

Networks News

October 2024



It's hard to believe that September has come to an end. Staff have been busy getting to know the new students and get reacquainted with the previous students.

It was great to see several families both new and old at Open House on October 1st. I hope you had the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see the various enterprise areas. If you were not able to come and would like further information please let your students teacher know.

As you will see throughout the school year, Networks will be hosting several fundraising events to fund the school's PBIS program along with the Special Olympics team. All proceeds go directly back to the students for various events and items for the plus closet and quarterly trips. In addition, each month enterprise area staff can nominate one student that stood out for the month.

Upcoming Dates:

October 3—Schools Closed, Offices Open
October 4—Professional Development Day, School Closed
October 18th—Fall Dance (@Networks)
October 25th—Coleman's Hayride 5PM—8PM
October 30th—1st PBIS Event—Longwood Gardens

November 1—Remote Learning Day, 1/2 day Professional Development
November 4—Grading Day, No School
November 5—Election Day—Schools & Offices Closed
November 11—Veteran's Day—Schools & Offices Closed
November 25—29th—No School

RECYCLEworks

We will be accepting any of the products below. Please make sure all plastic is clean, dry and free of food residue.

PLASTIC BY THE NUMBERS



HDPE



Laundry detergent container



Bucket



Shampoo bottle



- gallon jugs
- detergent containers
- shampoo bottles
- cleaning product containers
- juice bottles

PLASTIC BY THE NUMBERS



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Medicine bottle



Yogurt container & single-use plastic spoon



Straws



- yogurt containers
- sour cream containers
- margarine tubs
- straws
- syrup bottles
- medicine bottles
- bottle caps



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

NETWORKS HAYRIDE & BONFIRE

at

COLEMAN'S TREE FARM



Friday, October 25th, 2024

550 Silver Run Road, Middletown, DE 19709

Things you may want to bring/wear: JACKET, WATER BOTTLE, HAT, GLOVES, SNEAKERS with SOCKS

There will be a hayride and a bonfire. Hot dogs, chips, s'mores, and beverages will be available

Drop off is at 4:45pm - PICK UP IS AT 7:45pm

Deadline to sign up is Friday, October 18, 2024

PLEASE NOTE

This event is first come first serve and is free to Networks students. Parents and siblings of Networks students are welcome to attend at a price of **\$15.00 each**.

Directions to Coleman's:

Traveling Route 13 South from Newark/Bear or Wilmington Areas

- Take Route 13 South until traffic light in Odessa
- Make a left at light, taking DE-299 East
- Continue to follow DE-299 through Odessa
- Turn left Taylor's Bridge Road
- Turn left onto Thomas Landing Road
- Turn left at Stop Sign at Thomas Corner
- Bear to the Right (Route 9 Silver Run Road)- We are located on the right side



Fall Dance



Hot Dog
Meal
Provided

When

**Friday, October 18
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Where

**Networks Cafe
30 Blue Hen Drive
Newark, DE**

**Cost: 1 Food Item
from List Below**

Macaroni and Cheese (box)

Oatmeal

Ready Rice

Ramen Noodles

Cereal (small boxes)

Canned Soups

Canned Vegetables/Fruits

Pasta

Peanut Butter/Jelly

Granola/Breakfast Bars

Applesauce Cups

Canned Fish/Chicken

Crackers

Juice Boxes

Due Date

**Permission Slips
due Monday,
October 14th**



FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE



2024-2025

Important Information from the School Nurse

Whether you are the parent / guardian of a returning student coming back to yet another school year or a new student starting at Networks anytime during this school year, WELCOME!! I look forward to working with the students of the Networks Program, their parents / guardians and/or health care providers as well as faculty and staff of our program throughout the year to address any health needs or special concerns that may develop throughout the school year.

Throughout this WELCOME note, you will find information on forms required each year as well as information on events we have already scheduled for the beginning of the school year. Additionally, there is information available for your reference in regards to important Health Room Guidelines available for your reference.

STUDENT EMERGENCY CARDS and Medical Emergencies -
This card is REQUIRED for ALL STUDENTS!! Thank you to everyone
who has returned the card already!!!

ALL students must turn in an emergency card at the beginning of each school year and / or when they first start attending Networks. Students are NOT ALLOWED OUT OF THE BUILDING WITH AN ENTERPRISE AREA WITHOUT A COMPLETED FORM RETURNED. The school nurse will keep the original copy and ***it is important to inform you that a copy of the emergency card will be shared with select staff working directly with each individual student to assure information is available to be shared with emergency medical staff (EMS and/or Paramedics) should an emergency occur off campus.*** Emergency treatment cannot be authorized without this card. The Student Emergency Card / Registration Card is 3 pages in length and **requires 3 signatures** (1 on page #2 and 2 on page #3). The areas for signatures are highlighted in yellow for easy identification. ** Please take a moment to ensure all areas are completed.



MEDICAL EMERGENCIES



In case of a medical emergency, it may be necessary to notify 911 just prior to notifying the student's parent or guardian. In these cases, the student's parent or guardian will be notified as soon as possible. A copy of the student's emergency card as well as any emergency action plans

will be copied and sent to the hospital with the child. Parents are asked to keep all information updated with any changes in care.

If a student is transported to an emergency treatment center or hospital, a staff member from the Networks will remain with the student until the child's parent / guardian arrives at the hospital.

****PLEASE** provide updated information including your phone number, email or address changes when necessary!



Flu and/or Covid Vaccine Clinics



On **Tuesday, October 8th** and **Thursday, October 24th**, we will be having a vaccine clinic here during school hours for both students and staff in collaboration with Albertsons (ACME). Our goal is to help stop the spread or decrease the severity of illness from either the Flu or COVID. If you are interested in having your child receive these vaccines at school, please complete and return the permission form. An individual can receive both the FLU and COVID vaccine on the same day. If your child attends Networks part-time, they can receive the vaccine on two different days if requested. Again, if you are interested in participating and have not completed your vaccine registration on paper, please complete and sign an authorization form for your child or use the attached link or scan the QR Code to sign up on-line. The link below is for both staff & students. <https://www.acmemarkets.com/vaccinations/group-clinic/NetworksStaff>



Follow up reminders and/or consents will also be sent home as the Vaccine Clinic gets closer.



Vision To Learn - An Opportunity for Free Eye Glasses



The VISION TO LEARN program will return to Networks again this year. Our visit dates are Tuesday, October 22 and Wednesday, October 23rd. In addition, the van will return to us on Thursday, January 23, 2025. Vision to Learn is a mobile eye clinic that provides free eye exams and free eyeglasses to students who currently wear glasses or who have failed a vision screening completed by the school nurse. There is no cost for this program and the Optometrist comes right to the school to examine the student's eyes. If needed, glasses are chosen by the student and are delivered back to the school within approx. 3 to 4 weeks. All that is needed for the student to participate is a completed and signed permission form. *PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY* and additional information / permission forms will be sent home once participation is confirmed. Another benefit to this program is for students who receive glasses through this program but have lost their glasses or broke their frames, a replacement

pair of glasses is again FREE of CHARGE. A form has been sent home to all eligible students (Those who failed a screening exam or those students who are already wearing glasses). You may contact the Networks School Nurse for additional questions about the program or to obtain a new consent form.

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I need to STAY HOME if...							
I have a fever . Temperature of 100.F or above	I am vomiting within the past 24hrs.	I have diarrhea within the past 24hrs.	I have a rash with itching or fever	I have live head lice .	I have an eye infection . Redness, itching or pus drainage from eye.	I have bad cough and/or feel too sick to function at school.	I have been in the hospital . Confined in the hospital or ER visit.
							

I am ready to go back to school when I am...

Fever free without medication for 24 hrs.	Free from vomiting for 24 hrs.	Free from diarrhea for 24 hrs.	Free from rash, itching or fever. I have been evaluated by doctor.	Treated with appropriate lice medication at home	Free from discharge and evaluated by doctor.	Symptoms of bad cold (sneezing and coughing, are gone.	Released by healthcare provider to return to school.
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If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours before returning to school and your healthcare provider has given permission. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick to follow your healthcare provider's recommendations about returning to school and other activities

Feel Ill / When to Stay Home In the past, we have used the graphic above as a reminder in which we should think about staying home. Most of this information is still true in addition to the information listed below is a great guideline in keeping you, your family, fellow classmates and staff members healthy during the school year.

Please remember to complete your Daily Health Screening when you are feeling ill whether it is for COVID, the flu, the cold or other virus.

In the last 48 hours, has your student had any of the following NEW symptoms?

Fever of 100.4 (38C) or above

Trouble breathing

Muscle aches

Shortness of breath or wheezing (not asthma related)

Chills or repeated shaking with chills

ss of taste or smell

Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

Sore throat

Headache

Cough

Congestion/Runny Nose

None of the above

GUIDELINES— When Not to Send your child to School:

- Fever of 100.4 F or above (or symptoms like alternating shivering and sweating)
*Note: A child sent home from school with a fever is to remain home and not return to school until it has been 24 hours with NO fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE YOUR CHILD TYLENOL, MOTRIN OR THEIR GENERIC EQUIVALENT AND SEND TO SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY HAD A TEMPERATURE THE NIGHT BEFORE OR THAT MORNING.**
- New cough

- New trouble breathing, shortness of breath or severe wheezing
- New chills or shaking with chills
- New muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Vomiting or diarrhea
 - *Note: If your child is sent home from school with vomiting or diarrhea, you should keep the child home the following day or longer if symptoms persist.
- New loss of smell or taste, or a change in taste
- Nausea
- Fatigue
- Headache, congestion or runny nose with no other known cause (such as allergies)
- A child diagnosed with COVID, chicken pox, the flu, impetigo, scabies or strep throat. He/she will not be admitted to school without a physician's treatment.
- A child with questionable rashes that last longer than 1 day or are open and weeping
- Skin wounds that are open with yellowish, pus like drainage that CANNOT be contained within a band aid.
- Swollen joints, stiff neck, and/or visibly enlarged lymph nodes
- Blood or pus from ear, skin, or in urine and/or stool
- A child with symptoms of conjunctivitis (red eyes, yellowish / greenish drainage that is crusty around the outer eye lid)
 - *Note: The student will need to see a physician and start treatment prior to returning to school. Exceptions to this would be for a student who has a history of allergic conjunctivitis previously documented by a physician.
- The parent should contact the school nurse and or classroom teacher if the child is ill for three or more days. Please report all communicable diseases immediately.
 - o ***If your child is absent for more than three days, PLEASE notify the school via phone or email.. If no notification is received, you should expect a phone call.***

AUTOWORKS

The [AUTOWorks](#) Enterprise Area welcomes our students, both new and returning, to another exciting school year! This September was filled with opportunities to become acquainted with the many Enterprise Area rules and processes for a safe and worthwhile learning experience. The students were eager to learn viable hands-on safety skills, as well as, everyday people skills to use throughout their life-time. Our students also participated in the first of many “Professional Dress Days”. As always, Networks is dedicated to the development of our Student’s “Employability Skills”!



The [AUTOWorks](#) Enterprise Area!!!

BITWORKS NEWS

BITWORKS STAFF



BITworks is being led this year by Mrs. Colleen Naccarato and MR Jason Lomas

LESSON TOPICS

Nearpod:

Lessons have focused on learning about the Networks community and different aspects of teamwork and friendship.

Move This World:

We started the Social-Emotional Learning lessons the week of 9/23.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

In the Classroom

Students have done data entry of PLUSes and have made many ID badges for district staff. Some students have started using Canva to make flyers.



At Training Sites

On 9/16 we started going to work training sites. Locations have included Main Event, Formal Affairs, Walgreens, Anytime Fitness, and more.



At the School Store

We have compared prices and shopped for items. We restocked the School Store, set prices (cash & PLUS) and have welcomed customers.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Temporary Building Phone:

(302) 518-3049

REMINDER

Please sign and return all Student Data Cards (emergency information) and Work Training Agreements so your student may go off-site for additional work & educational experiences.

BRENNENworks

Welcome to BRENNENworks!

Carly Howe- Teacher
Pete Kemp- Paraprofessional
Kathleen Petchel- Paraprofessional
Sean Scott- Psychologist
Briana Boyd- Speech Pathologist

BrBRENNENworks Staff



Students are earning
PLUSes for
Performing Like U
Should!

Students are
learning to record
their enterprise
activities in their
Student Learning Log.



Remind

This year we are focusing
on using the Remind app to
communicate with families.
Families should read the
Remind message that is
sent home daily. This is a
great way to see what is
happening at
BRENNENworks!

BRENNENworks is off to a great start! We are learning how
Networks works and adjusting to our new school year.
Students are excited to earn PLUSes to “purchase” items at
the school store. Students are earning PLUSes for positive
behavior, quality work, being kind, working independently, and
many other things.

Contact info:

email- carly.howe@christina.k12.de.us

Networks Phone for incoming calls ONLY - 302-454-2233

Temporary Networks office phone number- 302-518-3049

Message through Remind app



Co-Op Corner

The Co-Op team has been very busy since returning to school in August. In addition to our established sites we have teamed up with Shellhammer's, McGlynn's, Little Sister's of the Poor Groundskeeping, and Anytime Fitness. Tasks at these sites include custodial work, deep cleaning, powerwashing, and removal of yard waste. We look forward to our students taking on new challenges and building their professional skills at all of our sites.

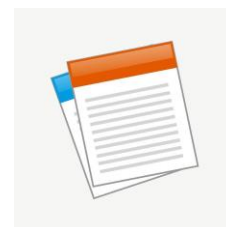
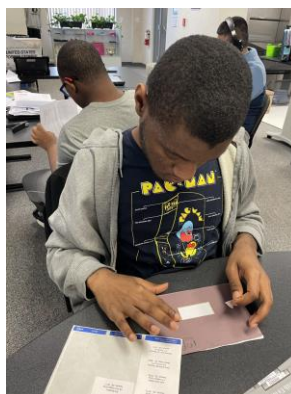
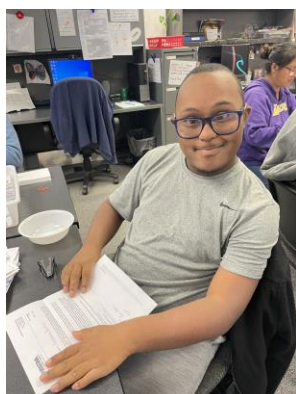
We have also partnered with Communities in Schools to arrange an internship at Joann Fabric. Students will work four days a week for the entire month of October and will receive their very own paycheck!



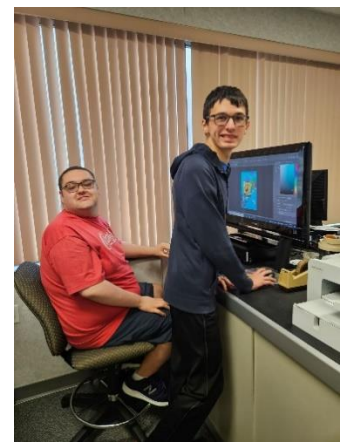


COPYworks

Students and staff have been busy filling customer orders! Take a look at our COPYworks students working on some of the jobs.

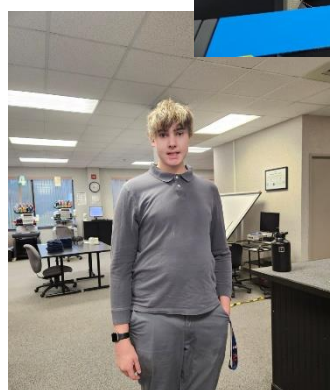
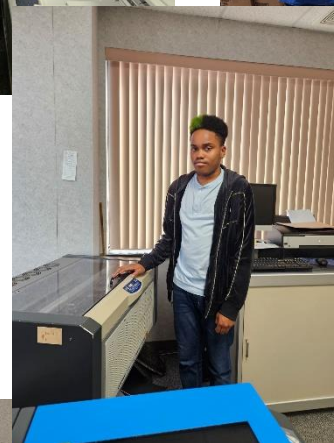


If you are interested in using our services, please call 302-454-2202 or 302-518-3049 (c) or email lisa.tursi@christina.k12.de.us or barbara.lomas@christina.k12.de.us



Another School Year In ETCHworks

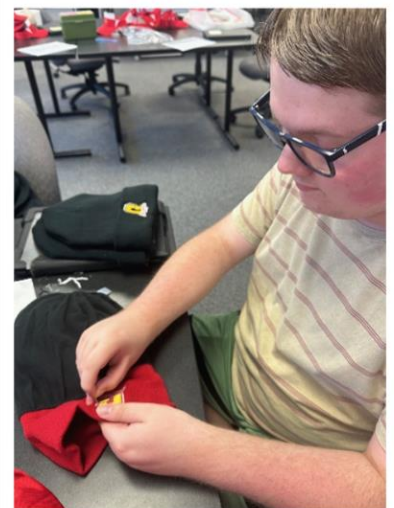
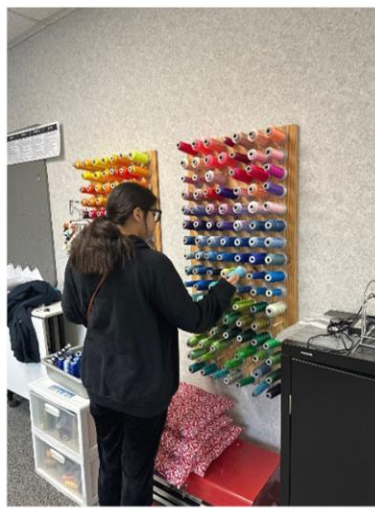
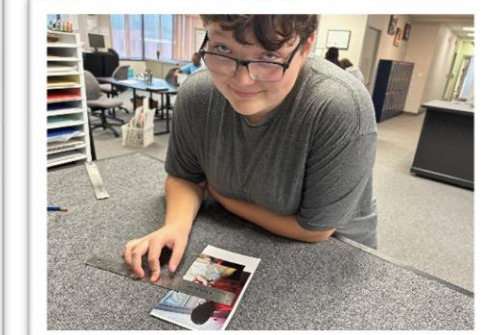
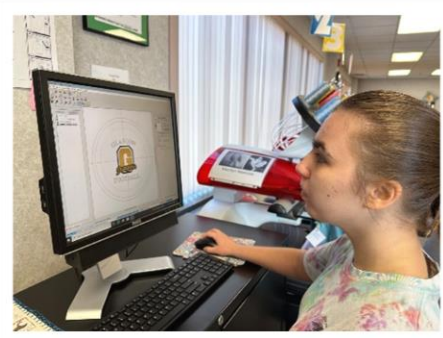
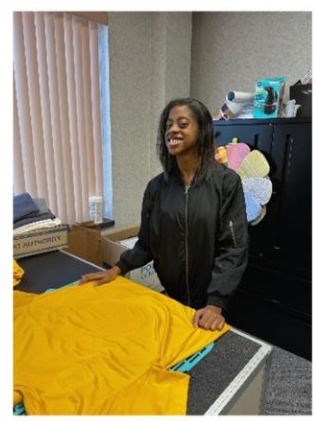
The school year is off to a fast start in ETCHworks. Everyone is learning all about the extremely interesting equipment that we are working with in Etch. We participated in our first Professional Dress Day this month earning PLUSes to be used for PBIS events or in the school store for dressing professionally.



FABRICworks

A picture says 1,000 words...we're off to a great start this year!

Welcome to new students and welcome back to our returning students



FLORALWORKS NEWS

WE ARE UP AND RUNNING!

It has been a great start to the new school year. The students have been busy learning how to cut flowers and prep them for floral arrangements we are making. The students are learning the names of the flowers and the various types of greens we are using.

We are excited to share that we completed and delivered our first wedding of the school year. It made us very happy when the bride shared that our bouquets looked just like the pictures she provided us.



Welcome to MERCHANTworks!

2024-25

This is an exciting time of the school year! We are thrilled to begin this adventure with the students.

MERCHANTworks is off and running! We are learning to sort the many donations which have begun to arrive. The students are learning about expectations and rules of the classroom including how to be safe in the classroom. Examples are:

- wearing closed toe shoes,
- listening,
- following directions,
- working as part of a team.

If you have any clothing or household items to donate, please consider donating items in MERCHANTworks. **Professional dress clothing, suit jackets, dress shirts/pants and BELTS are always needed.**



We Are



MUNCHworks!

Students in MUNCHworks have the opportunity to learn the skills needed to enter careers in nutrition, food preparation, catering and other fields that involve handling food. By participating in a full-service catering business, which includes meal planning and food safety in accordance with the guidelines of ServSafe, students learn basic food preparation techniques, procedures and vocabulary as taught in the food service industry.



Students work on learn how to: read a recipe and follow the instructions to completion, perform calculations to increase or decrease recipe yield and safely use a variety of food preparation utensils, appliances and equipment. Preparation of both hot and cold foods are the focus of instruction.



RECYCLEworks



We will start collecting plastics for our area to recycle very soon. Look for our bin at Networks to donate your items. We will be collecting all bottle caps and plastics with Numbers 2, 4, and 5. (See flyer)



What is a plastic crusher?

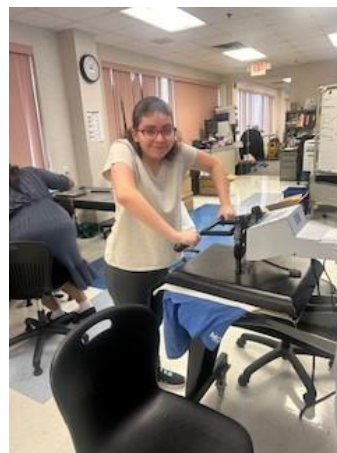
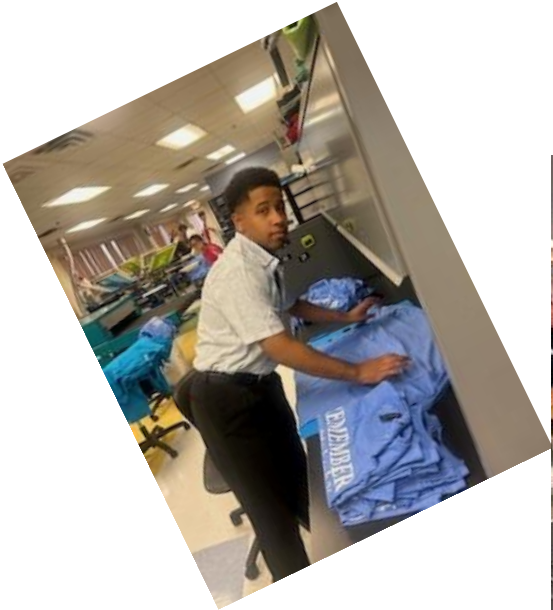


A plastic crusher, also known as a plastic grinder or granulator, is a machine that breaks down plastic into smaller pieces, such as flakes, or powder. The crushed plastic can then be recycled to make new plastic products.

Did you know only 9% of the plastic ever produced has been recycled?

TEAMworks

This month TEAMworks is working on learning new skills. The students are exploring the different jobs that make up the process of screen printing a t-shirt. We are also learning about how to dress professionally. Everyone in TEAMworks came dressed professionally this month. There are a few examples below. "Go TEAMworks".



TRADEworks



TRADEworks students have settled in to their new classroom and have established a daily routine. We are working at several community sites, learning basic custodial and housekeeping skills. In addition, we are working on:

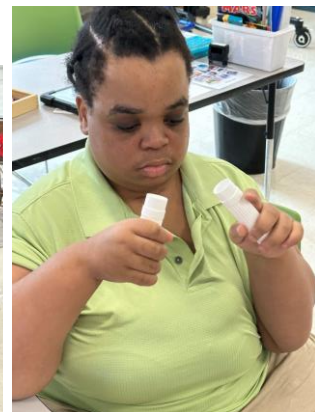
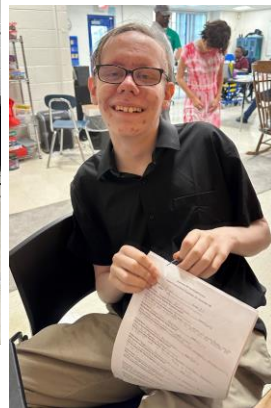
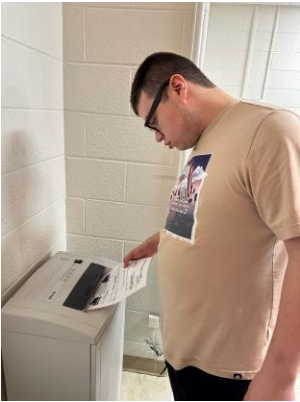
- Teamwork,
- Making and Keeping Friends,
- Give Respect to Get Respect.



Vocational Arts I and II

Students in the Vocational Arts program have adjusted into the new setting of Shue-Medill Middle School. They've made new connections with staff and other classmates. Because our classroom is new, it is still evolving. Students work on lessons and do various work tasks each day. Some students are here full day and some come for half the day either in the morning or in the afternoon.

We are all looking forward to an engaging October! Stay tuned.



WOODWORKS

Welcome to the first edition of our WOODworks Classroom Newsletter! As the leaves change and we embrace the spirit of fall, we've been busy in our workshop with exciting projects and important safety lessons.

Tool Identification and Safety

This month, we focused on **tool identification** and **safe tool use**. Students learned about various tools commonly used in woodworking, including:

- **Hand Tools:** Saws, screwdrivers, and hammers
- **Power Tools:** Drills, sanders, nail guns, and saws

We emphasized the importance of understanding each tool's purpose and functionality, alongside hands-on demonstrations to reinforce safe handling practices.

Safety Reminders:

- Always wear protective gear (goggles, gloves, and masks).
- Follow all instructions carefully before using any tool.
- Keep work areas clean and organized to prevent accidents.

Fall Projects

- As we transition into the fall season, students have begun working on exciting **fall-themed projects**. Here's a peek of what we're creating:



Networks Plunging Penguins

(Non-Profit Organization)



ONE DAY ONLY - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024
SHOP 8AM - 11PM

DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:

- 25% OFF DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS*
- REGISTER TO WIN A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD
One Winner at every Bosco's store

100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TO OUR ORGANIZATION

For Shopping Passes or information, contact:

Debbie Kearns

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302-454-2233 ext. 108

For more details visit boscos.com/friendshelpingfriends

*Exclusions Apply

**This year the Networks Special Olympic Team
is selling Discount Passes for Bosco's
to benefit their Polar Bear Plunge.**

The cost of the pass is \$5.00

**The shopping pass will provide you with a 25% discount on
purchases from Bosco's on Tuesday October 22, 2024.
Please consider purchasing a Friends Helping Friends**

**Discount Shopping Pass
to benefit the Networks Plunging Penguins.
Please see Ms. Kearns if you would
like to purchase a Shopping Pass.**

Counselor Corner

WELCOME BACK

Happy 2024-2025 School Year!!! Miss Lisa, Mr. Gerard, and Ms. Di would like to welcome you all back to Networks. We are here for you and wish you all a happy and healthy school year!

We would like to let families know that we had great success with our Networks Care Closet and will be continuing with that this year. Please contact Ms. Di or Miss Lisa for more information. We are also continuing our backpack program in collaboration with the Food Bank of Delaware. Please see the attached information regarding the program. Paper copies will be coming home with our students as well. Please return completed interest letter if you would like to participate.

We hope you will always remember:

DeaR STUDENTS

Always Remember...

1. You are important.
2. You are special!
3. I believe in you.
4. I trust you.
5. You are listened to.
6. Your opinion matters.
7. I care about you.
8. I respect you.

9. You are a winner!
10. I will help you succeed!



NETWORKS FALL SPECIALS

FABRICWORKS

PERSONALIZED HALLOWEEN BAG

\$8.00 w/ choice of Font and Thread Color

Deadline for orders is October 15, 2024



FLORALWORKS

FALL SPECIALS

\$8.00 to \$25.00 Delivery available for an additional cost

Deadline for Orders is October 31, 2024



WOODWORKS

FALL DECOR SPECIALS

\$10.00 to \$20.00 with a choice of 12 items made from reclaimed wood.

Deadline for Orders is October 21, 2024.



For additional information and to order items, please scan the QR code next to each enterprise area specials and you will be directed to the individual order forms.

Payment is in the form of cash or check.

Sorry, no credit cards at this time.

NETWORKS SPIRIT WEAR



Get your spirit wear today!!

Choices include T-shirts, Hoodies and Crew Neck Sweatshirts

5 Color Choices and 2 Logo Choices

Prices range from \$10.00 to \$30.00 in sizes small up to 6xl
(5xl for sweatshirts and 6xl for t-shirts)

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS: Friday, Oct 25, 2024

Payment is in the form of cash or check payable to Networks PTSA at time of order pick up



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tJcSJ6bqD7A2xKhlcw-VTjNSn2yDeEdfpZPjk2XCxOk/edit>

To order, click on the link above or scan the QR code.



Networks Care Closet Re-Supply Drive Fall 2024

Beginning in the Fall of 2023, we started our own Care Closet for students that are a little less fortunate to go along with our Backpack Program that we are running on a weekly basis in cooperation with the Food Bank of Delaware. We currently have 19 families who participate with more requests coming in daily.

This school year, has found our program expanding with new students. Additionally, we are coming off the summer months where students either did not attend school or only attended school 4 days a week, we need help re-supplying our care closet to prepare for the first semester of the 24 – 25 school year.

You can help support a child / family in need by reviewing the care closet wish list below for items we need to replenish our supply. These items can be purchased on sale at regular grocery stores or even at dollar stores and send your donation into Networks. Attention: Ms. Di or Ms. Lisa.

To make things even easier, you can select an item from our Amazon Wish List and have it shipped directly to our school. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/6dxEAox?ref=wl_share



Your generosity can make a significant difference in a child's life. Thank you for being a part of this community effort and for showing your support for our children's future! Have a great day.

FOOD ITEMS	HYGIENE/TOILETRIES ITEMS
Macaroni & Cheese (Micro/Box)	Toothbrushes / Floss
Oatmeal	Deodorant (Male/Female)
Ready Rice (Micro/Box)	Soap Bars
Ramen Noodles	Hair Combs/Picks/ Brushes
Cereal (Sm. Boxes)	Hair Ties
Canned Soups/Chili	Shampoo/Conditioner
Canned Vegetables & Fruits	Toothpaste
Pastas	Laundry Detergent
Peanut Butter/Jelly	Feminine Products
Granola Bars/Breakfast Bars	Hygiene Wipes
Applesauce Cups	Lotion
Canned Chicken/Fish	Undergarments (New)
Crackers	Socks
Juice Boxes	
Pop Top Cans Preferred	COAT CLOSET ITEMS
	Winter Coats
We are always in need of brown paper shopping bags (with handles preferred) if you receive any with your weekly shopping order.	Winter Vests
	Fall and Spring Coats



BACKPACK PROGRAM



The Food Bank of Delaware's Backpack Program provides food to children for weekends and holidays when school is not in session and federal school meal programs are not available. Backpack meal kits are stocked with kid-friendly, nutritious food including shelf-stable milk and juice, pop-top meals, macaroni and cheese, apple sauce, cereal and more. They are distributed on Fridays or the last day before a holiday or vacation in a discreet manner at schools, daycares, preschools and other community-based organizations.

Food is purchased by the Food Bank of Delaware, and bags are delivered each week to participating sites. Site staff store the bags in a secure area until distribution day. Bags are deposited into the child's backpack in a discreet manner.

Program Outcomes:

- Reduce health problems in children served by mitigating negative consequences of under nutrition
- Remove the barrier of hunger that contributes to poor school performance
- Empower school personnel to take direct action to benefit hungry children
- Increase awareness among parents and guardians of resources available to low-income families in their community
- Increase awareness of positive nutrition to students' families



OUR IMPACT



302,483 bags distributed



197 partnering sites



9,131 child participants

Supporting the Program:

It costs approximately \$300 to provide one child with weekend food for an entire year. This includes the cost of food for each week, supplies, transportation and program administration.

To support the program:

Larry Haas, Chief Development Officer, at lhaas@fbd.org.

To become a backpack site:

Please contact Chris Willis at cwillis@fbd.org.

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Hello,

My name is Christopher Willis, the Backpack Program Coordinator for the Food Bank of Delaware (Food Bank). I have created this form to ask if the Food Bank can be of any assistance for your child. Reported by Feeding America, 1 in 6 children face hunger every day in the state of Delaware. To confront that issue, the Food Bank created the Backpack Program to assist feeding children on the weekends. Participating children will receive a pack filled with food each Friday, it includes; 4 complete non-perishable meals and 2 snacks for the weekend.

If you would like your child to participate, please fill out the form on the back of this letter and return to the school. Thank you for participating in this program; we appreciate the opportunity to assist your family at this time. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me. If you have children at other schools and would like to inquire about participation, please reach out to me.

Christopher Willis
Backpack Program Coordinator
Food Bank of Delaware
302-292-1305 ext 233
cwillis@fbd.org

The Backpack Program is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

Name of School or Organization

Child's Name and Grade (if applicable)

Child's Teacher or Instructor

Signature

PROGRAMA DE MOCHILAS



El Programa de Mochilas del Banco de Alimentos de Delaware ofrece comida para los niños los fines de semana y días festivos cuando la escuela no está en sesión y los programas federales de comidas escolares no están disponibles. Las mochilas están repletas de alimentos nutritivos aptos para niños, estos alimentos incluyen: leche, jugo, comida enlatada, macarrones con queso, salsa de manzana, cereales y más. Estas mochilas se distribuyen los viernes o el último día antes de un día festivo o antes de las vacaciones de manera discreta en escuelas, guarderías, escuelas pres-escolares y otras organizaciones comunitarias.

Los alimentos son comprados por el Banco de Alimentos de Delaware y También se proporcionan folletos informativos y actividades para los niños. Las bolsas son entregadas durante todo el año a los sitios participantes semanalmente. El personal guarda las bolsas en un área segura hasta el día de la distribución. Las bolsas son puestas en la mochila del niño de manera discreta.

Los beneficios de este programa son:

- Reducir los problemas de salud en los niños atendidos y mitiga consecuencias negativas de la desnutrición.
- Elimina la barrera del hambre que contribuye al mal rendimiento académico de la población infantil.
- Empodera al personal escolar para que tome medidas directas que beneficien a los niños de bajos ingresos.
- Aumenta la conciencia entre los padres y tutores de los recursos disponibles para familias de bajos ingresos en su comunidad.
- Aumenta la conciencia positiva acerca de la nutrición de los estudiantes.



NUESTRO IMPACTO:



239,772 bolsas distribuidas



183 asociaciones



7,748 niños participantes

Apoyo al programa:

Cuesta aproximadamente \$300 para proporcionar a un niño comida de fin de Semana para todo año. Esto incluye el costo de comida para cada semana, suministros, Transporte y administración del programa.

Para apoyar el programa:

Larry Haas, jefe Oficial de Desarrollo, al lhaas@fbd.org.

Para convertirse en un distribuidor de mochilas:

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Chris Willis al cwillis@fbd.org.

Un miembro de



Información como
1 de julio de 2022 -
30 de junio de 2023



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Hola,

Mi nombre es Christopher Willis. El coordinador del programa de mochilas para el Banco de Alimentos de Delaware (Food Bank). Yo he creado este formulario para preguntar si el Banco de Alimentos puede ser de alguna ayuda para su hijo. Según Feeding America, 1 de cada 6 niños enfrentan hambre todos los días en el estado de Delaware. Para enfrentar ese problema, el Banco de Alimentos creó el Programa de mochilas para ayudar y alimentar a los niños los fines de semana. Los niños participantes recibirán un paquete lleno de comida cada viernes, que incluye; 4 comidas completas no perecederas y 2 bocadillo para el fin de semana.

Si desea que su hijo participe, complete el formulario al dorso de esta carta y devuélvalo a la escuela. Gracias por participar en este programa; apreciamos la oportunidad de ayudar a su familia en este momento. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el programa, no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo. Si tiene hijos en otras escuelas y desea solicitar información sobre la participación, comuníquese conmigo.

Christopher Willis
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Nombre de la escuela u organización

Nombre del niño y grado (si corresponde)

Maestro o instructor del niño

Firma

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