Assessing students’ career choices is an important part of the transition process. During the first quarter, freshmen students completed the PIC Pathfinder. All grades are given a transition assessment to gather information about the students’ current interests and preferences. During the second quarter, sophomores will meet one-on-one with the job specialists to complete a job awareness survey and juniors will prepare their post-secondary plan.

**PIC Pathfinder determines interests**

- At Paw Spa & Retreat, Abigail Wills bathes and grooms the dogs. She also walks, feeds and interacts with the dogs in the playroom.
- Stanley Peck discovers what it takes to work in a busy fast-food restaurant. Here at Chick fil-A he maintains the dining room by wiping the tables, sweeping the floor and stocking the condiment bar.
- Will Voron was a big help at the Berkeley County BackPack program each week, where he and other volunteers helped fill bags with food and then carry the bags to and from the vehicles.

**What our business partners say...**

“Collaboration with the WEP and Berkeley County Pre-K programs is a wonderful partnership that is beneficial to both parties. The Pre-K students receive individual attention and learn to interact with different personalities. The WEP students learn the skills of child development and appropriate activities for children. I feel it is a wonderful relationship and look forward to our continued partnership.”

~ Michelle Martin, Director of BCS Pre-K

“The Work Exploration Program has become the highlight of our week here at King’s Pizza. All of the students that have come to work here have truly become like family.”

~ Alissa Reynolds, King’s Pizza

“It is a pleasure to work with the WEP. I encourage other businesses to work hand-in-hand with this program and in showing these kids that we support them.”

~ Alicia Marpole, Towers Restaurant

**Work Exploration**

WE prepare for the future!

Martinsburg High School
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The success of Work Exploration (WE) depends on the support of our LOCAL BUSINESSES.

BUSINESSES interested in participating in WE

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Parents, attend your student’s IEP meetings! These last few years of high school will go by quickly, and in order to ensure your student’s successful transition to adult life, it is vitally important that students and parents learn about the different options available to them after high school. Case managers from Martinsburg High School and other Berkeley County Schools attended a special agency training session in October, where they were able to learn about the I/DD Waiver program and the different agencies in our community that provide valuable services. Your student’s case manager will be able to discuss all of these options with you at your student’s IEP meeting, so please attend!

For additional resources, parents should visit the Berkeley County Schools Transition and Work Exploration web page at https://www.berkeleycountyschools.org/workexploration. On the web pages, you will find more information about the Work Exploration Program and other transition topics. This newsletter, as well as individual photos of Work Exploration students at work, can be viewed.