



Opening Doors

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WINTER/SPRING
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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 enjoy the pleasures 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.

— EXCITING EVENTS —

St. Patty's Day after Party

Do not let the Irish fun end; join us as we continue to celebrate. Come in your favorite green outfit and enjoy some Irish music & a jig or two. Brats with sauerkraut will also be served. We will have prizes for the best green fashionable, green snacks and many Irish jokes that will make this event one that will turn you green with gladness! This event is made possible with a generous donation from the Knights of Columbus and St Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Course: W301B
Date/Times: Saturday, March 20 / 3:00-5:30 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$5
Location: St Francis Xavier Catholic School, Fellowship Hall, (½ mile West of Functional Industries in Buffalo



2021 Annual Spring Talent Show

We missed you last year so this year do not miss a night to remember when all our finest stars take the stage to dazzle you with song, dance, and comedy. Invite everyone you know. The performance will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 pm with a reception after the show. We do need you to register this year to watch the performance. Advanced Tickets will be \$2 person or \$5 per family/group home.

Course: W303B
Performer registration needed, limited to 20 acts (limit 1 act per person)
Date/Times: Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30 pm for rehearsal
Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 pm for the performance
Cost: 2 sessions / \$5
Location: Buffalo, Discovery Auditorium

Please contact the Opening Door office at 763-682-8770 to register your act by April 5 so we can include you in the program flyer.

Course: W303T
Advanced Ticket (required this year)
Tickets will be \$2 person or \$5 per family/group home
Date/Times: Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 pm for the performance
Cost: 1 session / \$2 per person or \$5 per family/group home

Twins Baseball Trip - Via the North Star Light Rail

Enjoy a major league baseball game at the beautiful Target Field. Ride the train directly from Big Lake to Target Field and enjoy the game against the Kansas City Royals. No parking, no fuss, just watch a great outdoor game. Our seats are under the awning near home plate! Two chaperones will meet you at the train station platform; look for the Opening Doors sign. The chaperons will have the train and game tickets. Each ticket will be loaded with a \$10 voucher for the purchase of food at the vendor stations or souvenir shop.

- Meet at the Big Lake NorthStar Light Rail station at 10 am
- Train leaves at 10:20 am, Game time is 1:10 pm
- Return train leaves Target Field at 4:00 pm-sharp
- Train arrives back in Big Lake at 5:00 pm
- Registration deadline is April 10

Course: W2021BL
Date/Times: Saturday, May 1 / 10 am-5:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$55 for each client or staff

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday - May 1st



Spring Fling Dinner and Dance

Celebrate spring, get moving and dance to the latest tunes. Live DJ will be spinning the latest tunes, sub-style sandwiches, treats and beverages included.

Spring Fling Dinner and Dance supported with a generous donation from the Big Lake Spud Fest Committee

Course: W305BL
Date/Times: Friday, May 14 / 6:00-8:30 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$7
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary Cafeteria

Cherry Pie Making

It wouldn't be February if we didn't get a chance to make a cherry pie. This delicious treat will bring color to your cheeks!

Course: W336HL
Date/Times: Tuesday, February 16 / 6:00-7:30 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Course: W336BE
Date/Times: Thursday, February 18 / 6-7:30 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Becker High School, Door #11, Room 305

Popsicle Stick Snowflakes

This stunning snowflakes is made from a number of popsicles, the possibilities are endless with no two snowflakes looking the same. Join us for this unique creation!

Course: W316BE
Date/Times: Thursday, February 4 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Becker High School, Door #11, Room 305

Course: W316M
Date/Times: Monday, February 8 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Course: W316HL
Date/Times: Wednesday, February 10 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

The Annual Transition Trek, Pride Transitions, Phoenix Learning Center - Buffalo

Transition Trek 2021 has been canceled due to Covid-19, but watch for more information to come in the future!

Valentine Treat Bags

Bring your creativity for some unique treat bag creations. We will assemble these treat bags and fill them with a wide assortment of Valentine goodies. We also will put your mind to work with a Valentine word search. This activity will have something for everyone!

Course: W306B
Date/Times: Tuesday, February 9 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Room 204

Course: W306BL
Date/Times: Thursday, February 11 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary Community Room



Windsocks

Spring is just around the corner, Mother nature will soon be blowing the spring winds our way, so why not greet those breeze days ahead with a fun flying windsock? This colorful creation will add to the arrival of spring.

Course: W317M
Date/Times: Thursday, February 18 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Course: W317HL
Date/Times: Wednesday, February 24 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Course: W317BE
Date/Times: Thursday, February 25 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Becker High School, Door #11, Room 305

Pinecone Snowman

This little fellow is adorable. Using a pinecone, paint and a bead this little snowman will come to life right before your eyes.

Course: W307BL
Date/Times: Monday, February 22 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary Art Room

Course: W307B
Date/Times: Tuesday, February 23 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Room 204

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration

Who hasn't heard of "The Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs & Ham"? Come help us celebrate the famous Dr Seuss' Birthday. We will enjoy a few of his classic storybooks including a memorable birthday treat. Come help us celebrate!

Course: W319B
Date/Times: Tuesday, March 2 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
 Buffalo Discovery Center, Boardroom

Course: W319HL
Date/Times: Tuesday, March 2 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

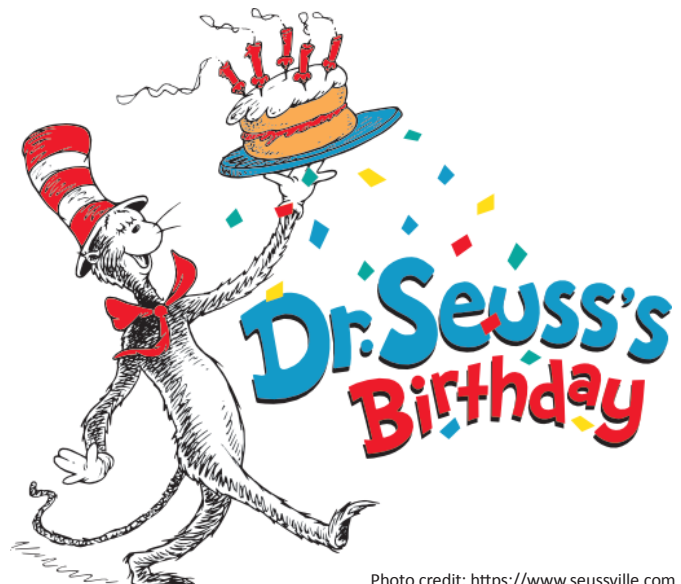


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Pajama Bingo

Bring your pajamas! Come dressed in your best nightwear for a round of Bingo. There will be an extra door prize for the most festive nightwear. Of course we will have usual Bingo prizes too! We won't have pizza available until our pandemic is over so make sure you eat dinner before our event.

Course: W308B
Date/Times: Friday, February 26 / 6:00-7:30 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Boardroom

Course: W308BL
Date/Times: Thursday, March 4 / 6:00-7:30 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary Community Room

Course: W308BE
Date/Times: Friday, March 26 / 6:00-7:30 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Becker High School, Door #11, Room 305

Online Banana Bread Baking-FREE!

Join Sheila for this banana bread making demonstration. You will be able to watch the recipe come together on this online live demonstration. The recipe and ingredients will be shared with you before class so you will have it to share with family and friends.

Course: W327
Date/Times: Monday, March 8 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / Free
Location: Online demo, don't forget to include your email address when you register so we can send you the invite.

Honoring Harriet Tubman

March 10 is Harriet Tubman Day. Join us for a historical discussion about the life of Harriet Tubman. We have a treat to enjoy along with a quick story of the life of one of America's heroes.

Course: W320B
Date/Times: Wednesday, March 10 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Boardroom



Homemade Hand Lotion

Winter can dry out our skin causing unwanted skin cracks and flaking. We have a remedy for that in this class. Come join us to make a homemade hand lotion that will soften your skin with the fresh scent of baby lotion.

Course: W309B
Date/Times: Tuesday, March 16 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Boardroom

Course: W309BL
Date/Times: Thursday, March 18 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary Art Room

Kaleidoscopes on Canvas

On an artist's canvas we will design a masterpiece using a multitude of colorful shapes that will create a work of art that is visually pleasing! No two projects will look the same.

Course: W325HL
Date/Times: Wednesday, March 22 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Course: W325BL
Date/Times: Thursday, March 23 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary Art Room

Sock Bunny

Here's a no sew sock bunny for you to make, no sewing skills necessary, just the desire to make a cute festive bunny to add to your spring decor!

- Course:** W321BE
Date/Times: Monday, March 29 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Becker High School, Door #11, Room 305
- Course:** W321M
Date/Times: Tuesday, March 30 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall
- Course:** W321HL
Date/Times: Wednesday, March 31 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Nesting Station

Here's a DIY (do it yourself) project for you! Why not have a hand in helping our feathered friends build a nest once they return to Minnesota this spring. Putting together a supply station for them will help keep them chirping with joy all season long. You will take home all the necessary supplies including a crafty cage to hang outdoors full of nesting materials.

- Course:** W310BL
Date/Times: Thursday, April 29 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$7
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary, Art room
- Course:** W310B
Date/Times: Friday, April 30 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$7
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Board room

National Twinkie Day-April 6

This popular snack cake has been around since 1930, it was first celebrated in 2013. Now you have the opportunity to celebrate the day with us. We will have a yummy craft to honor the day!

- Course:** W333BE
Date/Times: Tuesday, April 6 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Becker High School, Door #11, Room 305
- Course:** W333HL
Date/Times: Tuesday, April 6 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Beautiful Butterflies

Butterflies and spring go hand in hand, so give us your hand and we will build a beautiful butterfly that you can enjoy all season long.

- Course:** W327M
Date/Times: Wednesday, April 7 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall
- Course:** W327HL
Date/Times: Thursday, April 8 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106
- Course:** W327BE
Date/Times: Monday, April 19 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Becker High School, Door #11, Room 305

Trees in Bloom

Time to put on that painting shirt, we will paint an easy to do blooming tree using a pop bottle, yes that's right- painting with a pop bottle, no brush needed. Come see this amazing work of art!

Course: W311BL
Date/Times: Monday, April 12 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$7
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary, Art room

Course: W311B
Date/Times: Tuesday, April 13 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$7
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, room 204

Butterfly Crayon Creation

Color your spring with this unique Butterfly crayon that we will make ourselves by using a combination of melted color crayons. There should be time in class to start a drawing too!

Course: W322BE
Date/Times: Thursday, March 11 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Becker High School, Door #11, Room 305

Course: W322M
Date/Times: Wednesday, March 24 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Course: W322HL
Date/Times: Thursday, March 25 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Welcome Sign

Using a recycled wooden board we will add the word "welcome" using painted stones. No need to bring any supplies, we have everything needed. You will leave class with a rustic "Welcome" sign to greet your guests.

Course: W328M
Date/Times: Tuesday, April 13 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Course: W328BE
Date/Times: Tuesday, April 20 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Becker High School, Door #11, Room 305

Bunny Bingo

The season to celebrate the coming of spring is upon us. Come join us for Bingo and wear your best pair of ears. Don't worry if you don't have a pair of bunny ears, you can make some here. This event will be loaded with springtime prizes. We won't have pizza available until our pandemic is over so make sure you eat dinner before our event.

Course: W312M
Date/Times: Friday, March 19 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Course: W312BL
Date/Times: Thursday, April 1 / 6:00-7:30 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$7
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary, Cafeteria

Course: W312B
Date/Times: Thursday, April 1 / 6:00-7:30 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$7
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Boardroom

Earth Day Walk

Join us for a walk in the park to celebrate Earth Day. We will take time to enjoy the gift of nature. An earthy snack provided too.

Course: W335B
Date/Times: Thursday, April 22 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$3
Location: Buffalo Sturges Park, near Buffalo Lake, meet at the lower picnic shelter

Course: W335M
Date/Times: Thursday, April 22 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$3
Location: Monticello Pioneer Park, near Monticello High School, meet at the picnic shelter

National Blueberry Pie Day

We have the perfect excuse to indulge your sweet carvings! Join us in making a blueberry Pie in honor of the day.

Course: W334BE
Date/Times: Wednesday, April 28 / 6:00-7:30 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Becker High School, Door #11, Room 305

Course: W334HL
Date/Times: Wednesday, April 28 / 6:00-7:30 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106



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May Bingo Bash

Bring yourself, maybe a date and for certain your luck! Fun prizes served with a side of pizza and other special treats will add to the excitement of the evening. Mark your calendar for a night of BINGO!



Course: W329BE
Date/Times: Friday, May 7 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Becker High School, Door #11, Room 305

Course: W329M
Date/Times: Friday, May 21 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Neck Cooler

We have something to help you beat the heat. Come make a neck cooler that you will want to use throughout the entire summer. We fill these neck coolers with cooling crystals; you will be able to choose from a variety of fabric samples to make your own one of a kind neck cooler. Be cool and sign up for this class!

Course: W313B
Date/Times: Monday, May 3 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$9
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Boardroom

Course: W313BL
Date/Times: Thursday, May 6 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$9
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary, Art Room

Flower for Mom

Plant some real flowers with us and give them to your Mom or to that special gal in your life. Who doesn't appreciate the gift of flowers!

- Course:** W331M
Date/Times: Tuesday, May 4 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall
- Course:** W331HL
Date/Times: Wednesday, May 5 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$7
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106
- Course:** W331B
Date/Times: Thursday, May 6 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$7
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Room 204



Spa in a Jar

Treat yourself to a little Me time. We have everything you need to pamper yourself-You deserve it!

- Course:** W330HL
Date/Times: Tuesday, May 11 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$11
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106
- Course:** W330B
Date/Times: Wednesday, May 12 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$11
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, 204
- Course:** W330M
Date/Times: Thursday, May 13 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$11
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

A Game to Go

Come make a Ring Toss game with your Opening Doors friends. We will do the quick and easy assembly right in class and have time for a few games after we complete the project.

- Course:** W314BL
Date/Times: Monday, May 17 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$7
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary, Cafeteria
- Course:** W314B
Date/Times: Wednesday, May 19 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$7
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Cafeteria

Lovely Lacy Planter

Give your plants an elegant home with this lovely designed planter. Choose a variety of color options, plants not included.

- Course:** W332BE
Date/Times: Thursday, May 20 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$11
Location: Becker High School, Door #11, Room 305
- Course:** W332HL
Date/Times: Tuesday, May 25 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$11
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106
- Course:** W332M
Date/Times: Thursday, May 27 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 Session / \$11
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

UNO and Orange Floats

Bottoms Up and Cards Down! This will be an evening playing UNO along with enjoying orange floats... that should add a little extra color into your spring.

- Course:** W315BL
Date/Times: Wednesday, May 26 / 6:00-7:00 pm
Cost: 1 session / \$7
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary, Cafeteria

Bowling Pizza Party

Join us at McPete's in Big Lake for pizza and a round of bowling with your friends.

Mark your calendars for the first Monday of the month!

Course: W323A
Date/Times: Monday, April 5 / 6:00-7:30pm
Cost: 1 session / \$16 Bowling & Pizza
Location: Big Lake - McPete's Bowling

Course: W323B
Date/Times: Monday, May 3 / 6:00-7:30pm
Cost: 1 session / \$16 Bowling & Pizza
Location: Big Lake - McPete's Bowling

Course: W323C
Date/Times: Monday, June 7 / 6:00-7:30pm
Cost: 1 session / \$16 Bowling & Pizza
Location: Big Lake - McPete's Bowling

League Bowling

Time to knock some pins down and get some exercise all while having fun with your bowling friends. Bowl some strikes at Huikko's Bowling Center. Remember the more you bowl the better bowler you will become, take advantage of both sessions this fall!

Course: W324A
Date/Times: Saturdays, February 6, 13, 20 & 27
2:00-4:00 pm
Cost: 4 Sessions / \$50
Location: Buffalo - Huikko's Bowling Center

Course: W324B
Date/Times: Saturdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27
2:00-4:00 pm
Cost: 4 Sessions / \$50
Location: Buffalo - Huikko's Bowling Center

Course: W324CS
Date/Times: Saturdays, April 10, 17, 24, and
May 1 / 2:00-4:00 pm
Cost: 4 Sessions / \$50
Location: Buffalo - Huikko's Bowling Center





— REGISTRATION FORM —

MAIL TO: Opening Doors, 301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo, MN 55313 or register online at: **bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com**

Name: _____

Group Home: _____

Caregiver & Caregiver Phone: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Special or Medical Needs: _____

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We hope you and your family are doing well and adjusting to a world with Covid-19. We feel the pressure of adjusting to constant change too. Please know that Opening Doors will keep your health and safety our number one priority. We will share updates with you as soon as we know what is needed. We look forward to a future full of opportunity and exploration.