

# Networks News

March 2024



***Just a reminder that school is closed  
from March 28 until April 7th.***

***We will resume on April 8th.***

***Have a wonderful spring break!***

We would like to recognize our Special Olympics Green Team for winning the Dick Nolan Sportsmanship Award at the Annual Competition earlier this month.

The [Dick Nolan Sportsmanship award](#) has typically been presented at the conclusion of the basketball tournament to a team that demonstrates the true spirit of the game at competition. This year and going forward, Special Olympics will be recognizing a team that displayed true spirit throughout the entire season.

This award was created in memory of Dick Nolan, a long-standing board member, whose love of family, his kind heart, gentle soul and wise counsel made him invaluable to the growth and impact of Special Olympics across our great state.



## UPCOMING DATES

***School Closed: April 10th for Eid Holiday; May 24&25 for Memorial Day***

***Professional Dress Dates: April 17&18; May 8&9***

***PBIS Event # 3 - Main Event - April 11th***

***April 15th to 19th is Interview Week***

***Student Recognition Exit Ceremony - May 10th***

***Networks Bar B Que - May 23rd***

***Last Student Day - June 12th \* Subject to change***

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## 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.

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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.

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**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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# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NETWORKS

## 2024 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

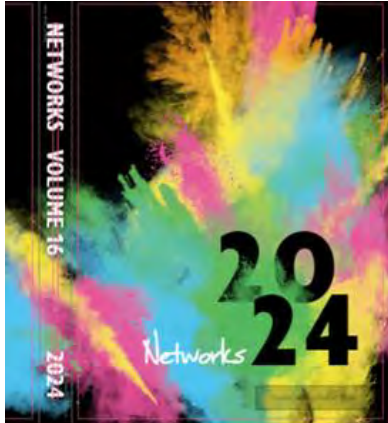
Suzanne Carew – Teacher of our TRADEworks Enterprise Area



Suzanne came to Networks last year from Maclary Elementary School. She has become an asset to our team. Suzanne has adjusted quickly to our students and her role in teaching of trade custodial skills. Suzanne's teaching begins each day in the school classroom before her teams go to a different off-site job location each AM or PM session.



# 2024 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 2024!

**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!

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**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: \_\_/\_\_/2024

NETWORKS AREA: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return all orders with payment to Ms. Georgette.*

Payment

via: ☐ Cash ☐ PLUSes  
☐ Check ☐ Money Order



# PLANNED PARENTHOOD 2024

From January through March 2024, Networks School Nurse, Guidance Counselor and School Psychologists collaborated with Planned Parenthood of Delaware for an education program on Sexuality and Healthy Relationships for People with IDD. The 6-session presentation covered topics of Anatomy, Consent, Appropriate Touch, Public / Private areas, Reproduction, Condoms, STIs, Pregnancy and Self-Advocacy. This is the second year for this program.





ORDERS ACCEPTED THROUGH APRIL 12TH

MAMA

YOU PICK THE WORDS!

# Mother's Day Special



**\$25 S-XL**



**\$20 S-XL**



## PERSONALIZED SWEATSHIRT

CREATE A PERSONALIZED SWEATSHIRT FOR  
YOUR SPECIAL SOMEONE. CREATE YOUR OWN  
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ADD \$1 FOR EACH SIZE UP

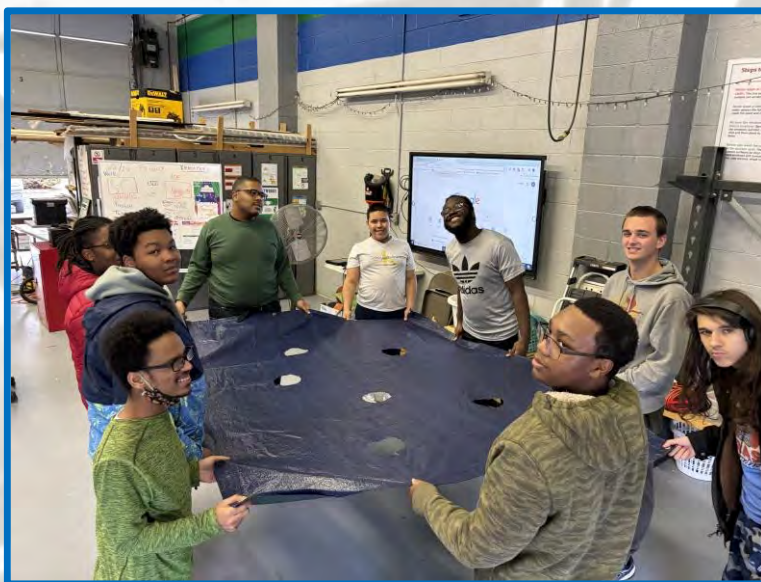
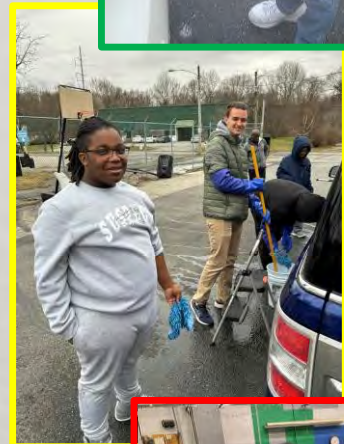
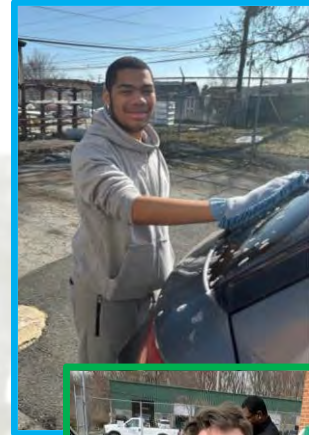




# AUTOworks

The calendar is full! We are booked until Spring Break and for the few weeks following the break. It has been great having a full calendar while continuing to provide excellent customer service. The referrals are coming in. We are so proud of the work the students are doing each and every day!

We also take time out of each day to do some team challenges, encouraging one another to never give up. Fun days ahead!



# BITWORKS MARCH NEWS



## Rock Your Socks

On Thursday March 21, 2024 Networks took part in recognizing National Down Syndrome day by ROCKING our SOCKS! Why socks? "Socks were chosen because the karyotype of Down Syndrome chromosomes actually looks like mismatched socks." - Down Syndrome Association of Delaware.

## Sock Sales

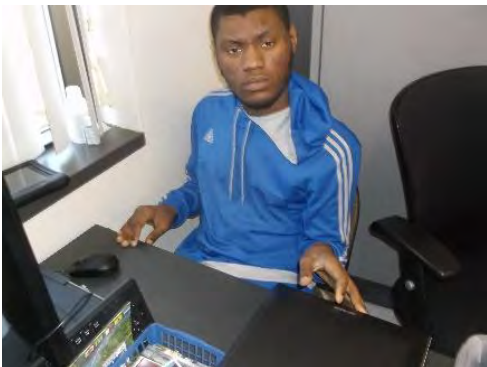
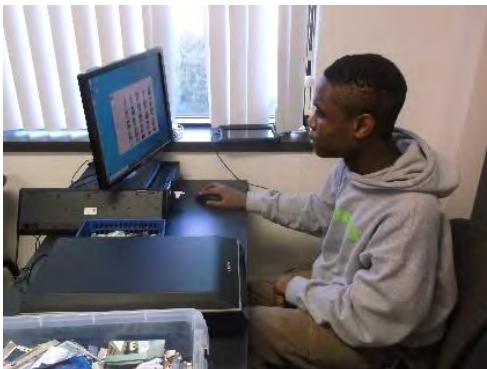
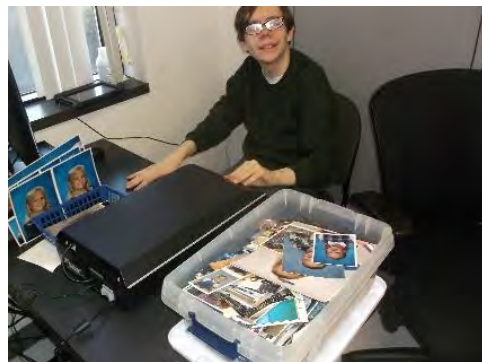
BITworks students sold over 50 pairs of socks to students and staff for \$2.00 each. BITworks went around to the different areas to sell the socks. There were many different and silly combinations of socks that made for some crazy feet. Thanks to Ms. Jeanne Jerzak for providing us with the opportunity to sell the socks.





# BRENNENworks

With a new month brings a new job to learn. Our students have begun learning how to digitize photographs. We are learning to scan single photographs, use a computer to start the process and to organize completed photos on a flashdrive. We are very excited to see how quickly we can learn this new skill.





# Co-Op Corner

Networks students have been keeping very busy participating in paid training and paid internships, as well as working at the various sites. Please keep in mind in order for students to partake in paid opportunities, they must submit a copy of their Social Security (SS) card. If you have not done so yet, please send us a color copy. If you are unsure of the whereabouts of your SS card, we can assist in getting a new one.

You can contact us at 454-2233.

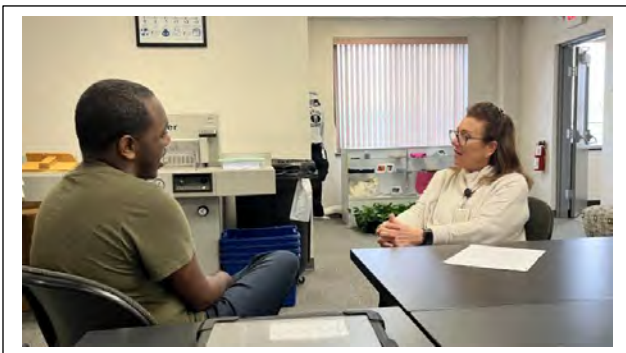
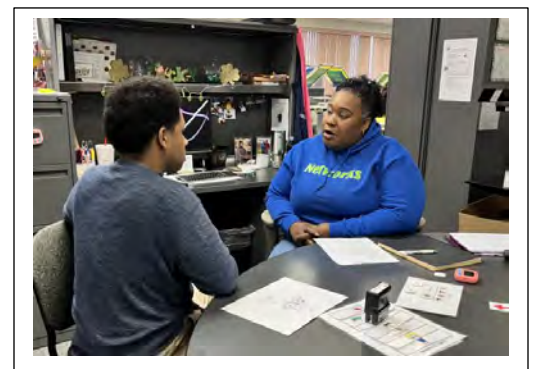
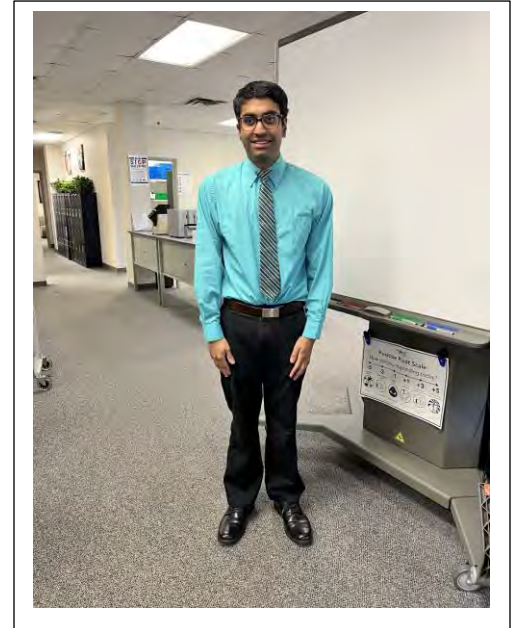




# COPYworks News

This month in COPYworks, the students have been busy working on several tedious jobs for our district and local customers. We were asked to print and make books of for the local library showcasing children's artwork and writing samples.

Students have worked hard in learning to prepare themselves for an interview. In April, the students will have an opportunity to have a MOCK interview via zoom. The students learned how to make a great first impression, questions to ask and how one should dress for an interview.







## **ETCHworks Buttons Up in Class**

This month in ETCHworks we created and made buttons. Everyone used the Badge-A-Minut computer program to design a variety of buttons. After we printed the designs, we cut them all out using a special button cutter. When we finished cutting them out we used the button creator machine to assemble the buttons. Everyone was able to make and take home a wide variety of buttons.





# FABRICworks



In FABRICworks, we're working on a Mother's Day project for our customers. Students are adding custom designs to each sweatshirt, where they need to make sure that there is correct spelling, thread color, wording, sweatshirt color and size, etc.

This is a great way to practice attention to detail and show off our skills.



# FLORALworks

Here are some of the things FLORALworks students do in a day...



Connor working on corsages.



Daniel cutting stems of flowers for order.



Javon filling out message cards for order.



Jaden processing flowers.



Nia typing billing.



Megan preparing buckets for flowers.

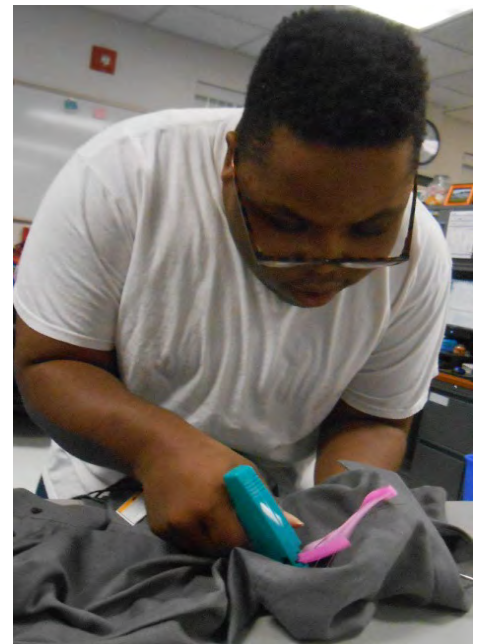


# *MERCHANTworks*

Spring is finally here. This month, our focus in MERCHANTworks has been working on getting ready for interviews. During this month, we were able to work on our interview skills by role-playing and students will be able to participate in “Mock Interviews” sponsored by our Co-Op department.

The students also continued to hone their skills in our in house Goodwill Store as well as out in the community.

They also participated in Professional Dress to be ready for their interviews.





**MUNCHWORKS** was very busy in March  
We made Chili for our Annual Fundraiser.

**CHILLY DAYS**  
**Chili Fundraiser**

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Chicken  
Chili



In total, MUNCHworks made more than 85 quarts of Chili this year.



We made the food for our Semi-Formal Dance  
The theme was *Starry Night* for which we prepared an Italian Menu



And we took time to visit DSD's *Science Showcase*



Next month in our enterprise class we will focus on  
**INDEPENDENT LIVING** – Making it on my own



# TEAMworks

TEAMworks this month is working hard to finish up our orders before we leave for Spring Break. We have designed a special t-shirt for Autism Awareness Day that we sold throughout the district. We hope everyone has a safe and happy break!







# TRADEworks



TRADEworks is in Spring Cleaning mode! Students are working cooperatively to complete our cleaning jobs. A few students have stepped into a supervisor role where they are modeling tasks, giving directions, and providing feedback to their co-workers.

Way to go Asher, Jonathan, and Jennifer!



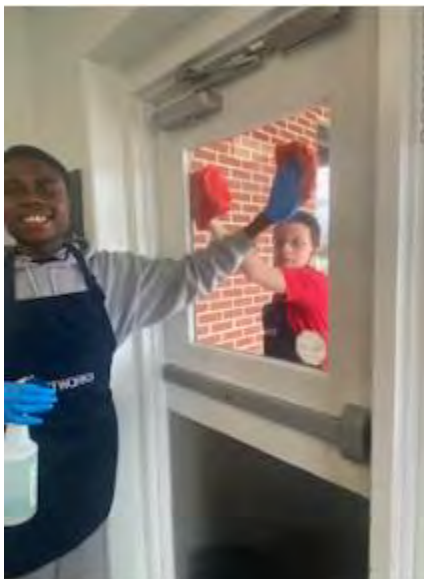
Malakai and Asher



Jonathan and Nic



Lily, Adrianna, and Jennifer



Israel and Malakai



Jadon



# *Vocational Arts*

## *18-22 Year old Program*

During the month of March Vocational Arts worked on social skills, personal information, identifying seasons along with appropriate clothing, activities and holidays associated with each season. We also worked on identifying and counting coins, 1:1 correspondence and what can we buy.

We continue to work on activities and crafts to help us with our fine and gross motor skills as well as following directions. We have been out in the community making purchases at Shop-Rite – following directions, navigating a store safely, identifying items needed for recipes.





# WOODWORKS

This month in our WOODworks area, we shifted our focus to honing interview skills, equipping our students with the tools and confidence needed to excel in professional settings.

Alongside this training, our talented team also embarked on two exciting community projects:

We took pride in crafting a 'My Little Library', a charming addition to our community that promotes literacy and community engagement.

Additionally, we were honored to fulfill an order by constructing a small food pantry, contributing to local efforts in addressing food insecurity.

These projects requested from The Brennen School not only showcase our students' woodworking prowess but also their commitment to making a positive impact in our CSD community.





# Counselor's Corner



On behalf of Mrs. Brister, Ms. Di and Miss Lisa and the entire Networks family, we want to thank everyone who has contributed to our Networks Care Closet.

Through your donations from our Amazon Wish List and our partnership with the Food Bank of Delaware as well as local donations from our valued families and staff, we were able to supply our students in need with multiple meals to carry them over the long spring break and beyond.

We are extremely appreciative of everyone for your continued support for our students!



# 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](https://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.



**Love** should be fun  
& exciting.

**Trust yourself.** If things don't feel right,  
call, text or chat with us online.  
You deserve a safe & healthy relationship.



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