October 16, November 27)**

13 sessions - *FREE!*

Room EC1

Danielle Stein

## Positive Solutions for Families



**Ages birth to 2 years**

### Virtual

Are you ready to learn some new strategies that will help you gain cooperation and connect with your child? Join us for this 9-week parent only **on-line** class that will give you the opportunity to reflect, create a plan, and practice new strategies in a safe environment. Positive Solutions for Families is an evidence-based workshop developed by the National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations and facilitated by a parent educator. A link will be sent prior to class start.

### F4001

Mondays, September 16-November 18

12:30-2 pm

**(No class November 4)**

9 sessions - \$10 per family

Virtual

Danielle Stein



## Discovery Center 301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo

### Journeys

Ages birth to 6 years

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

#### Separating

Parents will join a parent educator for discussion about the joys and challenges of parenting, while the children remain with ECFE staff and enjoy activities designed just for them. Limit 12

#### F4008A

Fridays, Sept 13-Dec 20

9-10:15am

(No class Oct 4, 18, Nov 1, 15, 29, Dec 6)

9 sessions - FREE!

Room EC1 and EC 4

Kim Freiberg



### Books & Me

Ages 1 to 5 years

Non-Separating

Stay and play for a bit. Following playtime, learn how to create connections, conversations, and explore emotions, friendships, and dreams with your child through popular children's picture books. Limit 12



#### F4007

Fridays, September 13 -December 20 10:45-11:45 am

(No class Oct 4, 18, Nov 1, 15, 29, Dec 6)

9 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3

Room EC1

Kim Freiberg

### Fall 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 Fall Festival on Saturday, October 5. Alternative pick-up date October 7



#### F4029A

1 subscription box- \$30

Alternative pick-up location at Discovery Center

## ECFE Family Friendly Fall Events

### ECFE Fall Festival

Saturday, October 5

10 am-12:30 pm

Sturges Park, Buffalo

Celebrate the autumn season with ECFE at this FREE event. A variety of fall-themed activities and games for families to enjoy. Meet the ECFE team!  
Questions? Call ECFE at 763.682.8780



### Touch-A-Truck

Friday, September 20

10 am-1 pm

Great River Regional Library, 18 Lake Blvd NW, Buffalo

Stop in at the Great River Regional Library 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





# ECFE in Hanover

**Hanover Elementary**  
274 LaBeaux Ave NE, Hanover



## STEAM Lab

**Ages 1 to 5 years**

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

### F4006

Mondays, September 9 -December 16      11am-12 pm  
**(No class November 4, 25)**  
13 sessions - *FREE!*  
Room 200      Nicole Tuchscherer

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### F4005C

Tuesdays, Sept 10-Dec 17      8:30-10 am  
**(No class November 26)**  
14 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3  
Room 200      TBD Teacher/Kim Freiberg

### F4005G

Thursdays, Sept 12-Dec 19      8:30-10 am  
**(No class October 17, November 28)**  
13 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3  
Room 200      Nicole Tuchscherer/Kim Freiberg

## Discover Nature

**Ages 1 to 5 years**

**Non-Separating**

Come explore our outdoor classrooms through hands-on learning experiences and nature-based activities to support your child's creativity, problem solving skills, resilience, and sense of well-being. \*In the event of inclement weather class will be held indoors. Limit 12

### F4042B

Tuesdays, Sept 10- Dec 17      10:30-11:30 am  
**(No class November 26)**  
14 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3  
Outdoor Classroom/Room 200      Kim Freiberg

### F4042C

Thursdays, Sept 12- Dec 19      10:30-11:30am  
**(No class October 17, November 28)**  
13 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3  
Outdoor Classroom/Room 200      Nicole Tuchscherer

## Art Adventures



**Age 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

### F4054A

Fridays, September 13-December 20      10-11 am  
**(No class Oct 4, 18, Nov 1, 15, 29, Dec 6)**  
9 sessions - \$15 per family  
Room 200      Nicole Tuchscherer

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### F4029B

1 subscription box- \$30  
Alternative pick-up location at Hanover Elementary



## Montrose Early Education Center

115 2nd St S, Montrose

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**F4042A**

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13 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3

Outdoor Classroom/ECFE Room Stephanie Adelman

### 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 remain with a licensed ECFE teacher for age appropriate activities. Limit 12 *\*Note that class on 10/8 will be held at Discovery Elementary in partnership with Community Education*

**F4100**

Tuesdays, September 10- December 17 5:30-7 pm

(No class November 26)

14 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3

ECFE Room Danielle Stein & Patty Lammers

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**F4005D**

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**F4008B**

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13 sessions - FREE!

ECFE Room

Kim Freiberg



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**F4029C**

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Alternative pick-up location at Montrose Early Ed Center



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## Bison Preschool

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

### Locations:

Discovery Center, Buffalo  
Hanover Elementary  
Parkside Elementary, Buffalo  
Montrose Early Ed Center  
Tatanka Elementary, Buffalo

### Little Bison Preschool

Children ages 2.5-3.5 by Sept 1, 2024

### Bison Preschool

Children ages 3-5 by Sept 1, 2024

For more information visit  
[bhmschools.org/preschool-classes](http://bhmschools.org/preschool-classes)

## 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.



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