



Early Childhood Family Education

BUFFALO HANOVER MONTROSE SCHOOLS

Winter 2025

Registration opens December 2 at 8 am



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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 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. Members receive a 10% discount on ECFE fees/tuition. For more information, contact Jen Greenhagen at jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org or 763.682.8753.

Meeting Dates 2025:
February 10, March 10, April 14



Early Childhood Screening

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

The state of Minnesota requires all children to be screened, and recommends screening at age 3 in order to provide ample time to provide support if needed. Early Childhood Developmental Screenings are checks that help parents understand how their child is developing and growing.

During your screening appointment a trained professional will check:

- Vision and Hearing
- Height and Weight
- Immunizations (shots) review
- Large and Small muscles
- Thinking, Language, and Communication skills
- Social and Emotional development
- Immunization review

Register online today!



ECFE Sliding Fee Scale

Yearly Household Income	17 weeks	19 weeks	2nd Child
\$0-19,999	\$20	\$22	\$5
\$20,000-39,999	\$51	\$54	\$6
\$40,000-59,999	\$84	\$89	\$7
\$60,000-79,999	\$117	\$125	\$8
\$80,000-99,999	\$150	\$160	\$9
\$100,000+	\$184	\$196	\$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

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@bhhmschools.org to receive your bag.



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

W4005A
Mondays, January 6 - May 19 8:30-10 am
(No class Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 31)
17 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3
Room EC1 Julie Kirkpatrick/Kim Freiberg

W4005B
Mondays, January 6 - May 19 10:30 am-12 pm
(No class Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 31)
17 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3
Room EC1 Julie Kirkpatrick/Kim Frieberg

W4005E
Wednesdays, January 8 - May 14 8:30-10 am
(No class March 26, April 2)
17 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

Mondays, January 6 - May 19 4-5 pm
(No class Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 31)
FREE! Buffalo Public Library 763.682.2753

Family Learning Ages birth to 5 years

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.

W4030
Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 7 - May 20
10 am - 2 pm
(No class March 27, April 1, 3)
36 sessions - FREE! Room EC1 & M4
Danielle Stein, Patty Lammers, & Terrisa Fisher

Infants and Toddlers Non-Separating Ages birth to 2 years

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.

W4009A
Wednesdays, January 8 - May 14 10:30-11:30 am
(No class March 26, April 2)
17 sessions - FREE!
Room EC1 Danielle Stein

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Journeys

Separating

Ages birth to 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 ECFE staff and enjoy activities designed just for them. Limit 12

W4008A

Fridays, January 10 -May 16

9-10:15am

(No class Jan 17, Feb 7, 21, Mar 7, 28, Apr 4, 11, May 2)

11 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

W4007

Fridays, January 10 - May 16

10:45-11:45 am

(No class Jan 17, Feb 7, 21, Mar 7, 28, Apr 4, 11, May 2)

11 sessions - \$15 per family

Room EC1

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. An ECFE staff member will contact you to coordinate pick-up in February 2025.

W4029A

1 subscription box- \$30

Pick-up location at Discovery Center

ECFE Family Friendly Spring Events

ECFE Family Fair

Saturday, April 26, 10 am-12:30 pm

Sturges Park, Buffalo

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

Meet the ECFE team!

Family & Child Activities

BHM Board of Education Book Giveaway

Community Partners

Entertainment

ECFE Advisory Council Silent Auction

And much more!

Questions? Call ECFE at 763.682.8780





ECFE in Hanover

Hanover Elementary 274 LaBeaux Ave NE, Hanover

STEAM Lab

Non-Separating

Ages 1 to 5 years

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

W4006

Mondays, January 6 - May 19 11am-12 pm
(No class Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 31)
17 sessions - FREE!
Room 200 Nicole Tuchscherer

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W4009B

Tuesdays, January 7 - May 20 8:30-9:30 am
(No class April 1)
19 sessions - FREE!
Room 200 Julie Kirkpatrick/Kim Freiberg



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W4005G

Thursdays, January 9 - May 15 8:30-10 am
(No class March 27, April 3)
17 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3
Room 200 Nicole Tuchscherer/Kim Freiberg

Discover Nature

Non-Separating

Ages 1 to 5 years

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

W4042B

Tuesdays, January 7 - May 20 10:30-11:30 am
(No class April 1)
19 sessions - \$15 per family
Outdoor Classroom/Room 200
Julie Kirkpatrick/Kim Freiberg

W4042C

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(No class March 27, April 3)
17 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3
Outdoor Classroom/Room 200 Nicole Tuchscherer

Art Adventures

Non-Separating

Age birth to 5 years

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

W4054A

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Room 200 Nicole Tuchscherer

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Montrose Early Education Center

115 2nd St S, Montrose

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 Outdoor Classroom/ECFE Room Stephanie Adelman



Terrific Tuesdays

Separating

Ages 2 years to 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 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

W4100

Tuesdays, January 7 - May 20 5:30-7 pm
(No class April 1)
 19 sessions - sliding fee scale page 3
 ECFE Room Danielle Stein & Patty Lammers

Dress for a Mess

Non-Separating

Ages birth to 5 years

Come prepared to get messy! This class embraces the joy of messiness, allowing little ones to express themselves freely while engaging in a variety of sensory-rich activities. Join us for a delightful adventure where getting messy is not just encouraged—it's celebrated! Sensory activities could include playdough play, shaving cream, and sensory table fun. Limit 12

W4001

Wednesdays, January 8 - May 14 9-10 am
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 ECFE Room Stephanie Adelman/Kim Freiberg

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FAMILY FAIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
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Discovery Center Gym
301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo



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, 2025

Bison Preschool

Children ages 3-5 by Sept 1, 2025

Registration opens:
February 24, 2025

For more information visit
bhmschools.org/preschool-classes

763.682.8780 bhmschools.org



BHM Schools
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