Assessments given to students
This fall, ninth grade students completed the Pictorial Inventory of Careers (PIC) Interest Inventory. The inventory helps determine a student’s areas of interest by having them rate a series of 119 video clips of people working at various occupations. Results of the inventory are provided to students to assist them in planning their curriculums and future careers. Tenth and eleventh grade students also completed interest assessments to help plan for their transition from high school to adult life.

What our businesses are saying...
“I love being able to show students around the bank. I enjoy having the opportunity to involve students and engage them in learning new things and seeing what the workplace is like at a bank. I think the Work Exploration Program is amazing! Being a former student from Berkeley County, I am happy that this program gives the students an opportunity to experience and be hands on at a workplace.”
Ana Amesquita, City National Bank

“It’s been our pleasure to work with Work Exploration for several years now! The students are always well-mannered and eager to help. We strongly recommend other businesses joining in to help give these students a chance to learn new skills that will help them throughout their life!”
Julie Hess, JayDee’s Fun Center

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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Spraying the area around the pool and putting away chairs/umbrellas are just a couple of ways Nicholas Carson helps get JayDee’s Family Fun Center ready for the fall. He also works inside to keep the play area, workout room and nature center looking spotless.
We have new business partners!

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new businesses for 2018-2019: Shenandoah Valley Brand and Kind Kids Consignment. We are pleased to welcome these new businesses to Work Exploration for the upcoming school year and want them to know how important their participation is to our students and our program.

PAES lab provides pre-vocational training for many students

The PAES LAB at Musselman is off to a busy start this year. We have eight students working each week to build skills that they use when they transfer into the community. The lab offers five areas that students can work in to enhance their experience in Work Exploration: Business/Marketing, Consumer Services, Processing/Production, Computer Technology and Construction/Industrial. Students also use a book series entitled, “Entering the World of Work,” which teaches them about different aspects of employment: applying for jobs, training for jobs and interacting with people while at work. Other classes also utilize the lab to give more students the opportunity to benefit from the activities in the lab.

Transition training for teachers will help students after graduation

On Wednesday, October 24th a Waiver Training was held with various agencies to give out valuable information to the case managers at each school. These resources, as well as brochures/pamphlets from this training, should be passed on to parents when they attend their child's IEP meeting. Representatives from the different agencies provided their information so that parents can reach out to them for assistance as they navigate through the waiver process.

Nicholas Day puts packages of fresh meat in the cases and helps customers with their orders while working at D & D Meats. He also folds/puts away wash cloths and aprons.

Jonah Scott puts bows on the chairs as he sets up for an event at Heritage Hall. Putting out place settings, making sure the floors are vacuumed and moving tables are additional duties he does each week.

Fall is all about apples at Taylor’s Farm Market. Miguel Juarez moves apples to crates in cold storage, labels apple cider and puts apples on shelves in the market.

Brandon Patton makes sure the windows look shiny at Collins Barbershop. He sweeps the shop, cleans the mirrors and greets the patrons.

Working as a team gets the job done at the Musselman South Berkeley Community Library. Kayla McDaniel and Ryan Reynolds dust the shelves, tables and computers, and straighten the Children’s Room each week.

Spending time with the children during Free Play is one of the best parts of the job at the Musselman Pre-K. Aubrie Mahood also participates in Circle Time, assists at recess and helps with activities.