

Networks News



*Just a reminder that school is closed
from April 18 until 27.*

We will resume on April 28th.

Have a wonderful spring break!

I just cannot believe how fast the school year is going and it is already April 2025. We have many exciting things happening at Networks both before and after spring break as the school year starts to wind down. Please be sure to mark your calendars now!



UPCOMING DATES

- PBIS Event # 3 - Main Event - April 3** during school hours
- Spring Community Clean Up Event - April 8** - After school hours with parent permission (Rain Date April 29)
- Mock Interview Week for Students - April 14 to 17**
- Professional Dress - April 16 & 17** as well as **May 8 & 9**
- Student Recognition Exit Ceremony - May 9**
- School Closed: May 23 & 26** for Memorial Day
- PBIS Event # 4 - Cape May Zoo - June 2**
- Networks Annual Bar B Que - June 10**
- Last Student Day - June 11th** * Subject to change



As the school year comes to an end, I just want to thank everyone for supporting our students during this school year. Whether it was:

- Purchasing an article of clothing, floral arrangement or other gift item
- Getting your car detailed
- Buying our delicious homemade food or unique recycled wooden gifts
- Donating items to our Goodwill Store at Networks
- Ordering supplies for your business or school
- Attending our Annual Holiday Shop
- Supporting the most important school product: Our Students!!

We couldn't do it without you!! Don't worry, we will have more specials this spring.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NETWORKS

2025 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

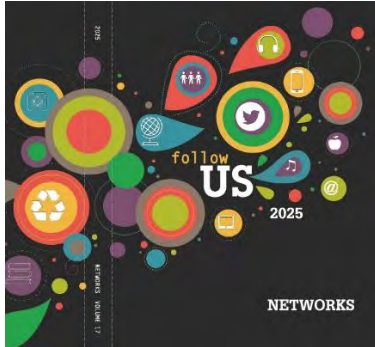
Karen Dipres – Teacher for One of our
Vocational Arts Enterprise Area classrooms



Karen came to Networks from Stubbs Early Education Center. She has become an asset to our team and has adjusted quickly to our students and her new role teaching students in the 18 to 22 year old program. Karen is always seen with a smile on her face as she interacts with students in both Voc Arts classrooms. She always encourages students to do their best each and every day. Karen has applied and received numerous classroom items this year through grants or donor's choice funding to supplement her teaching strategies. Although the Voc Arts classroom is housed at Shue, she is always willing to lend a hand to help with Networks events and loves having her students involved!!



2025 NSES Yearbook



The Networks YEARBOOK is coming!

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE IN IT!!

HAVE YOU PRE-ORDERED your yearbook yet??

Yearbooks will be distributed upon their arrival sometime after during the last week of May or the first week of June 2025!

Pre-order yours today for only \$25.00!

Yearbooks will be \$30.00 after May 24th.



Students: Can purchase your yearbook with **“PLUSes”**

100 PLUSes = A FREE YEARBOOK as a reward for your outstanding performance in getting the J.O.B.S done!

Return this portion of this flyer with your payment.

Payment can be via CASH, CHECK or MONEY ORDER. (Checks or money orders are to be made payable to “Christina School District” with Networks Yearbook in the memo line. If purchasing with PLUSes, please place counted PLUSes in an envelope with your NAME / YEARBOOK on the outside.)

NAME: _____

DATE: __/__/2025

NETWORKS AREA: _____

Please return all orders with payment to Ms. Georgette.

Payment

via: ☐ Cash ☐ PLUSes
☐ Check ☐ Money Order



Networks needs your support to continue our greening efforts and to try to win some money! Help our school win money and keep our local streams clean.

We're excited to announce that from March 24th to April 11th, 2025, Networks School will be competing with similarly sized schools in the Great Schools, Clean Streams Contest for a chance to win cash prizes for educational materials and school projects. With your help, we could win cash prizes, up to \$1,500!

How does it work?

Between March 24 and April 11, visit <https://www.cleanstreamchampion.org/contest/> and pledge to take five easy steps for clean water, and assign your pledge to Networks School. There is absolutely no cost or obligation needed! You must be 18 or older, and only one pledge per email address will count toward our school. The top three schools in our size category with the most pledges will win prize money

Then, spread the word!

Please encourage others to pledge, also! There's no cost to you, and it takes less than a minute. Please consider sharing this on your social media and encouraging your friends and family to join in. The more pledges we have dedicated to Networks School, the better our chances of winning one of the cash prizes.

The schools with the most pledges in their category win! There are prizes for first, second, and third place, plus 21 wild card drawings. Mark your calendar and become a Clean Stream Champion. You can watch the contest standings on the website in real time!

Thank you in advance for your support!



Our Spring Community Clean up event is scheduled for **April 8th from 2:30-4:00pm.**



Networks Family Corner

Here are a few quotes we received recently from some of our customers and student family members regarding our program from our Facebook Social Media Page.

March 2025

Huge shoutout to the AUTOWorks team of students from The Network School of Employability for absolutely crushing it on my Hyundai Sonata! They detailed the interior and exterior to perfection—this car hasn't looked this good in years!

Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs like this one give students real-world skills that lead to high-demand careers in automotive, technology, finance, healthcare, and more. These hands-on experiences aren't just valuable—they're essential for building the workforce of the future.

Every student deserves access to career training that connects passion with opportunity. Let's invest in CTE for all! 🚀

#CTEWorks #CareerTechEd #HandsOnLearning #FutureReady #SupportCTE



For my 2024 Old New Castle Year-in-Review I used the Networks School for Employability Skills to fold, label and stuff the envelopes with the report. They have many programs and there may be a service you can use. Click on the link to check out their program.

<https://www.christinak12.org/networks>

The Year-in-Review will be delivered to the post office today. Look for it in your mailbox in the next couple of days. For a sneak peek, click on the link: <https://chriscashman.com/ag/3>

If you have any real estate questions related to Old New Castle, please reach out to me at 302-545-2233.

2024
OLD NEW CASTLE

REAL ESTATE YEAR IN REVIEW

Over the last 12 months, the real estate market in Old New Castle has been a mix of challenges and opportunities. The market has seen a significant increase in demand, particularly in the luxury and high-end markets. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the market's performance, including key trends, challenges, and opportunities.

This past year was an active one for the real estate market in Old New Castle:

| Year | Properties Sold | Total Sales | Average Days on Market |
|------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 2024 | 23 | \$10,243,694 | 18 DAYS |
| 2023 | 30 | \$11,075,190 | 37 DAYS |

HIGHEST SALE
\$975,000

LOWEST SALE
\$150,000

Most Active Agent
John Doe

Most Active Broker
ABC Realty

Most Active Office
Old New Castle Office

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HOMES CURRENTLY ON THE MARKET

| Address | BSF | BSA | Days on Market | Final Asking Price | Sales Price |
|----------------|-----|-----|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 145 E. 2nd St. | 4 | 4 | 7 | \$1,250,000 | — |

HOMES UNDER CONTRACT

| Address | BSF | BSA | Days on Market | Final Asking Price | Sales Price |
|----------------|-----|-----|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 125 E. 2nd St. | 3 | 1 | 4 | \$750,000 | — |
| 45 E. 4th St. | 2 | 1 | 9 | \$399,000 | — |

WONDERING WHAT YOUR HOME IS WORTH?
Thinking about selling this Spring? I'm here to help deliver results. Scan the QR code to get started with your home evaluation.

100th Anniversary
A Day in Old New Castle - 100th Year Anniversary
SATURDAY, MAY 11TH - Visit our website for more info.

Exeter Parade
FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH - 10th Grade
The New Castle Division is honored by the New Castle Marching Band.

Aradapp Market
FRIDAY, MAY 1ST & SATURDAY, MAY 2ND
Visit our website for more info.

New Castle Museum Society Garden Party
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH

I wore mine proudly at our PD day meeting for CSD Transportation on Friday. It's an amazing hoodie. Fantastic quality and I love the decision of putting my girls names on the sleeve. Thank you for an amazing hoodie, your hardwork shows.

I'm wearing mine today and will wear it Monday! I loved your hoodie!!

I love mine- got so many compliments!!

I loved mine!! I can't wait for my Lucky sweatshirt!!

I can't wait to wear mine on St. Patty's Day. Thanks for all of your hard work!



REMINDER: We are always looking for your feedback about your experiences with our services, products, areas, events, and even our school. We would like to not only hear success stories but would also like to hear ways you feel we can improve our program. Please use the QR code below to share your feedback. **Who knows, your story could be the next focus in the Family Corner.**





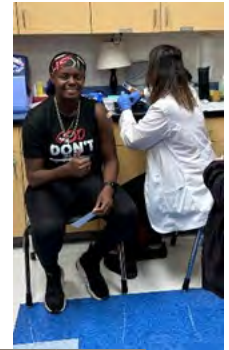
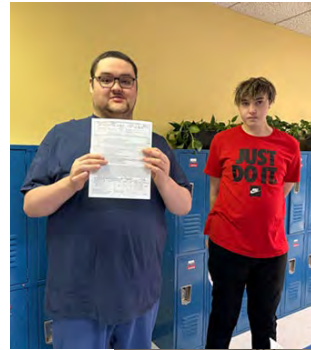
From the Nurse's Office



I cannot believe it is already April 2025 and another school year is almost over and there is less than 44 days of school left. I feel like the school year just started and I was asking for the start of school paperwork. It has been an exciting school year and we were able to offer many services from outside agencies such as:

- Free Eye Exams and Glasses in Collaboration with Vision to Learn
- Flu and/or COVID-19 Annual Vaccinations
- Planned Parenthood Sessions

Check out the pictures from some of these events!!



As Spring along with the accompanying warmer weather and blooming flowers or trees is now upon us, please be sure to review information shared in the previous newsletters in regards to Hygiene, Allergies and Sun Safety as we should be spending more time outdoors. Have a great Spring Break 2025 that will be here in a few short weeks.



From the Nurse's Office



As the weather gets warmer and spring break is among us in just a few days, it is time to think of being Safe in the Sun while we try and catch some rays in shorts, sleeveless tops and even bathing suits.

Sun Safety



PROTECT ALL THE SKIN YOU'RE IN

Use a Layered Approach for Sun Protection.

- Sunscreen works best when used with shade or clothes, and it must be re-applied every 2 hours and after swimming, sweating, or towel drying off.
- Use broad spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 to protect exposed skin.
- Wear a hat, sunglasses, and protective clothing to shield skin.
- Seek shade, especially during midday hours.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



The sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. Follow these recommendations to help protect yourself and your family.

Check the sunscreen's expiration date. Sunscreen without an expiration date has a shelf life of no more than three years, but its shelf life is shorter if it has been exposed to high temperatures.



PROTECT ALL THE SKIN YOU'RE IN

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, but most skin cancers can be prevented!

Every year—

- Nearly **5 million** people are treated for skin cancer at a cost of more than **\$8 billion**.
- There are about **76,000** new cases of and **9,000** deaths from melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

PROTECT ALL THE SKIN YOU'RE IN

Exposure to **ultraviolet (UV) rays**—from the sun or from artificial sources like tanning beds—is the most common cause of skin cancer.

Anyone, no matter their skin tone, can get skin cancer.

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Indoor and outdoor tanning often begin in the teen years and continue into adulthood.

UV Rays are **STRONGEST**:

- From late morning through mid-afternoon.
- Near the equator.
- During summer months.
- At high altitudes.

Remember that sunburns and skin damage can occur even on cloudy or overcast days.



Some ways to stay sun-safe outdoors include wearing sun protection gear like a hat with a wide brim and

sunglasses to protect your face and eyes, and wearing a long-sleeved shirt and pants or a long skirt for additional protection when possible.

PROTECT ALL THE SKIN YOU'RE IN

Enjoy the Outdoors!

Being physically active outside is healthy and can help prevent conditions like obesity. But it's important to be sun smart when playing and working outdoors.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

FUNraising at

Friendly's

is Hosting a Funraising Event
at Friendly's on

Come Join Us at



AUTOWORKS

Spring is finally here!!! This March, AUTOworks has been eagerly preparing for nicer weather and looking forward to an increase in customer vehicles to service. We have been honing our skills to ensure that are customers will be more than satisfied with our quality of work. We have been preparing for our Mock Interview days, which focuses on interview skills. During the month, we have been learning about how to dress for an interview, questions that may be asked during the interview, role playing an interview and questions to ask an interviewer.



BITWORKS NEWS

BITWORKS CREATIVITY



Students will be very excited to see their creativity on display at the Semi-Formal. BITworks helped create many of the "Under the Sea" decorations for the dance held on 3/28.

LESSON TOPICS

Nearpod:

Lessons have focused on independently making appointments and the importance of making a good first impression .

Move This World:

Building connections and learning calming techniques have been our focus lately.

MARCH MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

In the Classroom

We are practicing data entry skills by entering PLUSes and gearing up for Interview Week by watching interview videos and rehearsing questions.



At Training Sites

Students have been practicing their GNAP skills with each delivery we make. Encourage your student to use GNAP when checking in for appointments.



At the School Store

Restocking and managing inventory are important lessons that directly relate to retail careers including stock clerks and customer service.



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REMINDER

Professional Dress days are excellent ways for your student to earn additional PLUSes. Please encourage them to "dress to impress" on April 16th or 17th.

BRENNENWORKS

This Month in BrennenWorks

This month we worked on some special projects!

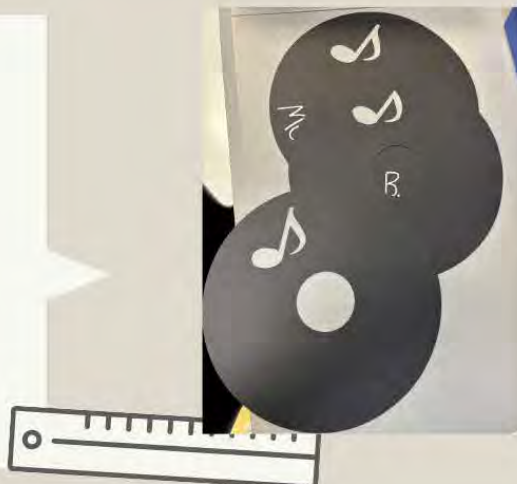
We put together some supplies for the upcoming Networks Work Olympics.



We made tickets for the upcoming Networks Semi-Formal Dinner Dance.



We also made decorations for the upcoming Brennen School Dinner Dance



COPYWORKS

Students apply learned skills to process orders and meet customer deadlines
AND learn what is needed to ace an interview, get the job and keep the job.

cut laminated materials



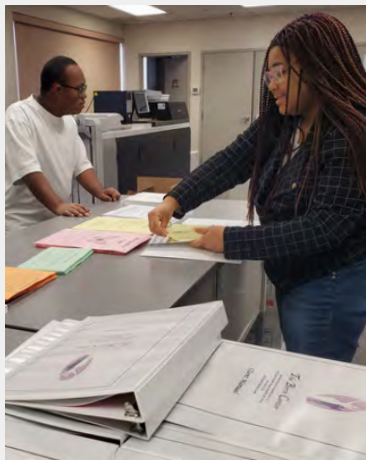
prepare postcard mailers



sort materials



binder assembly



professional dress



letter insert



label newsletters



Digicutter -cut NCR forms



invitation prep mailer



News from COOP...



NERD IT

One of the newer work training sites is called Nerd-It. While we were sorting electronics, former Governor of Delaware, Jack Markell stopped by to visit. He was kind enough to visit with the Networks crew and take a picture with us.

The motto of Nerd IT is “We cultivate a technology ecosystem that trains, donates, repairs, and recycles IT to close the digital divide and inspire the next generation of technologists and community-driven entrepreneurs.” Students have opportunities to perform simple repairs on Chromebooks, sort pallets of random technology and help with the general warehouse upkeep.





ETCH GETS READY FOR SPRING

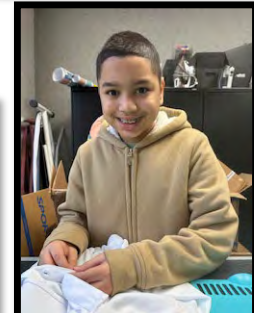
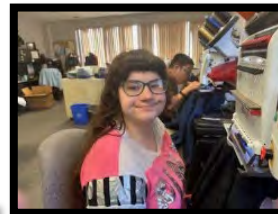
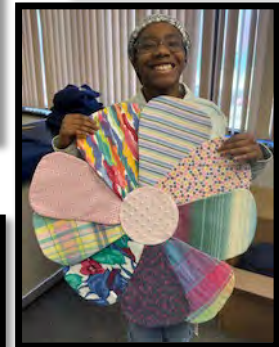
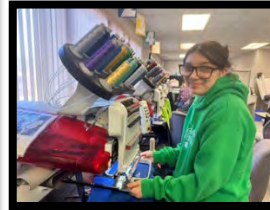
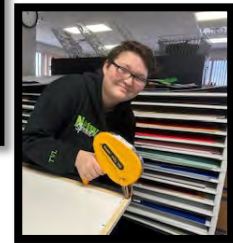
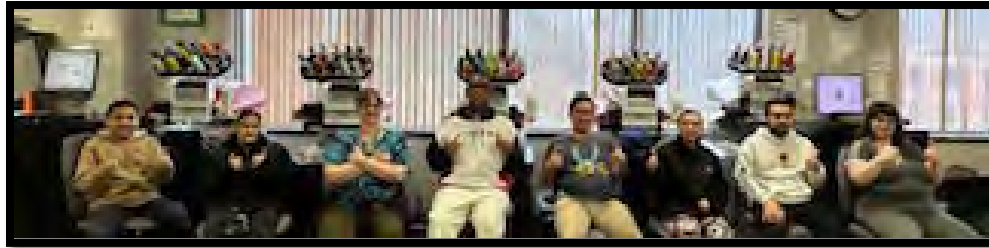
Etch has been busy preparing for Spring Celebrations. We have been creating personalized napkins, glasses, and awards for all of our customers.



FABRICworks



HARD WORKERS = HAPPY WORKERS



ORDERS ACCEPTED THROUGH APRIL 13TH

MAMA

YOU PICK THE WORDS!

Mother's Day Special

\$35 S-XL Hoodies

\$30 S-XL Crew

various color
choices



PERSONALIZED
SWEATSHIRT



CREATE A PERSONALIZED SWEATSHIRT FOR YOUR SPECIAL
SOMEONE. CREATE YOUR OWN WORDING! ADD
NAMES/MESSAGES ON SLEEVE FOR \$5 UP TO 3 NAME/WORDS.

SCAN THE QR CODE

UNISEX SIZES, TEND TO RUN BIG,
ADD \$1 FOR EACH SIZE UP





FLORALWORKS



March has flown by! Our students have been preparing silk and dried flower arrangements and growing plants from seeds. We have been busy getting ready to participate in FFA at the Delaware State Fair. Our goal is for each FLORALworks student to submit 5 items in 5 different categories. We hope to have all our students enrolled in April.

The state fair is a great opportunity to showcase our students' work and abilities. Wish us luck!



FLORALWORKS SPRING SALE



SPRING TIME
\$22



PRETTY PASTELS
\$27



HOW SWEET IT IS
\$35



[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/7HXUINQSCVWPZBSV9](https://forms.gle/7HXUINQSCVWPZBSV9)

Order Deadline is April 11th

Orders ready for pick up or delivery on April 17th

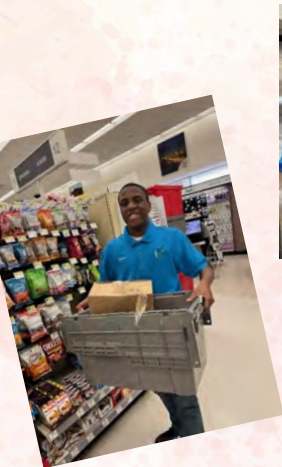
Any concerns, email anna.farro@christina.k12.de.us

MERCHANTworks

is working in the community and around Networks.

The students enjoy helping to rinse out containers and sort the items for our recycling program.

Students are given various jobs like sorting and organizing fabrics.



MUNCHWORKS

We made Chili for our Annual **CHILLY DAYS**
Chili Fundraiser

In total, Munchworks made more than 90 quarts of Chili this year.

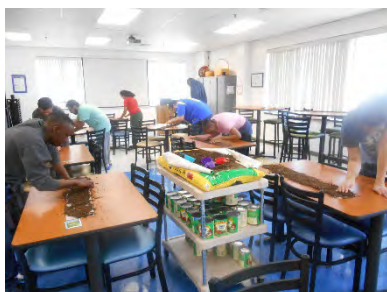


We also made the food for our Semi-Formal Dance

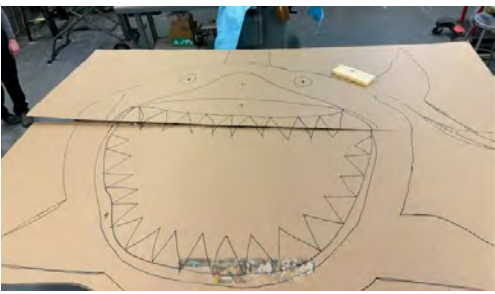
The theme for this year's gala was *Under the Sea* for which we prepared an "aquatic" menu that included Fish Cakes, Sea Snails (aka Pigs in a Blanket), and Veggie Sushi.



Now that the flowers are blooming, the days are getting longer and the weather is heating up Munchworks will begin to work outside. In preparation for growing herbs in our garden, we assembled and planted seeds in our new Hydroponic Planters



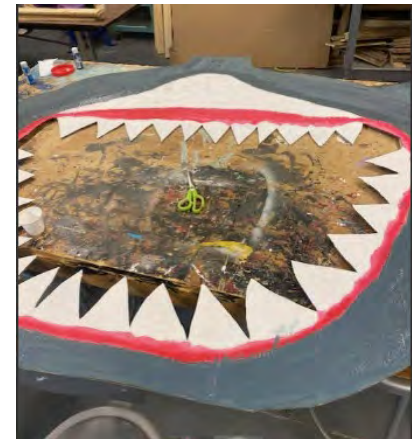
and used a method seen on *YouTube* to plant and grow seeds in a "Seed Snail".



WOODworks & RECYCLEworks spent time this month getting the photo booth prop created for the annual semi-formal dance.

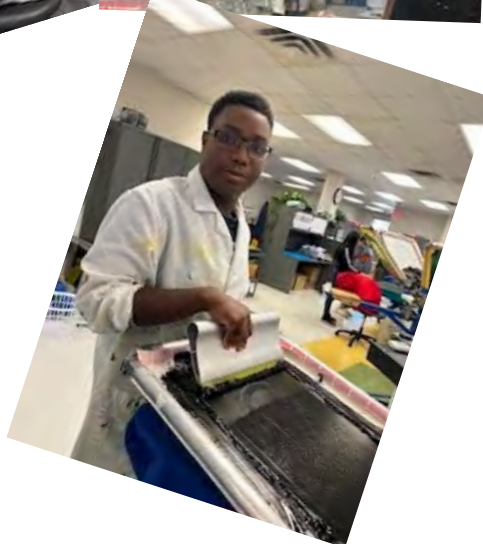
All the wood and cardboard used was destined for the landfill.

We can't wait to see all the fun photos taken at the dance!!



TEAMworks

This month in TEAMworks, we have been working on various customer orders such as our semi-formal dance shirts and the shirts for Autism Awareness month.



TRADEworks

TRADEworks students continue to work in the community completing housekeeping/ custodial jobs at various job sites.

In the classroom, we have been working on interview skills including:

- appropriate wardrobe
- how to act
- questions to ask.

We continue to work on:

- personal data
- job applications
- resumes.

Students are working on:

- self-care
- self-reflection
- handling stress both at school and at home.

Several of our students participated in Professional Dress Days and earned PLUSes that they can use for upcoming events.



Vocational Arts

A BIG THANK YOU to the families who supported our last Donors Choose project! Our projects were funded on Valentine's Day. As of 3/18/25, we are happy to announce "**Voc Arts Vending**" is open for business and we currently serve the Shue-Medill staff. They come to our room to make purchases. Students are experiencing what it is like to be vendors.

During their work shifts, students are learning how to:

- follow a schedule
- demonstrate positive customer service
- communicate effectively
- complete transaction steps
- complete opening and closing procedures
- handle money
- inventory product
 - set up / maintain placement display
 - restock products.

Our nurse at Shue often can't leave her office, so the "**Vending VROOM!**" took care of her delivery. We have another delivery lined up this month off site... VROOM, VROOM!

Staff and students have started planting in the greenhouse. Potatoes, herbs, and some vegetables are planting and we are awaiting the sprouts. Our resident farmer - Savion has found a new favorite job! We continue to build our strength with fitness in the gym.

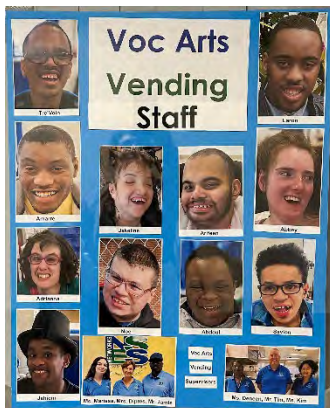
There is a **NEW** Donors Choose project in the works aimed at accessibility to our outside space. (See Link Below)

If you'd like to donate or pass along to others who may want to contribute we appreciate it. They will be doubling donations soon. Thanks!

<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/spring-into-accessibility/9186092/>

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On 3/21, we rocked our socks! What an adventure! Please enjoy our pics:





Add to our adventures - The lockdown drill at Shue - Our students did a fantastic job!
(If you are counting - YES, 17 of us including some of our students in their wheelchairs all keeping quiet in our little kitchen closet!)

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1. Participate in class

2. Keep positive & practice positive self-talk

3. Practice self-care

Make sure that you are getting enough sleep at night, engaging in healthy eating habits, and drinking enough water! Try to include some physical activity in your everyday routine. Most importantly, take care of yourself and do things that make you happy!!

The season is Spring and Love is in the air....

Remember LOVE IS RESPECT....

One resource you can use if you have questions about dating or your relationship (friendships are relationships too...☺), you can google Loveisrespect.org. Let's look at what they say makes a healthy relationship or friendship:

Dating basics: what should I look for?

There are lots of different qualities that you might be attracted to in a person, physically, emotionally, intellectually, or otherwise. Every relationship is unique and it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of a new partner, whether they're your first or just your favorite.

All relationships exist on a spectrum from healthy to unhealthy to abusive, and it's important to know what to look for in a partner — both good and bad — to make sure you're building a healthy relationship.

How healthy is my relationship?

A healthy partner encourages you to achieve your goals. They don't resent your accomplishments or make you feel guilty for spending time with other people, and they aren't excessively jealous. Ask yourself if:

- Your partner respects you and your individuality.
- You feel safe being open and honest with each other.
- Your partner supports you and your decisions even when they disagree with you.
- You and your partner have equal say and boundaries that are respected.
- Your partner understands and respects your need to spend time with friends or family.
- You can communicate your feelings without being afraid of negative consequences.





From the Nurse's Office



Wow!!! Warm spring weather has already arrived, at least for a few days! This means it is time to start taking daily showers / baths, changing our clothes and using anti-perspirant to help control body odors that often begin surfacing this time of the year. Warm weather = sweating more.

Good Hygiene Basics

Remember to follow the tips about washing your hands and think about the following tips to maintain good hygiene habits.

- Bath or shower **daily** with body soap to remove dirt and dead skin and it helps with odor protection
 - Bathing helps you to stay looking and feeling your best.
 - Bathing helps relax you so who knows, it may even help make going to sleep easier at night.
- Care for your hair.
 - Shampoo regularly meaning you should wash your hair daily or every other day.
 - If you are African American, your hair may be dry and delicate so you may only need to wash your hair 1 to 2 times a week.
 - When your hair is wet, use a wide-tooth comb as a brush may break your hair strands.
 - If your hair is very short, use a sunscreen on your scalp or wear a hat to protect against the harmful effects of the sun.
- Wear clean, neat clothes **every day**. Remember, body odor stays on clothes just like dirt from playing.
- For the boys and girls, wear deodorant or anti-perspirants **every day!!!**
 - Deodorants counteract odor and help you smell better
 - Anti-perspirants reduce sweating and underarm wetness to help prevent odor before it starts



Along with warmer weather is Allergy Season. Have you noticed the yellow pollen that seems to be on everything outside? OR the flying spring blooms from flowering trees? On the bright side, at least we can enjoy the sights of their beautiful colors and the birds chirping.

If you suffer from allergies and have not already done start having students take medication at home for allergies as we cannot provide this type of medicine at school. Your child may be coming to school with headaches, watery eyes, extra sneezing or runny nose and just overall tiredness as they try to overcome their allergy symptoms. If you have not already done so, remember to sign up for daily notifications from www.pollen.com.

With all the talk about the "Great Outdoors" and spending time outside, it may be the perfect opportunity to review some quick tips to prevent the spread of germs and also discuss some good hygiene basics since we all will be spending more time outside with the longer daylight.

Stopping The Spread Of Germs

Before we think of ways to stop the spread of germs, it is important to know a few quick facts about germs.

- A number of germs can survive on common surfaces for up to 72 hours
- 80% of germs are spread by touch
- A child can touch approx. 300 surfaces in just 30 minutes
 - *To reduce the spread of germs, disinfect the surfaces kids touch most frequently like doorknobs, faucets and toys*
- 400 times more bacteria is on the average desk than a toilet seat



Help Us Teach Your Child Some Of These Tips

- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze
 - Use a tissue and throw it away.
 - If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into the upper sleeve of your shirt and NOT into your hands.
- Do not put your fingers in your eyes, nose or mouth!!
- Clean your hands a lot!!!
 - After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
 - After using the bathroom
 - After touching things that may carry germs like cuts, wounds, trash, animals
 - Before you eat
 - Before you touch your eyes, mouth or nose and even a cut or sore.

Handwashing, Colds and Antibiotic Use

Handwashing has been shown to prevent 45% fewer cases of respiratory illness (colds). **Never** take antibiotics unless they are prescribed by your doctor for you and if antibiotics are prescribed, make sure you finish all the pills. Antibiotics do not work against viruses; they are only effective against bacteria infections. Indiscriminant use of antibiotics is causing them to become less effective against certain bacteria.

The **BEST WAY** to **CLEAN YOUR HANDS** is to wash your hands with soap (liquid soap is better than bar soap) and clean water for approx. 20 seconds –

- Remember to wash between fingers, your wrists, under fingernails and the back of your hands.
- Rinse your hands with finger pointing down to have germs fall into the sink and then dry your hands.
- An easy way to make sure you are washing your hands for long enough is to sing “Happy Birthday” or “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” twice.
- Remember to turn off the water with a paper towel and not your hands.
- *If water is not available, clean with an alcohol based hand cleaner that is not expired.*



EMPOWERED BRILLIANT & BRAVE: GREAT WOMEN OF BLACK HISTORY

On Monday, March 10th, around 20 students along with 6 chaperones attended the performance *Empowered, Brilliant, and Brave: Great Women of Black History* at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington. We would like to express our gratitude to Ms. Brister for her support in purchasing discounted tickets for our staff and students, arranging bus transportation, and providing snacks for everyone when we returned after school.

The play featured two actresses: one played a school-aged student tasked with writing a 2-page paper on a famous Black woman in American history, while the other portrayed the student's mother. The mother, who had previously taken acting classes, enthusiastically acted out various influential African American women throughout history, from Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman to Michelle Obama, Serena Williams, Cheryl Swoops, and many others. She brought these historical figures to life in their living room through quick costume changes and energetic performances.

I would like to acknowledge our students and their families, as all students were picked up by 3:10 p.m. Our Networks students truly made us proud. They exhibited excellent theater etiquette, remained unfazed by the inappropriate behavior of other groups, and were engaged and excited throughout the entire experience. Most of the students sincerely and spontaneously thanked the volunteer ushers, theater staff, our bus driver, and their chaperones.

Upon returning to Networks after the performance, the students enjoyed a snack, reflected on highlights from the show, and completed worksheets about the performance and the remarkable women featured in it. They also watched biographies of some of these women, which were highlighted during the play. We are looking forward to attending additional Stages of Discovery performances at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington next season!