

# Career Tech Matters

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There is a grassroots initiative in communities and on social media to encourage kindness. As a father and grandfather, I can certainly support this premise.



And as the superintendent of a school district that is helping to prepare the next generation of workers and leaders, it makes me especially proud when our students initiate acts of kindness.

In Darcie Scott's Health Administration program, juniors are continuing a kindness project started by last year's seniors.

This year, while on mask breaks, juniors have been putting sticky notes with positive messages on student cars. Last week, student Sidney Oyer asked Miss Scott if it was okay to put the notes on staff members' cars and staff members were appreciative.



"I'm not sure who did it but it was a very bright spot at the end of a long week," a staff member posted on Facebook, including #PRCTCProud in the post.

Colleagues saw the post and agreed that this simple act was a welcome treat as they left work that day.

The students said they try to get different cars in the student lot each time

and feel good about the activity.

"Just getting a little note will brighten someone's day, especially if they're having a really bad day," Shania Reed said.

Sometimes the students hear from classmates on social media thanking them. And sometimes, "we accidentally put them on each other's cars," Sidney said.

Thinking of others is also evident in Donna



Students in Donna Patrick and Tea McCaulla's Community Service mentoring session work on a poster for the family of a Chillicothe woman who is running a marathon as a fundraiser for St. Jude's.

Patrick and Tea McCaulla's Community Service mentoring class.

Some students spent last Friday making a poster for the family of a Chillicothe woman who is running a marathon as a fundraiser for St. Jude's. Other students made cards for Jennifer Payne's mother-in-law, who had knee surgery.

Donna said future projects include necessary maintenance on the benches made several years ago for the Mace Healing Garden at the Chillicothe V.A.

The wooden benches need to be power washed, restained and sealed. The metal bench needs to be powder coated, as it is starting to rust, Donna said.

"We have to find someone here to help us. Who has a power washer and who can help us do this?"

In addition to those initial projects, Donna said students come to mentoring with their own ideas for community service.

I'm not surprised. Kindness is evident at Pickaway-Ross.

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