Justin Wills made a great impression at Parson’s Ford where he assisted with oil changes and tire rotations. He is excited for the opportunity to continue working at Parson’s Ford as an employee this summer!

Cody Allen learns what it is like to work in a farmer’s market at Orr’s Farm Market. While there, Cody helps package, weigh and label goods to be sold in the market. He also stocked drinks and jars of food.

Farewell to our seniors!
Once again we must say goodbye to a fantastic group of senior students. This group of seniors has accumulated over 500 hours working in the community as a part of the Work Exploration Program. We wish them the best of luck as they transition into their adult life, and we know that the skills they have gained in Work Exploration will help them achieve their dreams and goals.

Peggy Molnar was thrilled to work at King’s Pizza as she and her family are frequent customers at the restaurant! Peggy learns how to fold different sized pizza boxes, fill the salt and pepper containers on each table and wrap silverware in napkins.

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Quotes from our businesses...

“The Work Exploration Program is a great way to be a part of the Martinsburg High School / Berkeley County Schools community. Uncle Joe’s is proud to be involved!”

Subway Retail Commons Parkway, Uncle Joe’s Barber Shop

“I really enjoy teaching the kids that come to Subway to learn work skills and I wouldn’t trade it for the world. Everyone learns differently, and I like to teach them not just to clean, but to interact with customers, work the register, prepare food, etc. Cleaning is a part of our job, but it’s not the most important part.”

LeAnne Lower, manager, Subway Retail Commons Parkway

“We enjoy having the students come to our shop and learn our trade and help us out with our work load.”

Jeff Clark, manager, Pennington’s Auto

The success of Work Exploration (WE) depends on the support of our LOCAL BUSINESSES. BUSINESSES interested in participating in WE CONTACT:

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The PAES Lab is a great learning tool for students who are not yet old enough to work out in the community. In the lab students learn and practice pre-employment work skills. Here Dalton Huffman and Wyatt Ernst complete one of the Electrical Processing units where they learned how to assemble and wire a lamp plug and socket!

Congratulations Work Exploration Class of 2018! Pictured seniors are: (L to R) Frank Delorenzo, Clinton Naugle, Scott Exline, Jarid Shamblin, Shawn Hicks, and Brenda Bruno.
Brenda Bruno was given a special recognition at the annual Reception this year for her five years of participation in Work Exploration. Here she is receiving her plaque from Mr. Banks, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education. We are very proud of her hard work!

Finishing another successful year!

“Choose to Shine” was the theme of the eleventh annual Work Exploration Program Reception held on April 18th at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg. Once again, the banquet hall was filled to capacity with students, business representatives, parents, Board of Education members and school personnel from all over Berkeley County. Before and after the ceremony and while enjoying a continental breakfast, guests viewed a computer presentation with highlights of students working over the past year.

During the ceremony our businesses and students were recognized on stage, and plaques were presented to our business partners by the students. Seniors were presented with Work Exploration cords for their many hours of work and a copy of “Oh, The Places You’ll Go” by Dr. Seuss.

The reception was a great success, and following the Work Exploration Reception, senior students were treated to a delicious lunch provided by our generous business partner, Chick-fil-A.

EPTA visits MHS, provides info

On March 14th many of our Work Exploration Students were able to attend an informative and valuable presentation by the Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority, or EPTA. Elaine Bartoldson, Deputy Director, came to Martinsburg High School and spoke with the students about rider information, bus schedules, and various programs available to them.

Some of the programs discussed include “Get a Job. Get a Ride!” which provides a free monthly bus pass to new employees of Corporate Partners; the “Student Discount Program” which provides a 25% discounted monthly pass to students enrolled in high school, college, or technical school; and the “Half Fare Program” which provides a discounted rider card to people with disabilities.

The students were also treated to a ride on one of the EPTA buses around town so that they could experience using public transportation. At the end of the presentation, Ms. Bartoldson provided complimentary bus passes and a certificate for post-graduation use to each student that attended the presentation. If you have any questions or would like information about the programs EPTA offers, please give them a call at 304-263-0876.

Clinton Naugle, Jamie Dixon, Hossein Sholough, Jarid Shamblin, Chad Rogers, Tristan Kelleher, Lexus Saville, Abigail Wills, and Mariah Cool take a ride on the EPTA bus.

While working at Chick-fil-A Bryan Fink assures that the condiment bar is always fully stocked and ready for customers. He also sanitized tables and chairs.

Abigail Wills works with preschoolers at RESA 8 Head Start/Pre K and learns what it takes to be a preschool teacher. The children have truly enjoyed having her there each week.

At McDonalds, being able to work in a fast-paced environment is an absolute must! Halie Rickard keeps up with the demand as she prepares hash browns and eggs for customers’ breakfast meals.