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WELCOME

Opening Doors provides opportunities to access and explore life's journey. Come travel with us as we open the doors to social, emotional and educational experiences. Be your own guide and enjoythepleasures of the journey. Opening Doors is a program for Adults with Disabilities (ages 16+). This program offers classes/activities in the school districts of Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, Big Lake, Becker, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted and Monticello. Specialized activities offer educational, social, life skills and recreation learning opportunities for adults with a disability.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Halloween Dance

It's that time of the year to search for your Halloween costume and get ready to move and groove with spooky friends at the annual Halloween Dance and Monster Mash. Music provided by Roger from the scene. Festive tricks, treats and fun included.

Course / Fee: F305B / \$9

Date / Time: Sunday, October 26 / 4-6pm Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Gym



Halloween Extravaganza

There might be scary ghosts and goblins at this event, for sure games and prizes. Sub style sandwiches and halloween treats too. Don't miss out on this Halloween Extravaganza. Registration deadline is October 14, we want to have enough treats for everyone!

Course / Fee: F304BL / \$9

Date / Time: Thursday, October 23 / 6-7pm

Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School,

Cafeteria, enter Door A





SPECIAL EVENTS



The Wright County Historical Society welcomes you to enjoy their winter wonderland. There are more than fifty individually themed trees to add to your holiday enjoyment. Please note people with seizure disorder, some of the displays will use strobe lights. The Wright County Heritage Center is located at 2001 Hwy 25 North Buffalo, meet staff at 5:45pm for our 6pm tour, a snack will be provided.

Course: F306B Fee: \$3

Date: Thursday, December 4

Time: 5:45-7:00pm

Location: Wright County Heritage Center Room

Holiday Concerts

The sound of the season surrounds us, join us at your favorite location to hear the holiday music. Our chaperone will gather all of us at the box office prior to the concert at 6:45 so we can sit together for an evening of uplifting music and camaraderie.

Course / Fee: F315HL / \$3

Date / Time: Thursday, December 11 / 6:45-9pm
Location: Howard Lake High School, Laker Theater,

8700 County Road 6 SW, Howard Lake, MN

Course / Fee: F315B / \$9

Date: Monday, December 15 / 4:15-6pm

Location: Buffalo High School Performing Arts Theater,

enter Door #6 from North Parking lot

Course / Fee: F315BL / \$9

Date: Monday, December 15 / 6:45-9pm **Location:** Big Lake High School Auditorium,

enter at Door A





A Seasonal tradition, the Opening Doors dinner and dance held at the Discovery Center School Gym. This is a **FREE** event. Please call between November 1st-30th at the BHM Community Education office with names, updated address & phone numbersalongwithanydietaryrestrictions. You will need to check in at the door and have all your names attending on our roster. We look forward to a night with friends, family and caregivers.

Course: F307B

Date:

Fee: Free – Call 763-682-8770

Monday through Firday between 8am-4pm to reserve your spot.

Sunday, December 21

Time: 3:00-5:00pm

Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Gym







Skillet Mushroom & Ground Beef Delight

Get ready to sizzle! In this easy and tasty cooking class, we'll use a skillet to combine ground beef, mushrooms, and simple seasonings into a warm and hearty dish. You will learn how to safely brown meat, stir in mushrooms, and enjoy the rich smells and flavors of a homemade meal. Everyone will get to taste their own creation and take home the recipe to share with friends and family.

Course / Fee: F322BE / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, September 9 / 6-7pm **Location:** Becker High School, PAES-Lab-305

Course / Fee: F322M / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, September 16 / 6-7pm

Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Sweet & Savory Snack Bites

Come join us for a tasty treat that's easy to make and fun to eat! In this class, we'll use soft, delicious King's Hawaiian rolls and mini cocktail sausages to make a simple snack that's perfect for fall football parties or anytime. No cooking experience needed—just bring your appetite!

Course / Fee: F316B / \$9

Date / Time: Thursday, September 11 / 6-7pm **Location:** Buffalo, Discovery Center-Room M3

Course / Fee: F316HL / \$9

Date / Time: Monday, September 22 / 6-7pm

Location: Howard Lake Middle School-Room E106

Course / Fee: F316BE / \$9

Date / Time: Monday, September 22 / 6-7pm **Location:** Becker High School, PAES-Lab-305

Falling Leaf Bugs

The colors of fall are out there and we will transform real autumn leaves into whimsical "leaf bugs"—simple, colorful insects made from natural materials. All materials provided. Come turn falling leaves into crawling masterpieces!

Course / Fee: F308BL / \$9

Date / Time: Thursday, September 18 / 6-7pm

Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School,

Cafeteria, enter Door A



Proud Poodle

Join us for a light-hearted and hands-on craft class where we turn everyday vegetables into adorable poodle dog sculptures! Using a cauliflower for the fluffy head and a potato for the body. We'll add fun features like googly eyes, pipe cleaners, and pom-poms to bring these playful pups to life. We will have the veggies, you just bring your imagination!

Course / Fee: F309BL / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, September 23 / 6-7pm

Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School,

Cafeteria, enter Door A

Course / Fee: F309M / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, September 23 / 6-7pm

Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall



Oatmeal Pie Scarecrow

Get ready for a fun and tasty fall-themed activity! We'll transform a delicious oatmeal cookie pie into a friendly scarecrow. Everyone will go home with their own unique (and yummy!) scarecrow treat. No baking skills needed—just bring your sweet tooth!

Course / Fee: F310BL / \$9

Date / Time: Monday, September 29 / 6-7pm

Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary, Art Room, enter Door A

Course / Fee: F310HL / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, September 30 / 6-7pm

Location: Howard Lake Middle School-Room E106



Puzzle Piece Fall Tree

Celebrate the beauty of autumn with a creative twist! In this fun and easy class, participants will design their own fall tree using recycled puzzle pieces and cardboard. We'll paint, glue, and arrange colorful "leaves" to build a beautiful tree full of fall colors. Everyone will leave with a unique seasonal decoration to proudly display!

Course / Fee: F317BE / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, October 7 / 6-7pm

Location: Becker High School, PAES Lab-305A

Course / Fee: F317HL / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, October 7 / 6-7pm

Location: Howard Lake Middle School-Room E106



Peanut Butter & Jelly Spider Treats

Creepy, crawly, and totally delicious! In this fun and hands-on class, we'll create silly spider treats using peanut butter, jelly, crackers, and pretzel legs. Each "spider" is a tasty combination of sweet and salty that's easy to make and even more fun to eat! Come join us for a not-so-spooky snack that will have everyone smiling!

Course / Fee: F323B / \$9

Date / Time: Thursday, October 2 / 6-7pm

Location: Buffalo, Discovery Center-Room M3

Course / Fee: F323M / \$9

Date / Time: Thursday, October 9 / 6-7pm

Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall



Canning Lid Pumpkins

Get ready to welcome fall with a crafty pumpkin project. In this creative class we will turn simple canning lids into charming pumpkins using orange paint with a touch of floral décor. Participants will take home a handmade pumpkin to celebrate the season.

F318BE / \$9 Course / Fee:

Date / Time: Monday, October 13 / 6-7pm Location: Becker High School, PAES-Lab-305

F318HL / \$9 Course / Fee:

Date / Time: Monday, October 20 / 6-7pm

Location: Howard Lake Middle School-Room E106



Toilet Paper Pumpkins

A pumpkin made from toilet paper? Leave it to Opening Doors to come up with this creative project. We will use a variety of autumn colored fabric pieces to form a decorative pumpkin and after we finish, we will eat a fall treat.

Course / Fee: F311BL / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, October 14 / 6-7pm

Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary, Art Room, enter Door A

Course / Fee: F311B / \$9

Date / Time: Monday, November 17 / 6-7pm Location: Buffalo, Discovery Center-Room M3

Course / Fee: F324M / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, October 21 / 6-7pm

Location: Monticello High School, West lecture hall



Pasta Pumpkin Faces

Get ready for some gourd-geous fun! We will use pasta noodles, orange paint, and pipe cleaners to make silly, spooky, and smiling pumpkin faces. No carving required—just creativity, color, and a whole lot of fun!

F324M / \$9 Course / Fee:

Date / Time: Tuesday, October 21 / 6-7pm

Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall



No Bake Pumpkin Pie

Our easy to make, no bake pumpkin pie is always a winner. Enjoy an evening with your friends as we prepare this delicious treat for the holidays. Everyone gets a whole pie to take home, plus a sample to eat in class.

Course / Fee: F319HL / \$9

Date / Time: Monday, November 3 / 6-7pm

Location: Howard Lake Middle School-Room E106

Course / Fee: F319B / \$9

Date / Time: Wednesday, November 5 / 6-7pm Buffalo, Discovery Center-Room M3 Location:



Nutter Butter Acorn Cookies & Turkey Treats

Roll up your sleeves, it's time to prepare for the Thanksgiving season. We have a combination of treats to bring to your Thanksgiving tables. Both of these festive treats are fun and easy to make. *Allergy alert – Please note: peanut butter is an ingredient.

Course / Fee: F312BL / \$9

Date / Time: Thursday, November 6 / 6-7pm

Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary, Art Room, enter Door A



Acorn Donut Hole Delights

Let's create a sweet and festive fall treat! In this fun and easy class, we'll turn donut holes into adorable little acorns using chocolate, sprinkles, and pretzel sticks. This Thanksgiving-themed activity is perfect for celebrating the season. Everyone will enjoy assembling (and tasting!) these cute, bite-sized treats.

Course / Fee: F325M / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, November 11 / 6-7pm

Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall



Turkey Doughnut Treats

Gobble up some fun! In this hands-on class, we'll turn mini doughnuts and colorful Froot Loops into adorable turkey-themed treats. Perfect for the fall season, participants will use simple steps to decorate their own "turkey" using cereal for feathers and candy eyes for a playful twist. This activity is sweet, creative, and fun. No baking required—just smiles and snacks.

Course / Fee: F320HL / \$9

Date / Time: Thursday, November 13 / 6-7pm

Location: Howard Lake Middle School-Room E106

Course / Fee: F320BE / \$9

Date / Time: Thursday, November 13 / 6-7pm Location: Becker High School, PAES Lab-305



M&M Turkey Table Topper

Gobble gobble! Get ready to sweeten up your Thanksgiving table with a fun and festive craft! In this class, we'll turn a clear plastic ornament into a colorful turkey by filling it with M&Ms and adding feathers, eyes, and a beak. This cheerful turkey makes a great centerpiece or gift to share. Join us for an easy, hands-on activity full of creativity, color, and, of course, candy! No experience needed—just bring your imagination and a sweet tooth!

F326M / \$9 Course / Fee:

Date / Time: Tuesday, November 25 / 6-7pm

Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall



Edible Christmas Tree

Get into the holiday spirit with a hands-on, tasty activity! In this cheerful class, we'll use cookie cutters and soft pizza dough to shape our very own edible Christmas trees. Once our trees are baked to golden perfection, we'll decorate them with colorful sauces, cheese, and fun toppings—just like ornaments! No cooking experience needed—just bring your creativity and holiday cheer!

Course / Fee: F321BE / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, December 2 / 6-7pm

Location: Becker High School,

PAES Lab-305

Course / Fee: F321HL / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, December 2 / 6-7pm **Location:** Howard Lake Middle School,

Room E106



Elf Shoe Cookie Craft

Get ready to step into the holiday spirit! We'll turn a roll of Oreo cookies into a festive treat, all while designing a playful elf shoe out of colorful construction paper. We will use simple shapes, glue to craft a cheerful paper shoe, then tuck the cookie roll inside like a surprise gift from Santa's workshop!

Course / Fee: F327M / \$9

Date / Time: Tuesday, December 9 / 6-7pm

Location: Monticello High School,

West Lecture Hall



Christmas Trees

Get into the holiday spirit with this cheerful craft! We'll turn a simple clothespin into an adorable Christmas tree ornament using pom-poms, pipe cleaners, and a dash of creativity. These colorful trees are easy to make and perfect for decorating or gifting.

Course / Fee: F314B / \$9

Date / Time: Monday, December 8 / 6-7pm Location: Buffalo, Discovery Center-Room M3

Course / Fee: F314BL / \$9

Tuesday, December 16 / 6-7pm Date / Time:

Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary, Art Room, enter Door A



Santa Face Rice Krispie Treats

Celebrate the season by turning Rice Krispie squares into cheerful Santa faces! With frosting, marshmallows, and candy, this fun and simple holiday activity is perfect for you. Enjoy a creative time and a sweet treat to take home!

Course / Fee: F328M / \$9

Date / Time: Monday, December 22 / 6-7pm

Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall



Rudolph Donut Hole Treats

Get ready to spread some holiday cheer with a sweet and simple treat! In this fun class, we'll use donut holes to create our very own Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. With mini pretzels for antlers, candy pieces for the eyes and nose, and a big dash of creativity, each participant will decorate their own Rudolph snack to take home or enjoy right away. This festive activity is perfect for adults with disabilities and offers a great mix of hands-on fun, holiday spirit, and tasty rewards!

Course / Fee: F329BE / \$9

Thursday, December 18 / 6-7pm Date / Time: Location: Becker High School, PAES Lab-305

Fall B-I-N-G-O

Calling all Bingo players, mark these nights on your social calendar for fun games of Bingo with fabulous **prizes** and a slice of **pizza**.

Big Lake Independence Elementary School, Cafeteria, enter Door A

Course / Fee: F300BL / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, September 12 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F301BL / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, October 10 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F302BL / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, November 14 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F303BL / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, December 12 / 6-7:30pm

Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Course / Fee: F300HL / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, September 19 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F301HL / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, October 24 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F302HL / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, November 21 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F303HL / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, December 19 / 6-7:30pm

Bowling Pizza Party

Join us at **McPete's** for pizza and 1 round of bowling with your friends.

McPete's Bowling Center, Big Lake

Course / Fee: F330A / \$29

Date / Time: Friday, October 3 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F330B / \$29

Date / Time: Friday, November 7 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F330C / \$29

Date / Time: Friday, December 5 / 6-7:30pm

Buffalo, Discovery Center, Boardroom

Course / Fee: F300HL / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, September 25 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F301HL / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, October 14 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F302HL / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, November 24 / 6-7:30pm

Location: DO Conference Room

Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Course / Fee: F300M / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, September 26 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F301M / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, October 30 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F302M / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, November 21 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F303M / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, December 19 / 6-7:30pm

Becker High School, PAES Lab-305

Course / Fee: F300BE / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, October 3 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F301BE / \$10

Date / Time: Friday, November 7 / 6-7:30pm

Course / Fee: F302BE / \$10

Date / Time: Monday, December 22 / 6-7:30pm

Four Square Fun

Get ready to bounce, block, and laugh in this energetic throwback game! Foursquare is a ball game played with four squares and plenty of friendly competition. Perfect for adults of all abilities, this activity encourages movement and good-natured fun. Come for the game—stay for the smiles!

Course / Fee: F313BL / \$29

Date / Time: Tuesday, November 18 / 6-7pm

Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School,

Cafeteria, enter Door A

Course / Fee: F313BE / \$29

Date / Time: Tuesday, November 18 / 6-7pm

Location: Becker High School, Main Commons Area,

enter Door #3

REGISTRATION FORM



Register online at bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com or mail this completed form to: Community Education, 301 2nd Avenue NE, Buffalo, MN 55313

Name:			
Group Home:			
Caregiver & Caregiver Phone:			
Address:			
Home Phone:			
Special or Medical Needs / Wheelchair or Walker Use:			
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September 2025

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Skillet Mushroom & Ground Beef Becker High School	10	11 Sweet & Savory Snack Bites Buffalo Discovery Center	12 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Big Lake Independence Elementary	13
14	15	16 Skillet Mushroom & Ground Beef Monticello High School	17	18 Falling Leaf Bugs Big Lake Independence Elementary	19 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Howard Lake Middle School	20
21	22 Sweet & Savory Snack Bites Howard Lake Middle School or Becker High School	Proud Poodle Big Lake Independence Elementary or Monticello High School	24	25 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Buffalo Discovery Center	26 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Monticello High School	27
28	29 Oatmeal Pie Scarecrow Big Lake Independence Elementary	30 Oatmeal Pie Scarecrow Howard Lake Middle School				

October 2025

All Events are scheduled from 6-7pm unless otherwise noted.

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1	2 PB&J Spider Treats Buffalo, Discovery Center	3 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Becker High School Bowling & Pizza 6-7:30pm McPete's in Big Lake	4
5	6	7 Puzzle Piece Fall Tree Howard Lake Middle School or Becker High School	8	9 PB&J Spider Treats Monticello High School	10 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Big Lake Independence Elementary	11
12	13 Canning Lid Pumpkins Becker High School	14 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Buffalo Discovery Center TP Pumpkins Big Lake Independence Elementary	15	16	17	18
19	20 Canning Lid Pumpkins Howard Lake Middle School	21 Pasta Pumpkin Faces Monticello High School	22	23 Halloween Extravaganza Big Lake Independence Elementary	24 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Howard Lake Middle School	25
26 Halloween Dance 4-6pm Buffalo Discovery Center	27	28	29	30 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Monticello High School	31	

November 2025

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
2	3 No wBake Pumpkin Pie Howard Lake Middle School	4	5 No Bake Pumpkin Pie	6 Acorn Cookies & Turkey Treats	7 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Becker High School	1
			Buffalo, Discovery Center	Big Lake Independence Elementary	Bowling & Pizza 6-7:30pm McPete's in Big Lake	8
9	10	11 Acorn Donut Holes Monticello High School	12	13 Turkey Donut Treats Howard Lake Middle School or Becker High School	14 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Big Lake Independence Elementary	15
16	17 TP Pumpkins Buffalo, Discovery Center	18 Four Square Fun Big Lake Independence Elementary or Becker High School	19	20	21 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Howard Lake Middle School or Monticello High School	22
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30		Monticello High School				

December 2025

All Events are scheduled from 6-7pm unless otherwise noted.

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1	2 Edible Christmas Tree Howard Lake Middle School or Becker High School	3	4 Festival of Trees 5:45-7pm Wright County Heritage Center Room	5 Bowling & Pizza 6-7:30pm McPete's in Big Lake	6
7	8 Christmas Trees Buffalo, Discovery Center	9 Elf Shoe Cookie Monticello High School	10	11 Holiday Concert 6:45-9pm Howard Lake High School, Laker Theater	12 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Big Lake Independence Elementary	13
14	Holiday Concert 4:15pm Buffalo High School, Performing Arts Theater Holiday Concert 6:45pm Big Lake High School, Auditorium	16 Christmas Trees Big Lake Independence Elementary	17	18 Rudolph Donut Holes Becker High School	19 Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Howard Lake Middle School or Monticello High School	20
21 Holiday Dinner & Dance 3-5pm Buffalo, Discovery Center	Bingo & Pizza 6-7:30pm Becker High School Santa Face Rice Krispie Treats Monticello High School	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			