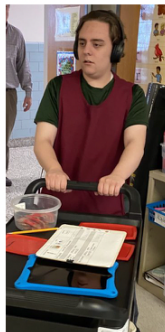
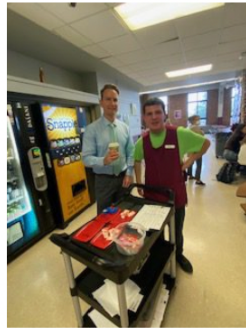
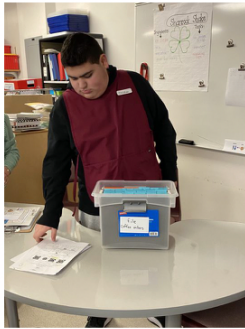


SEPTA GRANTS IN ACTION



Submitted by Marilyn Going

Over the past several years, the funds provided through the SEPTA grant have provided meaningful and rewarding vocational experiences for the students in the Garden City High School ACE program. Through the grant funding, teachers in the 8:1:2 classroom have been able to develop three in-house businesses: Sensational Smoothies, the Good Day Cafe, and PawsAbilities, a dog treat business.

Currently, the students are involved in the in-house vocational business, *The Good Day Cafe*. Each week the students provide order forms to teachers in a particular department, orders are filled, and deliveries are made. The Good Day Cafe tasks incorporate clerical skills (highlighting names, making copies, putting in mailbox, recording orders), food prep skills (filling orders, labeling cups, counting out cookies per order), and customer service (making deliveries, social interaction, pragmatic language). It has been a rewarding experience for all involved: the students who are learning vocational skills, the teachers who watch their growth, and the "customers" who are enjoying the coffee!

After April break, the students will once again be involved in PawsAbilities, the dog treat business developed last year by Mrs. Mary Ferrara. It will be an opportunity for the students to apply the skills they learned in the coffee business in a different vocational setting. Students will take orders from our dog-loving staff, assemble the treat bags, and deliver them.

The Sensational Smoothies business incorporates taking orders, creating shopping lists, weekly shopping trips to purchase ingredients, following recipes to make smoothies, and delivering to customers. The Sensational Smoothies business did not operate this year, but will be back again in the 2022-23 school year!

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