

# Career Tech Matters

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When our e-mail is on the fritz or something seems to be wrong with the Internet, the first call is to Vince Perhach.



But since he was 12, Vince has been writing computer programs and that skill often benefits Pickaway-Ross.

Recently, Nick Anderson asked Vince if he could make a point-of-sale program to be used in the school store.

A point-of-sale program itemizes sales, which helps keep track of individual sales, money and inventory.

“We’d been using Square, but I found that it wasn’t as useful,” Nick said.

By going to Vince, Nick was able to get a system that his students in General Merchandising & Warehousing can use in the school store and that, eventually, will help Nick with inventory and pricing in the warehouse.

Vince said it took him about a week to create the program. Nick then taught himself how to use it and has been training his students.

“When I put it on his desktop he just went to town and got to work on it,” Vince said.

Nick said Vince’s program is very user-friendly and he has already taught six students to use it. Gradually, Nick will teach his



**LEFT:** Scott Myers logs in to the point-of-sale system in the store as he begins his shift this week.

**BELOW:** Students in Jody French’s Options for Transitions class sort bracelets to observe National Bullying Prevention Month.

other 18 students the program.

Jody French has asked Vince to add a time clock and attendance function for her Options for Transitions students for when they go to work and Vince envisions that the program can be used by others.

“Now that we have one up and running, this program — called a relational database — can be used by multiple classes,” Vince said.

For Nick, the program will be a benefit for his students.

“This helps students get used to using a cash register and gives them a real-world application as a cashier.”



October is National Bullying Prevention Month and Jody French and her Options for Transitions students are leading the charge to encourage kindness with weekly challenges.

This week, Jody and her students started selling orange Unity Day bracelets. The cost is two for \$1 with the intent of buying one for yourself and one to give to a stranger.



As part of the month’s observation, each week has been assigned a theme.

Students are encouraged to make friends with a new person and say hello to a stranger (week of Oct. 8); stand up for others and foster positive actions (week of Oct. 15); include others in activities and/or ensure that no one eats alone (week of Oct. 22); and start a conversation with peers on how to make positive changes in the community (week of Oct. 29).

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