

March 2024

CAREER NOTES

JOB TRAINING PROGRAM QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

CARDINAL-CHARDON-KENSTON-CHAGRIN FALLS



Margaret Malarney
stocking foaming
hand soaps



Joe Chuckro
creating Spring Decor!!



Maggie Koehler
making seed paper used
to wrap hand soaps

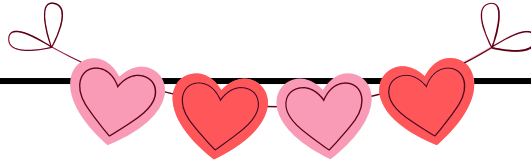
The Empower Works program began in August of 2022 with an entrepreneurship course developed to introduce students to the entrepreneurship mindset. During this course, students not only participated in activities to develop the mindset, but they also learned to how to determine what product/idea to create through researching societal need entrepreneurship. Students researched products on the internet to determine what to create and how to market them. The products were sold at Unique Like Me (ULM) in Painesville and sold at the Job Training annual fundraiser. Finally through a local speaker series, they decided which community organizations they would support.

The current school year students are not only creating and developing these and new products, they are obtaining hands-on experience by selling their products. Students are developing a variety of skills including marketing, customer service, budgeting, computer, and self confidence. They are also assisting with the development of an online store which will “go live” soon. Products will include the following and more: hand and foaming soaps, scrubs, cards, lip balms, bath salts, natural cleaner, and seasonal decor. items. The Empower Works has chosen the following community organizations to support the current school year: Next Step and WomenSafe.

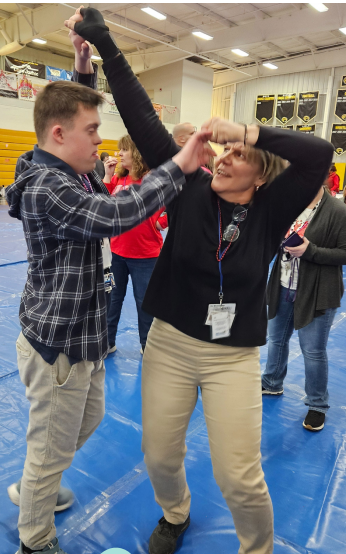
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Valentine's Dance

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On Valentine's Day, the Job Training students took a day off work to dance! The group attended the annual Valentine's Dance at Riverside High School. The dance is held each year for high school students in Job Training Programs from a variety of schools in Lake and Geauga County. Many students saw old friends or former teachers. The students had the opportunity to dance, take pictures in the photo booth, make crafts and have lunch. We are grateful to the Riverside School District for extending this invitation to us.



Ryan Batista and Mrs. Hyps



Thomas Lupca and Dashaun Atkinson take a break.



Maggie Koehler and Margaret Malarney arrive.



Delaney Hagan, Mrs. Evans and Emily Doolittle smiling for the camera



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Purpose of the Course:

The purpose of the job training program is to provide a work environment where students can practice employability skills and learn job tasks in the community.

This elective course offers half and full day work experience for students who are ready to practice their employability skills at a community job site along side paid employees. Students who work a full day have met all academic requirements.

Students work at different job sites throughout the school year. These job sites are determined by the employers needs and the results of the student's age appropriate transition assessments.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/25-4/1- Spring Break
- 4/8-Solar Eclipse No School
- 5/9 Career Fair
- 5/24 Program Picnic

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