

# Friday Plus

Chess, babysitting, baking, theater, forestry, and firefighting are just some of the topics offered this year in Baker School District's FridayPlus program.

Classes and activities offering enrichment — and career exploration at the high school level — are in full swing this school year thanks to multiple partnerships with community partners.

For instance, high school students have the opportunity to join the Fire-fighter Explorer program to learn more about a career in fire and emergency services. Another session introduces students to options in the field of outdoor recreation with the help of Baker Technical Institute.

"We're excited to offer the opportunities," said Kris Pepera, who teaches social studies at Baker High and is overseeing Friday Plus at the secondary level.

Angela Lattin is designing programs for grades K-8. Some are one-day offerings; others, such as Chess for Success, meet multiple times for a month or more.

"Our goal is to provide enrichment opportunities for students outside the regular day," Lattin said. "We rebranded to FridayPlus this year as there are

going to be offerings at other times than just Fridays."

She said the goal is to develop sustainable opportunities that can be repeated year after year. Here's a list of offerings so far:

- First grade book club
- Adventure Club at South Baker
- Chess for Success (Brooklyn, South Baker, Baker Middle School)
- Reindeer Play (K-3)
- Safe Sitter (grades 6-8) classes taught by Building Healthy Families
- Book Club (BMS)
- Drama Club (BMS). Participants will perform The Hobbit
- Habitat for Humanity trip for ages 16 and older
- BTI/Baker Resource Coalition experiences (BHS)
- Coding class (grades 3-6, coming this spring)
- Oral History project



Chess for Success is offered to students at Brooklyn and South Baker Intermediate as part of the FridayPlus program.

- BCFD Fire Explorer Program
- TAG classes taught by Sharon Foster (coming this spring)
- OSU cooking classes for all grades
- Hands-on BTI science classes for all grades (planning stage)

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Students in grades K-3 had the opportunity to audition, rehearse, and put on a December performance of "The Reindeer Play."



A program in conjunction with Baker Technical Institute and Baker Resource Coalition gave students hands-on experience in an outdoor setting.