



Opening Doors

ADULTS WITH
DISABILITIES

WINTER-SPRING
2025

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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 17+). 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



Disney's Newsies Jr

When the powerful newspaper publishers raise prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies to strike against the unfair conditions. The newsies learn that together they are stronger. BCT puts on another powerful performance with the help of local talented youth—don't miss this show!

Course / Fee: W302B / \$5-Caregiver registration needed
Date / Time: Thursday, February 6 / 7-9:30pm
Location: Buffalo Discovery Auditorium, Door# 2

The Annual Transition Trek

The purpose of this event is to provide individuals with disabilities, their families and the advocates an opportunity to connect with transition based support resources. This seminar is open to anyone in the public who is interested, including those living outside the Buffalo Hanover Montrose School District. We are here for you to explore, ask questions & prepare.

Course / Fee: FREE - Open to the public
Date / Time: Tuesday, April 22 / 5-8pm
Location: 301 2nd Avenue - Buffalo, MN
Discovery Center Gym

St Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance

Come in your favorite green outfit and enjoy Irish music and a jig or two. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. Prizes for the best green style, and many Irish jokes that will make this evening one that will turn you green with gladness!

Course / Fee: W301B / \$5-Caregiver registration needed
Date / Time: Friday, March 28 / 5:30-8pm
Location: St Francis Xavier Catholic School, Fellowship Hall (½ mile West of Functional Industries in Buffalo)



This event is made possible with a generous donation from the Knights of Columbus and St Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Spring Fling Dinner & Dance

Celebrate spring, get moving and dance to the latest tunes. DJ Roger will be onsite to provide a variety of great music and funny jokes. Sub style sandwiches, chips and treats will be served along with water. Come fling into spring with us!

Course / Fee: W303BL / \$5-Caregiver registration needed
Date / Time: Friday, April 25 / 6-8pm
Location: Big Lake-Independence Elem. Cafeteria



ACTIVITIES

BINGO & Pizza

Calling all Bingo players - get out your social calendar! Fun games of bingo with fabulous prizes and a slice of pizza.

- Course / Fee:** W304HL / \$10
Date / Time: Thursday, January 16 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School Room E106
- Course / Fee:** W304BL / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, January 17 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Big Lake Independence Elem. Art Room #257
- Course / Fee:** W304B / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, January 24 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Buffalo Discovery Boardroom
- Course / Fee:** W304BE / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, January 31 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Becker High School Paes lab-305
- Course / Fee:** W305M / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, February 7 / **6:10-7:40pm**
Location: Monticello High School West Lecture Hall
- Course / Fee:** W305HL / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, February 14 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School Room E106
- Course / Fee:** W305BL / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, February 21 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Big Lake Independence Elem. Art Room #257
- Course / Fee:** W306BE / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, March 7 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Becker High School, Paes lab-305
- Course / Fee:** W306B / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, March 14 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Buffalo Discovery Boardroom
- Course / Fee:** W306BL / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, March 21 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Big Lake Independence Elem. Art Room #257



- Course / Fee:** W307M / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, April 4 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Monticello High School Media Center
- Course / Fee:** W307HL / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, April 11 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School Room E106
- Course / Fee:** W308B / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, May 2 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Buffalo Discovery Boardroom
- Course / Fee:** W308BE / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, May 9 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Becker High School, Paes lab-305
- Course / Fee:** W308BL / \$10
Date / Time: Friday, May 16 / 6-7:30pm
Location: Big Lake Independence Elem. Art Room #257

Bowling At McPete's-Big Lake

Let's strike up some fun! Join your friends for a game of bowling and pizza. Bowling is a great activity to keep you fit all season long. **No Bowling on Fridays in February and March.**

- Course / Fee:** W325ABL / \$25 per person for bowling & pizza
Date / Time: Friday, April 11 / 6-7:30pm
Location: McPete's Bowling Center, Big Lake
- Course / Fee:** W325BBL / \$25 per person for bowling & pizza
Date / Time: Friday, May 2 / 6-7:30pm
Location: McPete's Bowling Center, Big Lake
- Course / Fee:** W325CBL / \$25 per person for bowling & pizza
Date / Time: Friday, June 6 / 6-7:30pm
Location: McPete's Bowling Center, Big Lake



CRAFTS, FOOD AND FUN

Snowman Making

A snowman you can make without getting cold. This indoor activity served with hot chocolate and a snack will warm up your creativity.

Course / Fee: W314M / \$9
Date: Wednesday, January 15
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Course / Fee: W314BE / \$9
Date: Wednesday, February 12
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Becker High School, Paes lab-305



Celebrate the King-A Tribute to Elvis

Come and enjoy some of the greatest Rock-n-Roll ever! We will honor Elvis Presley with fun facts about his life and enjoy one of his favorite foods: peanut butter, banana and bacon sandwiches

Course / Fee: W309HL / \$9
Date: Wednesday, January 22
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Course / Fee: W309BL / \$9
Date: Thursday, January 23
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Big Lake Independence Elem., Art Room #257



Chili Night

Put on your Chef's hat and roll up your sleeves for an evening of chili making. Chili is a great food to warm you up on any winter night. We will make a Big Pot so bring a container from home for the leftovers!

Course / Fee: W310BL / \$9
Date: Wednesday, January 29
Time: 6-7:30pm
Location: Big Lake High School, FAC's Room #112, Door A

Course / Fee: W310HL / \$9
Date: Tuesday, February 4
Time: 6-7:30pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106



Story & Snack: "The Grumpy Groundhog" by Maureen Wright

February 2nd is Groundhog's Day. Come celebrate with a heartwarming story and enjoy a grumpy groundhog snack.

Course / Fee: W313B / \$9
Date: Thursday, January 30
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Buffalo Discovery Room 202

Course / Fee: W313HL / \$9
Date: Thursday, January 30
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Course / Fee: 313BL / \$9
Date: Monday, February 3
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Big Lake Independence Elem. Art Room #257



Pajama Party

Wear your favorite Pjs, relax and enjoy popcorn and a movie. Bring a movie from home and decide as a group what to watch. Prize goes to the "Best Pjs" on site!



Course / Fee: W311BL / \$9
Date : Tuesday, February 11
Time: 6-7:30pm
Location: Big Lake Independence Elem., Art Room #257

Course / Fee: W311HL / \$9
Date: Tuesday, February 18
Time: 6-7:30pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Valentine Happy Hearts

Create a Valentine heart for that someone special in your life. This craft is packed with love!



Course / Fee: W318BE / \$9
Date: Wednesday, February 5
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Becker High School, Paes lab-305

Course / Fee: W318M / \$9
Date: Monday, February 10
Time: 6:10-7:10pm
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Course / Fee: W318B / \$9
Date: Thursday, February 13
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Buffalo Discovery Room 202

Cinnamon Extravaganza



Add flavor to your palate with these 2 recipes, hot buttered cheerios and pan fried bananas. These treats will have you coming back for more!

Course / Fee: W329M / \$9
Date: Wednesday, February 19
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall



Snowman on a Stick

Embrace winter with a snowman on a stick! A yummy treat that brings joy to the snowiest month of the year! An extra special snowman surprise will complete the activity, don't miss out!

Course / Fee: W317BE / \$9
Date: Wednesday, March 19
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Becker High School Paes lab-305

Course / Fee: W317M / \$9
Date: Thursday, March 20
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Monticello High School Media Center

Glove Bouquet

A creative bouquet with a glove will add beauty to a perfect gift. Keep this handy for the next time you want to send a friend or family member a special gift.

Course / Fee: W321BL / \$9
Date: Tuesday, March 4
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Big Lake Independence Elem. Art Room #257

Course / Fee: W321HL / \$9
Date: Wednesday, March 5
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106



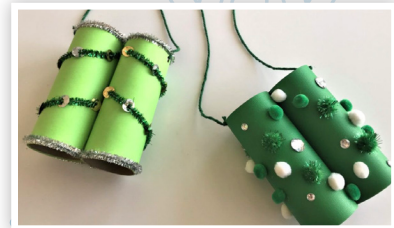
Leprechaun Lookers & Treat

Join us in making a pair of "Leprechaun Lookers" that will be the perfect accent to your St Patty's outfit. We also make a lucky treat to eat in class. Come "see" what we have planned!

Course / Fee: W320HL / \$9
Date: Monday, March 10
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Course / Fee: W320M / \$9
Date: Tuesday, March 11
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall

Course / Fee: W320BE / \$9
Date / Time: Wednesday, March 12 / 6-7pm
Location: Becker High School Paes lab-305



Story & Snack: "The Most Magnificent Thing" by Ashley Spires

We all have wonderful ideas, but sometimes the results don't always turn out as planned. We will share the story entitled "The Magnificent Thing", talk about creativity and overcoming obstacles and build a magnificent snack to enjoy in class!

Course / Fee: W312BL / \$9
Date: Tuesday, February 25
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Big Lake Independence Elem. Art Room #257

Course / Fee: W312B / \$9
Date: Wednesday, February 26
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Buffalo Discovery Room 202



CRAFTS, FOOD AND FUN



Do Dairy Right-Yogurt and Fruit Parfait

Meal planning can be easy with this tasty Yogurt and Fruit Parfait from 2 important food groups-dairy and fruit. We will create this recipe in class and send you home with another great recipe for your collection. We will also play a couple of UNO games if time permits.

Course: W322HL
Fee: \$9
Date: Tuesday, March 25
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School, Room E106

Course: W322B
Fee: \$9
Date: Wednesday, March 26
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Buffalo Discovery Room 202



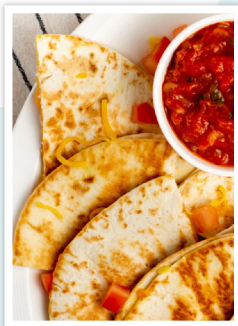
Easter Cookies

Colorful and Crispy, this cookie couldn't get any better. Shaped like an easter egg but the sweet and gooey flavor of a cookie, roll up your sleeves and treat yourself to this opportunity.

Course: W323HL
Fee: \$9
Date: Tuesday, April 15
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School Room E106

Course: W323B
Fee: \$9
Date: Wednesday, April 16
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Buffalo Discovery Room 202

Course: W323BE
Fee: \$9
Date: Thursday, April 17
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Becker High School Paes lab-305



Easy Cheese Quesadilla

It's time to start gearing up for Cinco de Mayo, we will make Easy Cheese Quesadillas. Come wearing something festive if you would like. We have some fun facts about the History of Cinco de Mayo. We promise not to get too spicy!

Course: W324BE
Fee: \$9
Date: Tuesday, April 22
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Becker High School Paes lab-305

Course: W324HL
Fee: \$9
Date: Wednesday, April 23
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School Room E106



Bunny Decor

This cute craft will make the perfect table topper for your Easter gatherings. We will have a special treat to go along with our craft. Get hoppin and sign up for this craft.

Course: W326M
Fee: \$9
Date: Tuesday, April 8
Time: 6:10-7:10pm
Location: Monticello High School West Lecture Hall

Course: W326B
Fee: \$9
Date: Wednesday, April 9
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Buffalo Discovery Room 202



Celebrate Cinco De Mayo - Taco Night

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with us. We will make some hot (or mild) tacos with the fixings, you can choose your heat! Some interesting facts about the history of this Mexican holiday will also be provided. Dress for the festivity if you would like!

Course: W316BL
Fee: \$9
Date: Tuesday, April 29
Time: 6-7:30pm
Location: Big Lake Indep. Elem. Art Room #257

Course: W316M
Fee: \$9
Date: Wednesday, April 30
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Monticello High School West Lecture Hall

Course: W316B
Fee: \$9
Date: Monday, May 5
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Buffalo Discovery Room 202

CRAFTS, FOOD AND FUN



Floral Arrangement

Spring time is the perfect time of the year to accent your home with flowers. Create a unique arrangement using a colorful flowers that can be enjoyed all spring and summer.

Course: W315HL
Fee: \$9
Date: Tuesday, May 6
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School Room E106

Course: W315M
Fee: \$9
Date: Tuesday, May 13
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Monticello High School West Lecture Hall Room 202

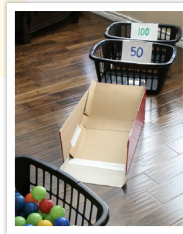
Course: W315BE
Fee: \$9
Date: Wednesday, May 14
Time: 6-7pm
Location: Becker High School Paes lab-305



Sea Creatures

Learn about the many different sea creatures that live in the ocean. We will make an Octopus snack and have time for some aquatic trivia.

Course / Fee: W327HL / \$9
Date / Time: Wednesday, May 21 / 6-7pm
Location: Howard Lake Middle School Room E106
Course / Fee: W327B / \$9
Date / Time: Thursday, May 22 / 6-7pm
Location: Buffalo Discovery Room 202



Ready Set Shoot

Put on your game hat and take aim. This fun activity has a variety of targets to shoot at. There will be prizes for our winners and a treat for everyone. Gear up for our READY SET & SHOOT.

Course / Fee: W328M / \$9
Date / Time: Tuesday, May 20 / 6-7pm
Location: Monticello High School, West Lecture Hall
Course / Fee: W328BL / \$9
Date / Time: Wednesday, May 28 / 6-7pm
Location: Big Lake Independence Elem., Art Room #257

REGISTRATION FORM

Register online at bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com or mail this completed form to: Community Education, 301 2nd Avenue NE, Buffalo, MN 55313 Remember if caregivers participate in classes or attend special events, registration and payment is needed.

Name: _____

Group Home: _____

Caregiver & Caregiver Phone: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

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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.