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Achieve's 2026 Fall Fundraiser by Ryan S.



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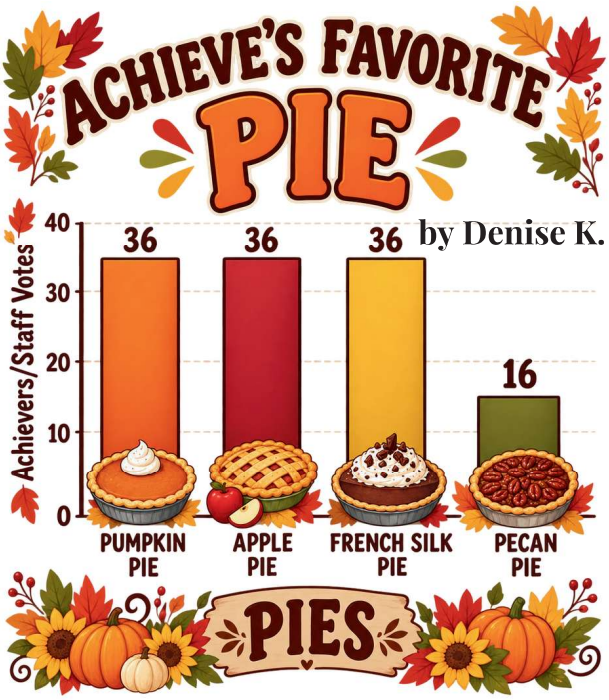
On October 23rd, the Achieve community gathered at Infinite Campus in Blaine for a spooktacular Fall Fundraiser and Halloween costume party. More than 350 guests attended the event, creating an evening full of energy, laughter, and community spirit. From Batman and Minions to spooky monsters and other creative characters, attendees embraced the Halloween theme while enjoying a family-style dinner, exciting raffles, games, face painting, and an inspiring fundraising program.

Of course, a highlight of the night was dancing with DJ Nate, who kept the celebration going throughout the evening.

Most importantly, the event showcased the incredible generosity of our supporters. We are deeply grateful to our donors, sponsors, volunteers, and guests who made the evening such a success. Their support makes Achieve's mission possible, and we simply could not do what we do without them. Thank you for helping create opportunities, strengthen our community, and make a meaningful difference in the lives of the people we serve.



David F. as Shrek and guests at the event



This Month In History



by Lee G. & Melissa D.

November

November 4th, 1842 - Abraham Lincoln married Mary Todd in Springfield, Illinois

November 11th, 1918 - The Armistice between allied and central powers was signed silencing the guns of WWI, effective at 11am, the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Now observed as Veterans Day.

Achievers Club Clips

by Shannen S. & Traci S.

What a fantastic October it was at Achieve! Spirit Week brought plenty of excitement with Sports Day, Dress-Up Day, Crazy Hair Day, and Disney Day. We ended the week with Achieve Day and our Annual Fall Fundraiser, bringing everyone together for a wonderful evening of food, dancing, and community while raising funds for our new arts program.

We were also proud to honor our local first responders with a special "Thank You" video in recognition of First Responders Appreciation Day on October 28th. To top off an incredible month, we celebrated Halloween with a dance party that was truly spooktacular! As we look ahead, we're excited to once again support Toys for Joy through our annual toy drive.

This year, our goal is to collect 300 toys, and we know our Achieve family can make a big difference. We'll also be selling handcrafted candy snowmen to help raise funds for future Achievers Club activities.

Thank you to everyone who participates, volunteers, donates, and helps make our Achieve community such a special place. We can't wait to see what we accomplish together in the months ahead!



Area Red enjoying Spirit Week



Entertainment Review

by Michael C.



"The Nightmare Before Christmas"

"What's this?" It's the review of "The Nightmare Before Christmas." In this macabre classic from Tim Burton, we are introduced to the world of Halloween Town and its most famous resident of all: Jack Skellington, the pumpkin king. After years of scaring people for Halloween, Jack stumbles upon Christmas Town and wants to celebrate this different holiday. There's one mishap after another as Jack and his girlfriend Sally learn that it's best to leave Christmas to Santa Claus, and they should stick to scaring people. The movie's stop-motion animation is impressive, and there was a really good cast of voice actors. If you didn't get to see this on Movie Day in October, you can watch it on Disney Plus in December, and consider it a Christmas movie!

*10/10 stars



Poems

by Lori T.

Autumn

Autumn is the time for leaves fall from the trees, and apple Orchards; plus pumpkin patches. Temps get warmer to cooler, because I felt them. Nature walks for being outdoors. The breeze is light and cool, sunny days are bright and maybe warm when temps arise, but the rain do send the cooler temps for the cooling to start.

Jeff's Jokes

by Jeff J.



The plumber said, "Why haven't you paid the bill for the work I did last Friday?"
Paddy replied, "Because it's exactly what you quoted me."
The plumber said, "I never gave you a quote."
Paddy replied, "Yes, you did. When I asked when you could come, you said you were free on Fridays."



Green Giggles

by Area Green

What key doesn't open a door?
-A Tur-key

What do witches put on their bagels?
-Scream Cheese

Spotlight: Area Purple

by Area Purple



Some of Area Purple Participants & Staff

The Area Purple Program Area is full of energy, hard work, and fun! Staff members Joanne and Angie support Achievers as they build skills, contribute to their community, and enjoy a variety of activities. Many Area Purple Achievers work throughout the community, gaining valuable experience and making meaningful contributions each day. Others stay busy with in-house jobs, creating greeting cards and assembling gaskets and foam bricks. Their dedication and attention to detail help make these projects a success. Participants also enjoy Cooking Group, where they learn new recipes and prepare delicious treats, as well as Art Group, where creativity shines through a variety of projects. Recreation is a favorite too, whether it's exercise group, puzzles, music, or movies with friends.
"In Area Purple, every day is filled with opportunities to work, learn, create, and celebrate together." - Joanne H.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Pre-order Sales

Calendar Sale Ends November 13th, order online or at Achieve

Apparel Sale Ends November 18th, order online

Nut Sales have started and will be on sale while supplies last.

Years of Service: November 19th at Achieve

Toys for Joy runs November 23rd - December 14th

The Achieve Choir and **Dance at Your Own Risk** are performing on December 4th at 11:00 A.M. at **Northtown Mall**.

Achieve Closed:
November 26th & 27th
December 24th & 25th
January 1st, 2027


Celebrating 50 Years: Donny F.