



Early Childhood Family Education

DO YOU HAVE KIDS?

Busy parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers know that raising a child is the MOST important and most difficult job they will ever do.

Whether you are married, single, divorced, employed outside of the home part-time, full-time or home full-time, parenting is hard work that can bring you great joy as well as great challenges. ECFE is a special place for you and your child. We

offer classes for families with children from birth to kindergarten. Children are given opportunities for socialization and fun learning activities while parents have time to share joys and concerns, receive information and discuss issues with other parents.



BLHS School Readiness has a 4-Star Quality rating!

Parent Aware helps you find child care and early education providers that focus on high quality early learning and kindergarten readiness. MN's one to four star rating system, a free service, measures best practices identified by research that help children succeed. Public school preschools, Early Childhood Special Education, Head Start, child care, and non-public preschool programs can apply for this rating.

ECFE STAFF

ECFE Teacher/Coordinator:

Jody Weispfennig

Educators:

Jody Weispfennig, Sheryl Peters & Kathy Wehking

A few things about BLHS ECFE.....

- Children of varying abilities are welcome
- Sibling care is available. If you need childcare during class, simply request it when you register
- Home visits are available upon request
 - Provide one-on-one time for parent, child and educator.
 - Help nurture child development
 - Help parents learn new parenting skills
 - Put parents in touch with community resources
 - Give parents someone to talk to about their needs and the needs of their children.
- Please make checks payable to BLHS ECFE. All class fees are due on September 30th unless special arrangements are made.
- REGISTRATION: Register by mail, phone or in person at the ECEF room. If none of the scheduled class times work for you, please call 833-5311 ext. 204.
- Class confirmations are not sent. You are registered unless you are notified!
- All classes are held at the BLHS Preschool/ECFE classroom at 211 3rd St. NW, Buffalo Lake. Please use west door #5.
- Please bring your child(s) immunization records on the first day of class.
- All classes are from 6-7:30 unless otherwise noted

New Baby? Know someone with a new baby?

Families with a new addition in the BLHS School District are encouraged to call ECFE with their good news. We have a gift for the babies and their parents. Please call 320-833-5311 ext. 204 or email jweispfennig@blh.k12.mn.us to arrange to get the gift or schedule a brief home visit from our staff!

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ECFE Advisory Council

Have you noticed the ‘makeover’ the ECFE room has gotten? Have you seen the new sensory room? How about this updated flyer? CHANGE IS IN THE AIR! This past summer Miss Jody asked a few moms to form an ECFE Advisory Council. She has challenged us to come up with new class ideas, find funding sources, look at outreach and community awareness, resource development and start a program to reach out to families with new babies! Well, watch out...these moms are on a mission! But just like Miss Jody can't do it alone, neither can we! If you have questions, concerns, ideas or talents to share please let us know! We would like to continue the fundraising efforts that we started last year with the Old-Time Photos and the hamburger stand that we had in the park during BL-Days. The funds that we raise are used to support the ECFE program – so if you have any fundraising ideas let us know! We hope you can join us for a few classes and support the fundraising efforts of the BLHS ECFE program!

2014-2015 Buffalo Lake – Hector – Stewart

ECFE Advisory Council Members

Jenny Boehme Angie Buboltz Gina Henderson
Christine Rath Dayna Schmalz Jody Weispfennig Janel Zanoth

What YOU do Helps YOUR Child Get Ready to Read!

"The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children on your lap. This is especially important during the PRESCHOOL years."

- Our own local Hector library offers several books for reading to 0-5 year olds.
- Ask about the "learning kits"
- 1 Thursday morning a month for they have story time IN the library.

2014 Dates/Times

The Third Thursday – 11:30-Noon
October 16
November 20
December 18

"Museum Day Live!" at the MN Zoo!

Saturday September 27th

FREE child admission with any paid adult from 9am-6pm. "Museum Day Live!" will showcase fall babies and is an annual event hosted by *Simthsonian* magazine to encourage museum visitation nationwide. As a sister state agency to the Department of Education, the Minnesota Zoo is ideally equipped to engage Minnesota families with young children through age-appropriate unique learning experiences and recreation featuring amazing animals from around the world.

Early Childhood Screening

Do you have a child between the ages of 3-5 years old? Early Childhood Screening checks your child's hearing, vision and development. The state of Minnesota now recommends that all children be screened before their 4th birthday. This screening is required before your child starts kindergarten in a public school.

2014-2015 Screening Dates:

Thursday October 23rd 3pm-5pm
Friday January 16th Noon-2pm
Tuesday March 24th 3pm-5pm

To register for an appointment please call Jody Weispfennig, 833-5311 ext. 204 or email

jweispfennig@blh.k12.mn.us

For more information.

ECFE is celebrating 40 years!!!



Help us celebrate with FREE cake during half-time at the Mustangs football game on Wednesday October 15th (same night as the Mustang Time class)

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Registration Information

Registration- Open to residents of BLHS and families outside of the district.

*To enroll, select class(es). Complete this form, one per child. You can write one check for all of your ECFE classes. Make checks payable to BLHS ECFE. Mail or drop off your completed forms with payment.

*Our ECFE classes are intended to build parent/child relationships, child must attend with one or both parent(s), guardian, or grandparent.

Refund Policy-No refunds will be made if you are unable to attend the class.

Scholarships-ECFE has scholarship dollars available to eligible families. No family shall be denied access because of inability to pay. For scholarship information, contact us at 320-833-5311 ext.204.

Weather-All ECFE activities are automatically cancelled when the BLHS Schools are closed due to inclement weather. Sessions will be made up when possible. School closing info will be announced on:

WCCO (830 AM) Twin Cities	KDUZ (1260 AM) Hutchinson	KQIC (102.5 FM) Willmar
KAPR (106.9 FM) Willmar	KNUJ (860 AM) New Ulm	BRAT (107.3 FM) Olivia
KNSG (94.7 FM) Springfield	K100 (100.5FM) Olivia/Willmar	KWLM (1340 AM) Willmar
KTSP TV Channel 5	WCCO TV Channel 4	KARE 11 TV Channel 11

Immunizations- Proof of up-to-date immunizations or notarized conscientious objector form is required.

BLHS ECFE Class Registration- Fall/Winter 2014- ONE FORM PER CHILD

Address: 211 3rd St NW, Buffalo Lake, MN 55314

Phone: (320) 833-5311 ext. 204

Child's Name: _____ Child's Gender: M or F

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Course #	Course Title	Fee
		\$5.00
		\$5.00
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I need sibling care for _____ child(ren): Age(s) _____ for Class # _____

[] I DO NOT want photos taken of myself or my student for the use of ECFE marketing.

Office Use: Payment Info _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Scholarship _____

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BABY STEPS – (Newborn – Age 2)

Your baby's brain is developing very rapidly during this first couple of years of life; especially stimulated by sight, sound, touch, language and eye contact. The experiences provided by parents during the first three years can help determine a child's ability to learn. Bring your baby and learn about his/her emotional, physical and intellectual development through observations, discussions and activities through observations, discussions and activities focused on the interests of the group.



The coupon you received from ECFE when you baby was born may be used for full payment of your infant class

Class # 100BS Monday October 20th 6-7:30pm

Kick-Off Vehicle Fair

---ALL AGES---

Come to the Buffalo Lake City Park and discover all the vehicles close up that you see on the roads and in the fields! Fire Trucks, Snowplow, Semi Truck, Sheriff Squad, Ambulance, Tractors and a Train! Renville County Public Health will also be on hand with car seat safety info.



You can also register for upcoming classes that night.

Class #120 VKO Tuesday September 30th 6-7:30

--please note this class is at the Buffalo Lake City Park--

Toddlers – “On The Move” (12-36 months)

Come and explore with your child in our NEW sensory room! Enjoy rolling balls, tossing bean bags, pushing toys, climbing, sliding and running....Oh My! Parents and Children will gather for short Group time to use the parachute, Read books, sing songs and Have a snack. A parent educator Will facilitate discussions which Almost always include safety, physical development and tantrums as well as parent requests.



Class #110 OTM Thursday October 2nd 6-7:30pm

Fall Hay Ride & Potluck – All Ages



This class is for children who enjoy an old fashioned hay ride. Enjoy eating/playing in the ECFE room

with other children & parents. Bring a dish to pass for pot-luck and enjoy a ride around town. Parents MUST accompany child on the ride.

Class #130 FHR Tuesday October 7th 6-7:30 pm

Fall Party & Games

-All Ages-Come in Costume-



When the air is cool and the leaves are falling you know the seasons are changing. Come join us for a fun filled night of Plinko, Pumpkin Bowling, Painting, Monster Punch and Hide & “Ghost” Seek!

Class #150 FP Friday October 31st 6-7:30pm



Mustang Night!

-All Ages-



Touch, see and hear the Mustang Mascot, get tattoos, beads, make “Go Mustangs!” signs and pom poms, learn the school song and then support your mustangs on the football fields in Hector!

Class#140 MN Wednesday October 15th 5-6:30

Game Time 7pm in Hector

(free birthday cake during ½ time – ECFE is 40!!)

Fall
Into
Fun
at the School
Carnival!



School Carnival

Friday November 7th
Sponsored by the Rustlers

0-5 years in the ECFE room

This event is FREE!!!

5:30-7 pm

Stop by the Preschool Room for some games and activities geared towards the “younger” crowd! Pizza, jump house, games & activities provided by the Rustlers in the rest of the school. Something for everyone! Don't miss it!

Census for School District #2159

Are you new to Buffalo Lake, Hector or Stewart?

Do you have a child 0-5 years?

Please call 833-5311 ext. 204 and talk to Jody!

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Discovering your Child's Learning Style

3-5 years – parents & children will separate
Drawing from the book The Way They Learn we will look at the 3 main ways that children and adults learn. This class offers useful tips on “how-to” motivate strong-willed children based on their learning style. Our goal is to help Moms & Dads accept and affirm kids whose learning styles differ from their own.

Class# 160 LS Monday November 3rd 6-7:30

Exploring Birth Order Characteristics

This class is for parents with more than one child. Learn “how-to” tips to attend to ALL of your children & discuss with other parents & the parent educator how your children are “wired” thru nature and nurture.



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Class# 170 BO Thursday November 13th 6-7:30

Incredible Grandparents - All Ages



This class will celebrate Grandmas & Grandpas! We are thankful for these special people in

Our children's lives. Your child & grandparent (or special friend) will be reading books, singing songs, making crafts, building blocks & enjoying one another!

Class #180G Tuesday Nov 18 6-7:30pm

Make & Take Gifts

-All Ages-

This class offers presents for you & your child to make together and then share with relatives or friends. Each child can make as many gifts as time allows!

Class#190 MT
Thursday Nov 4 6-7:30pm



Christmas Cookies

Imagine sugar cookie roll outs, candy cane twists and Peanut Butter Kisses all decorated

by you and your child! Whether it's your first time or it becomes a family tradition, don't miss this opportunity to create some edible masterpieces for the season.

Bring a container to take your cookies home in!

This class is for 3-5 year old children

Class #200CC Tuesday Dec 9 6-7:30pm



Dad & Me Night 2-5 years

“Just My Dad & Me” based on the Mecer Mayer book. This class will focus on activities to do with Dad/Son OR Dad/Daughter.

Class#210DM

Thursday December 18 6-7:30

Childcare Provider Opportunities!!

If you are a childcare provider and would like “ECFE on Wheels” to visit your home, please call Jody at 833-5311 ext. 204 or email jweispfennig@blh.k12.mn.us. Take advantage of this opportunity to get connected with resources and children's activities brought right to your door! OR call to schedule a field trip to the ECFE room where your children will experience learning activities in our early childhood classrooms. Information for childcare providers and parents will be provided. There is no cost for home visits or field trips.

Parent – Child Center & Early Childhood Programs

- Offer time for parents and children to engage in fun learning activities together.
- Provide information and support all parents.
- Allow parents to share joys and concerns of parenting.
- Give children time to interact with peers.
- Enrich family life.