

Opening Doors

ADULTS WITH
DISABILITIES

FALL
2026

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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.

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.

Date | Time: Friday, October 30 | 4-6 pm
Course | Fee: F309B | 1 Session \$9
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Gym



SPECIAL EVENTS



Festival of Trees

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 5:45 pm for our 6 pm tour, a snack will be provided.

Date | Time: Thursday, December 3 | 5:45-7 pm
Course | Fee: F321B | 1 Session \$3
Location: Wright County Heritage Center Room

Holiday Dinner & Dance

Sunday, December 20th

A seasonal tradition, the Opening Doors dinner and dance held at the Discovery Center School Gym. This is a free event but please call between November 1st through November 30th at the BHM Community Education office with names, updated address and phone numbers along with any dietary restrictions. 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. Call the office at 763-682-8770 Monday – Friday between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm to make your free reservations.

Date | Time: Sunday, December 20 | 3-5 pm
Course | Fee: F314B | Free | Call the office to make a reservation 763-682-8770
Location: Buffalo Discovery Center, Gym

Holiday Concerts

Tuesday, December 8th & Monday, December 21st

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 so we can sit together for an evening of uplifting music and camaraderie.

Date | Time: Tuesday, December 8 | 6:45-9pm
Course | Fee: F324HL | 1 Session \$3
Location: Howard Lake High School, Laker Theater
8700 County Road 6 SW, Howard Lake, MN

Date | Time: Monday, December 21 | 4:15-6pm
Course | Fee: F324B | 1 Session \$3
Location: Buffalo High School Performing Arts Theater
enter Door #6 from North Parking lot

ACTIVITIES

Fall BINGO and Pizza

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

Howard Lake Middle School

Date | Time: Thursday, September 10 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F300HL | \$10 | Room E106
Date | Time: Monday, October 5 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F301HL | \$10 | Room E106
Date | Time: Thursday, November 12 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F302HL | \$10 | Room E106
Date | Time: Thursday, December 10 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F303HL | \$10 | Room E106

Becker High School

Date | Time: Thursday, September 10 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F300BE | \$10 | PAES Lab-305
Date | Time: Thursday, October 8 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F301BE | \$10 | PAES Lab-305
Date | Time: Thursday, November 12 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F302BE | \$10 | PAES Lab-305
Date | Time: Thursday, December 10 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F303BE | \$10 | PAES Lab-305

Big Lake Independence Elementary

Date | Time: Friday, September 11 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F300BL | \$10 | Community Room
Date | Time: Friday, October 9 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F301BL | \$10 | Community Room
Date | Time: Friday, November 13 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F302BL | \$10 | Community Room
Date | Time: Friday, December 11 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F303BL | \$10 | Community Room

Bowling Pizza Party

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

McPete's Bowling Center, Big Lake

Date | Time: Friday, October 2 | 6-7:30pm
Course | Fee: F315A | \$29 per person for bowling & pizza
Date | Time: Friday, November 6 | 6-7:30pm
Course | Fee: F315B | \$29 per person for bowling & pizza
Date | Time: Friday, December 4 | 6-7:30pm
Course | Fee: F315C | \$29 per person for bowling & pizza



Buffalo Discovery Center

Date | Time: Thursday, September 17 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F300B | \$10 | Boardroom
Date | Time: Thursday, October 15 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F301B | \$10 | Boardroom
Date | Time: Thursday, November 19 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F302B | \$10 | Boardroom
Date | Time: Thursday, December 17 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F303B | \$10 | Boardroom

Monticello High School

Date | Time: Friday, September 18 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F300M | \$10 | West Lecture Hall
Date | Time: Friday, October 23 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F301M | \$10 | West Lecture Hall
Date | Time: Friday, November 20 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F302M | \$10 | FAC's Room #120
Date | Time: Friday, December 18 | 6-7:30 pm
Course | Fee: F303M | \$10 | FAC's Room #120



No Sew Sock Worms

Get ready for a wiggly good time! In this fun and creative class, we will make our very own colorful sock worm using socks, stuffing, and simple crafting materials. Everyone will take home a soft and cheerful sock worm to enjoy or share with family and friends!

Date | Time: Monday, September 14 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F304HL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Date | Time: Tuesday, September 15 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F304BL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School Art Room, enter Door A



Snackable Power Cup

Build a tasty snack all in one cup! In this hands-on class, we will create our own Snackable Power Cup by layering fresh fruit, protein-packed foods, and crunchy carbohydrates. Along the way, we'll learn about making balanced snack choices while having fun mixing flavors and textures. Everyone will enjoy a delicious, colorful treat that's both nutritious and satisfying!

Date | Time: Tuesday, September 22 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F305HL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Date | Time: Wednesday, September 23 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F305BL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School Art Room, enter Door A

Edible Fruit Cup Fun

Join us for a sweet and creative snack-making adventure! Using a cake cone and a cookie to build an edible fruit cup, then fill it with a colorful mix of fresh fruit. This hands-on class encourages creativity, fine motor skills, and healthy food choices while making a delicious treat. Best of all, every part of this fun fruit cup is edible and ready to taste!

Date | Time: Monday, September 21 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F316M | 1 Session \$9
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Date | Time: Thursday, September 24 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F316B | 1 Session \$9
Location: Buffalo PRIDE Transitions, 800 8th St NE





Chocolate Peanut Butter Rice Krispy Cups

Get ready for a crunchy, chocolatey treat! In this fun class, participants will help create delicious Chocolate Rice Krispy Cups by combining crispy cereal and rich chocolate into bite-sized desserts. We'll practice measuring, mixing, and assembling while enjoying the sweet smells of the kitchen. Everyone will take home a tasty treat that's perfect for sharing.

**Allergy Alert-Please note we will be using peanut butter.*

Date | Time: Wednesday, September 30 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F317B | 1 Session \$9
Location: Buffalo PRIDE Transitions, 800 8th St NE

Date | Time: Wednesday, September 30 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F317BE | 1 Session \$9
Location: Becker High School, PAES Lab 305

3D Caterpillar Art

Crawl into creativity with this colorful fall time art project! Let's transform recycled egg carton pieces into a cheerful 3D caterpillar and mount it on a canvas background. Using paint, glue, and decorative materials, everyone can give their caterpillar a unique personality. This fun hands-on class results in a bright, textured work of art that's ready to display.

Date | Time: Tuesday, September 29 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F306BL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School Art Room, enter Door A

Date | Time: Thursday, October 1 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F306HL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106



Apple Fries

Come and enjoy Crispy Air Fryer Apple Fries this autumn as a healthy, crave worthy dessert. This treat will make you think again about potato fries.

Date | Time: Tuesday, October 13 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F307BL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School Art Room, enter Door A

Date | Time: Tuesday, October 13 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F307HL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106



National Taco Day

It's Taco time-National Taco Day 2026 is on Tuesday, October 6th. The holiday is celebrated on the first Tuesday of October. For this tasty event we will build our own delicious tacos using a variety of ingredients and toppings. We'll practice food preparation skills and enjoy a fun meal together. Whether you like your tacos simple or loaded with toppings, there's something for everyone to enjoy on National Taco Day!

Date | Time: Tuesday, October 6 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F318B | 1 Session \$9
Location: Buffalo PRIDE Transitions, 800 8th St NE

Date | Time: Tuesday, October 6 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F318M | 1 Session \$9
Location: Monticello High School, FAC's Room #120



Mango Pineapple Salsa

Bring a taste of the tropics to your day! In this fun cooking class, we will help create a fresh and flavorful mango pineapple salsa using colorful fruits and simple ingredients. This bright and refreshing snack is perfect for sharing and enjoying with chips or on its own!

Date | Time: Wednesday, October 21 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F308BL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School Art Room, enter Door A

Beefy Brunch Hash

Here's a delicious cooking idea for you, come to class and make a hearty Beefy Brunch Hash! We will combine savory ingredients to create a warm and satisfying meal that's perfect for breakfast or lunch. Along the way, we'll practice kitchen skills, teamwork, and safe food preparation while enjoying the wonderful smells and flavors of this comforting dish.

Date | Time: Monday, October 12 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F322M | 1 Session \$9
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Date | Time: Monday, October 19 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F322B | 1 Session \$9
Location: Becker High School, PAES Lab-305





Breakfast Burrito Bonanza

Here's an idea for a morning meal with a tasty twist! In this hands-on cooking class, you will create your very own delicious breakfast burritos filled with savory ingredients and wrapped in a warm tortilla. This fun and flavorful class is a great way to build confidence in the kitchen while learning a new breakfast recipe!

Date | Time: Monday, October 26 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F325B | 1 Session \$9
Location: Becker High School, PAES Lab-305

Creamy Pumpkin Dip Delight

Celebrate the flavors of the season with a sweet and creamy pumpkin dip! Participants will help mix simple ingredients to create a delicious dip that's perfect for apple slices and graham crackers. This fun, no-fuss cooking class encourages team work and following directions. Join us and enjoy a tasty fall-inspired treat with friends.

Date | Time: Wednesday, November 4 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F310BL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School Art Room, enter Door A

Date | Time: Thursday, November 5 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F310HL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106



Savory Pancakes

Put a tasty twist on a breakfast classic! In this hands-on cooking class, we will make savory pancakes packed with flavorful ingredients for a delicious meal or snack. We'll practice measuring, mixing, and cooking while creating a unique pancake recipe that's both fun and satisfying. Join us for a creative culinary adventure and enjoy every savory bite!

Date | Time: Tuesday, November 17 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F311BL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School Art Room, enter Door A

Date | Time: Tuesday, November 17 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F311HL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106





Gobble, Gobble Turkey Treats

Celebrate the Thanksgiving season by creating a festive edible turkey using crisp apple, juicy grapes, and tasty cheese cubes! We will enjoy arranging colorful, healthy ingredients into a fun turkey design. Once the turkeys are complete, everyone will gather to enjoy their delicious creation while celebrating friendship, gratitude, and the flavors of fall.

Date | Time: Tuesday, November 10 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F319B | 1 Session \$9
Location: Buffalo PRIDE Transitions, 800 8th St NE

Turkey Table Topper

Celebrate the season of gratitude with a fun and festive Thanksgiving craft! We will create adorable turkey table toppers using colorful M&Ms and fuzzy pipe cleaners, making a cheerful decoration that's perfect for the holiday table.

Date | Time: Wednesday, November 18 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F326B | 1 Session \$9
Location: Becker High School, PAES Lab-305



Turkey on a Stick with a Side of Turkey Toes

Get ready for a gobble-worthy Thanksgiving treat! We will create a colorful Turkey on a Stick using a lollipop and festive decorations, then make a fun side of Turkey Toes using candy corn. This activity will add a little more joy to your Thanksgiving season.

Date | Time: Monday, November 23 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F320B | 1 Session \$9
Location: Buffalo PRIDE Transitions, 800 8th St NE

Date | Time: Tuesday, November 24 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F320M | 1 Session \$9
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

CRAFTS, FOOD AND FUN



Popsicle Stick Snowman Fun

Get ready for a cozy winter craft adventure! Participants will create their very own snowman using popsicle sticks, paint, and fun decorations. After crafting, we'll warm up with a tasty cup of hot chocolate and enjoy a crunchy popcorn snack while sharing our creations.

Date | Time: Tuesday, December 1 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F312BL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School
Art Room, enter Door A

Date | Time: Tuesday, December 1 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F312HL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106



Santa's Sled

Get into the holiday spirit by creating a delicious edible Santa's Sled! We will use candy canes as sled runners and a wrapped candy bar as the sled, then decorate it with festive treats to make a cheerful Christmas creation.

Date | Time: Monday, December 7 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F323M | 1 Session \$9
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall



Christmas Cookie Baubles

Get into the holiday spirit with a fun and tasty decorating activity! We will use sugar cookies, frosting, and colorful M&M candies to create our own festive Christmas cookie bauble masterpiece. This hands-on class encourages creativity while making a sweet holiday treat to enjoy or share. Join us for holiday fun and plenty of Christmas cheer!

Date | Time: Wednesday, December 16 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F313BL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Big Lake Independence Elementary School
Art Room, enter Door A

Date | Time: Thursday, December 17 | 6-7pm
Course | Fee: F313HL | 1 Session \$9
Location: Howard Lake Middle School,
Room E106





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