

ORTONVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

FALL/WINTER 2026

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COORDINATOR: TYRA KUECHENMEISTER

MEET OUR NEW TITLE TEACHER!

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Hello! I am Brittnei Cordingley, and I am the Title Lead Teacher at James Knoll Elementary in Ortonville. I live in Milbank with my husband Mike. We have four children- Mason, Parker, Bennett, and Adelyn. Outside of school, I enjoy attending my kids' activities, reading, being outdoors, and spending time with family and friends. This is my first year with the Ortonville School District. I have previously taught preschool, second grade, third grade, and fifth grade- a little bit of everything! These experiences have helped prepare me for this new role as Title teacher. I look forward to digging into the school's data to help guide educational decisions for each child. I am enjoying getting to know the staff and students of JKE!

ORTONVILLE HOMECOMING 2026 "THE GREATEST HOMECOMING"

Coronation is on Sunday, September 27 at 7 PM in the auditorium. Dress-up days include:

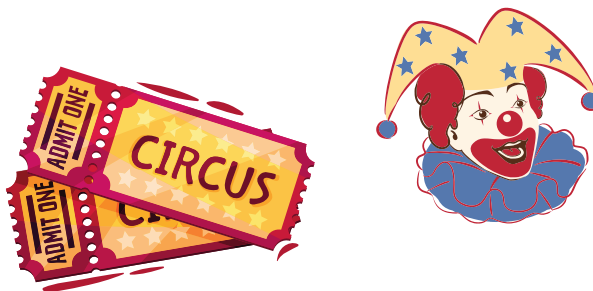
- Monday: Bring in the Clowns (mismatched clothes or clown attire, no masks)
- Tuesday: Wild Animal Kingdom (animal prints)
- Wednesday: Dynamic Duo (twin with a friend or dress as a famous duo)
- Thursday: Circus Lights (class colors by grade)
 - Seniors/6th: black
 - Juniors/5th: pink
 - Sophomores/4th: blue
 - Freshmen/3rd: purple
 - 8th/2nd: red
 - 7th/1st: green
 - Kindergarten: orange
 - Preschool: multicolored
- Friday: School Spirit (orange and black)

The Friday parade is at 1 PM, followed by a football game, a powder puff event at night, and a movie on the field for grades 7-12.



ORTONVILLE FALL PEP BAND SCHEDULE

- September 24th Volleyball vs. YME
 - September 25th Football vs. Hancock
 - October 1st Volleyball vs. RCW
 - October 2nd Football vs. NCE/UH
 - October 19th Volleyball vs. CMC
 - October 22nd Football vs. Hillcrest
- Community members are warmly invited to join the pep band at any of these events!



HOLLY'S WHISPERING ANGELS/OHS STUDENT COUNCIL CANCER WALK

The Ortonville Student Council is hosting a school-wide cancer walk on Thursday, October 1st, from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. This event will be held at the high school track, and we invite all community members to come out and participate!



FLAG FOOTBALL SUPER BOWL



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE FLAG FOOTBALL PLAYERS THAT WERE ABLE TO WALK IN THE CORNFEST PARADE

MOVIE IN THE AUDITORIUM

Join us at the school auditorium for a fun afternoon movie day.

- Date: Sunday, November 15th
- Time: 1:30 PM
- Cost: \$5.00 per person, which includes a popcorn & drink of choice

This event is open to all community members and is a fantastic way to enjoy a family afternoon together.

Please enter through door #7; the doors will open at 1:00 PM.



CERAMIC PAINTING WITH THE CLAY HOUSE

Join us for fun and engaging ceramic classes, where each session will be dedicated to crafting a holiday-themed ceramic piece, ideal for decoration or gifting.

Details:

- Who: 1st to 5th Grade students
- When:
 - October 5th: Registration & payment due by September 29th
 - November 9th: Registration & payment due by November 3rd
 - December 7th: Registration & payment due by December 1st
- Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
- Location: High School Commons Area
- Hosted By: The Clay House
- Fee: \$20.00 per participant, per class

All materials will be provided; kids only need to bring their creativity!

MEA BREAK:
OCTOBER 15TH-
16TH



SEARCH FOR "ORTONVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATION" ON FACEBOOK AND "LIKE" US FOR CLASS REMINDERS & UPDATES. FROM YOUR COMPUTER, HOVER OVER THE LIKED BUTTON. THEN SELECT "GET NOTIFICATIONS" IN THE DROP BOX SO YOU SEE ALL OUR UPDATES

WALKING/JOGGING CLUB

Join us for some Indoor Exercise in the Chilly Minnesota Season!

In an effort to keep you active during the cold Minnesota months, we are offering open hallways for walking or jogging at your own pace. Stop by between 5:15 am-7:30 am and 4:00 pm-7:00 pm Monday to Friday. Best of all, it's FREE! Simply use Door #7 for entry, and remember that pre-registration is a must. Sign up at the High School office starting November 2nd or send Tyra an email. No badges are required; just make sure your name is on our sign-up sheet in the high school office. The Walking/Jogging club will be active until Friday, April 9th. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

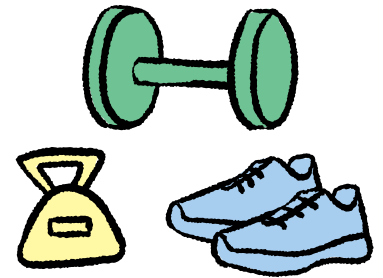
Email: tyra.biever@ortonville.k12.mn.us to get signed up today!



HIIT CARDIO FITNESS CLASS WITH TYRA

Instructor led work out classes combining strength and cardio training, alternating high intensity exercises with low intensity exercises. Classes are 60 minutes long, beginning with 5-10 minutes of stretches and a warm up workout, followed by 35-40 minute main workout, and ends with a 5-10 minute burnout. Every work out is different each day. These classes are effective for weight loss, improving energy, strength, and endurance. Exercises are primarily body weight, with incorporating equipment including boxes, kettle bells, jump ropes, dumbbells, bands, etc. All levels of fitness are welcome, instructor provides various options to modify or intensify exercises for each individual's fitness needs and goals. Classes are located at the Ortonville Trojan gym.

Minimum of 5 for a class, max of 20. Registration is done through the Spond app. Price per class is \$5.50. Payments can be made per class or a "punch card" of 10 classes for \$55. Cash, check, or Venmo is accepted. If you are interested or would like any additional information on class dates, times, and location, please reach out to Tyra Kuechenmeister at 605-880-4904 or by email tyra.biever@gmail.com



ORTONVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Ortonville Community Education aims to enhance the lives of adults and youth by fostering learning and participation. It encourages collaboration among local citizens, schools, and agencies to address educational and community issues. By linking community needs with resources, it empowers members to improve their own lives and raise the overall quality of life in the community.



DISTRICT CALENDAR & SPORTING EVENT PRICES

Check out the district calendar to stay updated on all upcoming events throughout the school year.

Here are the new admission prices set for the 2026-2027 school year athletics:

Admission Fee:

Adult: \$10.00

Senior: \$5.00

Students (up to 12th grade): FREE

All students aged 6th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Activity Passes and Punches:

Punch Cards:

\$75 for 10 punches (Adults)

\$20 for 10 punches (Seniors)

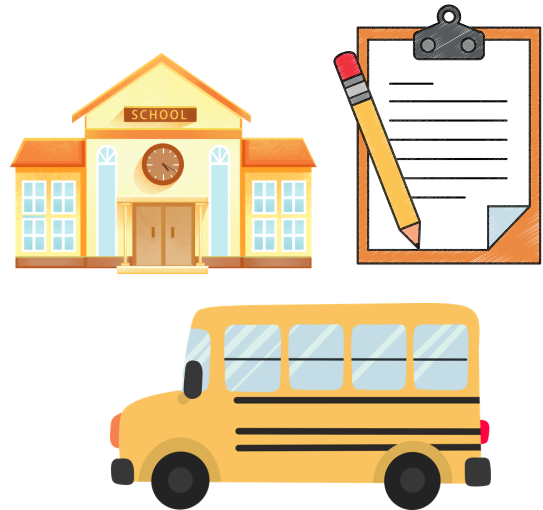
Season Passes:

Adult: \$150

Senior: \$50

Couple: \$200

Family: \$300



ORTONVILLE SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERTS SCHEDULE FOR FALL/WINTER

- November 11th Veterans Day Program during the school day
- December 8th 7th-12th Band & Choir Concert 7:00 PM
- December 10th Kindergarten-6th Classroom Music & 5th/6th Band

ORTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

26-27

FIRST QUARTER - 42 Days							SECOND QUARTER - 41 Days							THIRD QUARTER - 45 Days							FOURTH QUARTER - 43 Days						
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Aug 16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Jan 17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Mar 28	29	30	31	1	2	3
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

August 23rd-New Teacher/Staff In-Service
Aug 24-26 In-service/Open House
Aug 27 - First Day of School
Aug 28 - Picture Day at School
Sept. 4th- No School
Sept 7th - No School (Labor Day)
Sept 23rd - Early Out (1:30 Dismissal)
Oct 14th - MRVED In-service (No School)
Oct 15-16 - MEA (No School)
Oct 21st - Early Out (1:30 Dismissal)
Oct 30th - Last Day of Quarter 1

Nov 2nd - Teacher Workday (No School)
Nov 3rd - Q2 Begins
Nov 12th - K-12 Conferences - Evening
Nov 13th - K-12 Conf. - No School for Students
Nov 25th - Early Out (1:30 Dismissal)
Nov 26-27th - Thanksgiving (No School)
Dec 23rd - Winter Break Begins
Jan 4th - Staff In-Service
Jan 14th - Last Day of Q2
Jan 15th - Teacher Workday

Jan 18th - MRVED - MELT
Jan 19th - Q3 Begins
Feb 3rd - Early Out (1:30 Dismissal)
Feb 12th - No School
Feb 15th - President's Day (No School)
Mar 10th - Early Out (1:30 Dismissal)
March 24th - Last Day of Q3
March 25th - MRVED Teacher In-Service
March 26th - No School

March 29th No School - Easter Monday
March 30th - Teacher Workday
March 31st - Q4 Starts
April 21st - Early Dismissal
May 28th - Last Student Day 12:00 Dismissal
May 29th - Graduation 6:00PM
May 31st - Memorial Day
June 1st - Faculty Workshop

171.00 - Student School Days
1.00 - Evening/Open House and Conferences
10.00 - In-Service/Workdays
182.00 - Total School Days

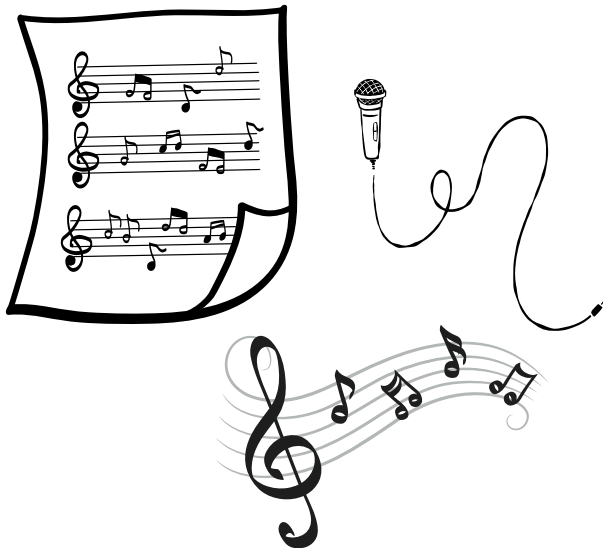
MAKE UP DAYS
5 Evening days
March 30th if all other days have been exhausted
All other days added to the end of the school year

Picture Day - August 28th
Early Out for Staff Development
Workshop-in-service Days (No School for Students)
Vacation Days (No School)
First/Last Day of School
Conferences and Open House - No School Nov 13th

Ortonville Board of Education reserves the right to provide late starts/early dismissals for appropriate teacher in-service.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Mark your calendars! The early childhood screening for Ortonville Public Schools is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Children aged 3 to 5 years are eligible for screening. If your child has not been screened previously, please reach out to the Ortonville School to schedule an appointment. State law mandates that all school districts conduct an early childhood developmental screening for every child prior to or within 30 days of entering kindergarten. For scheduling, please contact Ortonville Public Schools at 320-839-6181 ext. 302.



PERSONALIZED CPR/FIRST AID CLASSES

Are you looking for personalized CPR and First Aid classes with certified instructors that will work around your days/times that YOU are available? Reach out to Erica Plath at erica.plath@ortonville.k12.mn.us to set up your individualized and/or group classes TODAY!



JKE 4TH ANNUAL COLOR RUN & WALK

Get ready! The 4th annual Color Walk and Run at James Knoll Elementary is on September 30th. Kids from Kindergarten to 6th grade, with their parents' permission, will enjoy colors and fun. It starts on Trojan Drive at 2:00 PM. Everyone in the community is invited to cheer them on. Come join the colorful fun during our Homecoming celebration!

SWWC CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

For all students in grades K-8
Parents register their students and themselves.

Young Artist's Event Date: October 29, 2026
You do not need to be an SWWC member to participate.

Young Artists Fees:

\$40 per student

\$10 per adult

Registration Deadline: Closes at midnight on September 23, 2026

If this is something your child would like to participate in, you are responsible for getting them there.

Email: tyra.biever@ortonville.k12.mn.us for registration information and questions.



SOUTHWEST WEST CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE

SWWC

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**THANKSGIVING
BREAK NOVEMBER
26TH & 27TH**



OPEN GYM

Ortonville Open Gym Schedule for 2026:

- Open on Sundays ONLY, starting November 8th -Feb. 21st 2027
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: for kids aged 2 to 4th grade (parents must be present)
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: available for youth, adults, and senior citizens
- Entry through door #7
- Admission is FREE.

If you or someone you know is interested in supervising these times and getting paid for it reach out to tyra.biever@ortonville.k12.mn.us

ORTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling (12+).

October:

10/3: Intro to Geocaching & Scavenger Hunt (1:00-2:00 PM) – Registration opens 9/21.

10/6: After-School Science Lab (3:45-5:30 PM) – Registration opens 9/21.

10/8: After-School Crafting: Clay Day (3:45-6:00 PM) – Drop-in, no registration.

10/15: Cider Picnic/Movie in the Park (1:00-6:00 PM) – Free event, no registration.

10/30: Treat Street in Ortonville – Lawn games, popcorn, and free Cornucopia Cone.

November:

11/10: Owl Pellets & Microscope Biology (3:45-5:30 PM) – Registration opens 10/26.

11/17: Grapevine Wreath Workshop (3:30-6:30 PM) – Registration opens 11/2.

11/19: Embossed Metal Designs (5:30-7:00 PM) – Registration opens 10/28.

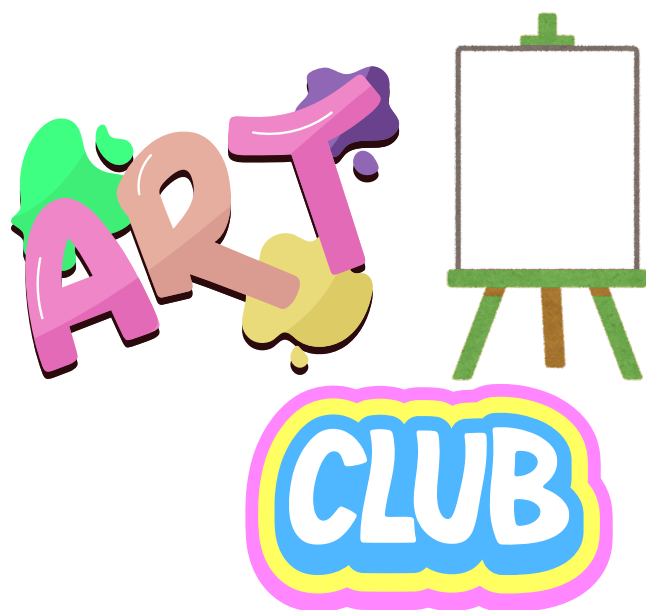
December:

12/1: Needle Felt Ornaments (ages 8+) – Registration opens 11/16.

12/8: Gingerbread Houses & Cookies (3:45-5:30 PM) – Registration opens 11/23.

12/21 & 12/22: Christmas Centerpieces (5:30 PM) – Registration opens 12/7.





ORTONVILLE ECFE

Ortonville ECFE: Early Childhood Family Education

This year's theme is all about pets! Join us on October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. We're trying something new by offering these classes during the day from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. These sessions are designed for children aged birth to 3 years old, and siblings in this age group are welcome to join as well. To register, please call Jackilyn Moldenhauer (elementary office) at 320-839-6181 ext 302.



5TH & 6TH ART CLUB

What: Plan to watercolor, paint, guided drawings, crafts, and clay. Please bring an art shirt or apron.

Who: Students currently in 5th-6th grade

Where: Mrs. Kuechenmeister's classroom

When: Thursday's from 3:30-4:30

October 8th

October 22nd

October 29th

November 5th

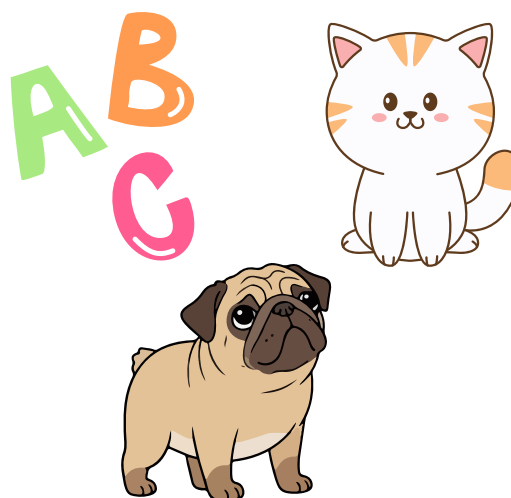
November 19th

December 3rd

December 10th

Cost: \$30.00

Contact: tyra.biever@ortonville.k12.mn.us with any questions or to get signed up.



FALL CRAFTS WITH SHEILA

Kids: (3rd grade and up) October 20th

3:30-4:30 pm Fall/Halloween Sign and Decoupage Pumpkin \$20

Adults: October 22nd 6:30-7:30 pm Fall Grapevine Chicken Wire Wreath with Wooden Flowers \$25

Both classes take place in the Ortonville High School commons area.

Kids (3rd grade and up) November 17th

3:30-4:30 pm Fall Tissue Paper Ornaments \$10. Class takes place in the high school commons area.

Adults: November 19th at 6:30 pm Porch Pots at Country Road Creations (71582 410th Street Ortonville) \$50

Email tyra.biever@ortonville.k12.mn.us to get signed up for any/all classes listed above.

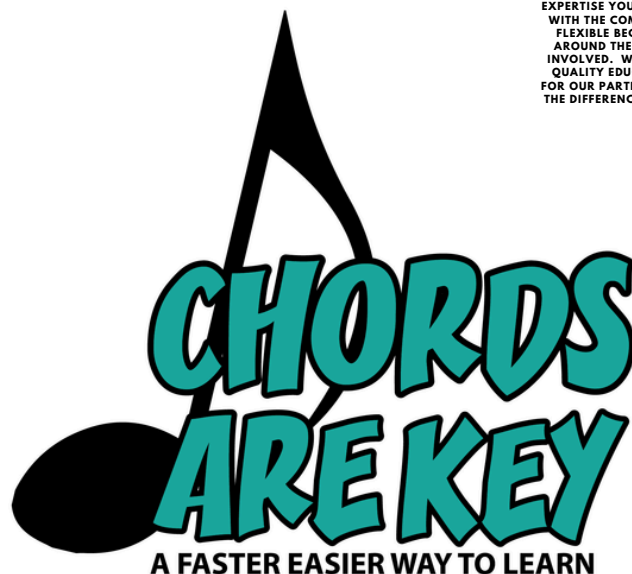
INSTANT PIANO ,GUITAR, & UKULELE CLASSES

Here are the upcoming music classes:

- 10/3/2026: Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People (9:00 AM - Noon)
- 10/3/2026: Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People (1:00 PM - 3:30 PM)
- 10/1/2026: NEW! Instant Ukulele for Hopelessly Busy People (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM)
- November 21: Piano by Ear (9:00 AM - 11:30 AM)

Classes cost \$69, including materials, a recorded version, and access to monthly Q&A sessions. There is a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 25 students per class, suitable for ages 13 and up. Register by emailing tyra.biever@ortonville.k12.mn.us to receive a link.

WANT TO TEACH A COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASS OR HAVE A NEW PROGRAM IDEA?
NEW PROGRAM IDEAS & INSTRUCTORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN ORTONVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATION. PLEASE EMAIL
TYRA.BIEVER@ORTONVILLE.K12.MN.US
YOUR SPECIAL SKILL , TALENT, HOBBIES, CAREER EXPERIENCES, OR EXPERTISE YOU ARE WILLING TO SHARE WITH THE COMMUNITY. CLASSES ARE FLEXIBLE BECAUSE THEY ARE BUILT AROUND THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. WE STRIVE TO PROVIDE A QUALITY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS. PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE & WE WELCOME YOUR IDEAS!



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For all students in grades 3rd-8th
Parents register their students and themselves.

Young Writer's Event Date: January 5th, 2027
You do not need to be an SWWC member to participate.

Young Artists Fees:

\$40 per student

\$10 per adult

Registration Deadline: Closes at midnight on November 25th, 2026

If this is something your child would like to participate in, you are responsible for getting them there.

Email: tyra.biever@ortonville.k12.mn.us for registration information and questions.

WINTER CRAFTS WITH SHEILA

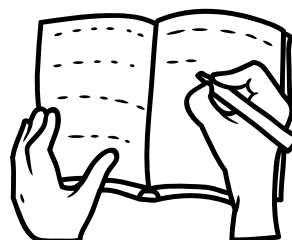
**Kids: (3rd grade and up) December
1st 3:30-4:30 pm**

3 Wooden Round Ornaments \$10

Adults December 3rd 6:30 pm

Winter/Christmas Book Vase \$25

Both classes take place in the
Ortonville High School commons area.
Email tyra.biever@ortonville.k12.mn.us
to get signed up for these classes
listed above.



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**THANK YOU FOR
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Ortonville High School 2026 Homecoming Parade Entry Form

The Homecoming parade is scheduled for October 2, 2026 at 1 pm. This year our theme is "The Greatest Homecoming". Decorate your floats or cars with Trojan Pride. Please turn in your entry form by September 30 to Mrs. Gustafson via email at kelly.gustafson@ortonville.k12.mn.us or to the High School Office. Parade line up will be along First Street, with the parade beginning at Family Services and ending at MinnWest Bank. Parade lineup will be distributed by October 1st. Thank you for supporting OHS!

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OrtonvilleHighSchool
200TrojanDrive
Ortonville,MN 56278
(320)839-6181 Ext. 210

Name of Business/Organization/Group _____

Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Description of Entry: Car Float Walking

Theme _____

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ORTONVILLE, MN 56278**

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