

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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**SUBJECT: GOOD NEWS IN BATH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

- A. Recognition of school principals for Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week, January 22-26, 2018
- B. Virginia School Board Appreciation Month, February 2018  
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Recognition of School Board Members & Clerks
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  - Recognition of School Board members from schools
- C. Career and Technical Education Month, February 2018
- D. National School Counseling Week, February 5-9, 2018
- E. School Spelling Bee Winners

<b>Millboro</b>	<b>Winner: Dillon Miller</b>	<b>Runner Up: Kelsey Eaton</b>
	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Place</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</u>
Grade 7	Caitlin Burke	Mikayla Burke
Grade 6	Peyton Smith	Miguel Malpica
Grade 5	Tommy McClung	Kelsey Eaton
<b>Valley</b>	<b>Winner: Isabelle Farris</b>	<b>Runner Up: Franklin DeBoe</b>
	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Place</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</u>
Grade 7	Isabelle Farris	Ali Frame
Grade 6	Frankie DeBoe	Matt Harold
Grade 5	Bayley Gardzinski	Jaiden Mines
<b>BCHS: Grade 8</b>	<b>Winner: Olivia Clarkson</b>	<b>Runner Up: Erica Ratcliffe</b>

The Division Spelling Bee will be Monday, February 12, 2018, 6:00 PM, at MES

- F. BCBS Band  
All District Band Event will be held February 2-3, 2018 at Harrisonburg High School. The concert is on February 3, at 3:00 PM. The following students auditioned and were accepted to participate.

<u>Middle School-8<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>High School</u>
Sarah Eaton (Clarinet)	Mary Dressler (Symphonic Band-Clarinet)
Kimmy Graham (Clarinet)	Gabbi Reed (Concert Band-Clarinet)
	Travis Braxton (Concert Band-French Horn)
	Ethan Essex (Concert Band-Euphonium)

**Superintendent's Memo #009-18****COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education**

**DATE:** January 19, 2018  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week January 22-26, 2018**

On behalf of the Virginia Board of Education and the Department of Education, I am pleased to announce that Governor Ralph S. Northam has signed a Certificate of Recognition declaring January 22-26, 2018, as Virginia Principals Appreciation Week. I hope that you and others throughout your community will join me in acknowledging the tireless efforts of our school principals across the Commonwealth.

The role of the principal as the instructional leader of the school is critically important to ensure students are provided the opportunity to learn. Our principals work diligently to help students and teachers excel, and their leadership and hard work are essential to the success of our schools. They deserve all the recognition and praise we can give them.

The full text of the Governor's Certificate of Recognition announcing Principals Appreciation Week is available on [Governor Northam's website](#). I would like to express my appreciation to the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals (VASSP) and the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals (VAESP) for their assistance in requesting this Proclamation.

I hope that you and other officials in your division will celebrate Virginia Principals Appreciation Week by planning a special community event or some other appropriate function.

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# Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week

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**JANUARY 22, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, principals make a significant difference for students and staff every day, impacting the effectiveness of teachers and the achievement of students; and

**WHEREAS**, principals serve as educational leaders who motivate and inspire all members of the school staff and student body to engage in the learning process; and

**WHEREAS**, principals are entrusted with the opportunity and the responsibility of guiding, directing, nurturing, mentoring, and imparting knowledge to our children while they are at school; and

**WHEREAS**, principals work with teachers and staff to set academic standards and push students to excel; and

**WHEREAS**, principals must work collaboratively with parents and the community-at-large to proactively prepare students to be self-reliant and productive citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the Commonwealth of Virginia to continue to support and recognize the efforts of school principals who are positively impacting students, who are the future of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week is an opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of Virginia school principals in promoting quality education for every child;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize January 22-26, 2018, as **VIRGINIA SCHOOL PRINCIPALS APPRECIATION WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

**Office of  
Virginia Governor, Ralph S. Northam**

**School Board Appreciation Month**

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**FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the education of Virginia's school-aged children is the foundation upon which the economic, social, and intellectual strength of our Commonwealth is built; and

**WHEREAS**, locally elected and appointed school board members play an important role in our representative democracy, as the decisions of local school boards directly influence instruction in Virginia's public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the leadership of our school boards affects the development and future of our children and ensures that students are prepared to compete in local, state, national, and global economies; and

**WHEREAS**, local school boards devote themselves to providing a high-quality education for all students in the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, school board members work with parents, businesses, educational professionals, and other community members to create and sustain an educational vision for our students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia is proud of our educational system and appreciates the efforts of local school board members to make the Virginia public school system an excellent place in which to educate our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, School Board Appreciation Month recognizes school board members for their leadership and support of a public school system from which the entire Commonwealth benefits;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize February 2018 as **SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

**Office of  
Virginia Governor, Ralph S. Northam**

**School Board Clerk Appreciation Week**

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**FEBRUARY 19, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, school board clerks in each locality throughout the Commonwealth are appointed by law to fulfill their duties and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, school board clerks are responsible for keeping accurate records of the meetings and proceedings of the school board, a record of all receipts and disbursements, and a record of all official acts; and

**WHEREAS**, school board clerks perform other duties in connection with the school business of his or her county or city as may be required by the school board; and

**WHEREAS**, school board clerks maintain frequent contact with the public, including parents, employees, and the media, on behalf of the school board and superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, school board clerks, in the performance of their duties, are often required to work extra hours attending school board meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, school board clerks ensure that students achieve their highest potential and provide an invaluable service for school board members and superintendents;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize February 19-23, 2018, as **SCHOOL BOARD CLERK APPRECIATION WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

**Office of  
Virginia Governor, Ralph S. Northam**

## Career and Technical Education Month

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**FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of today's workplace, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education provides students with a career pathway for postsecondary education and workplace readiness; serves as the foundation of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry; and contributes to Virginia's leadership in the international marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education gives citizens experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills, including reading, writing, and mathematics; and

**WHEREAS**, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills that provide them with more career choices, expanded earning potential, and greater job satisfaction; and

**WHEREAS**, the cooperative and ever-increasing efforts between career and technical educators, administrators, and representatives of business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our Commonwealth's economy by preparing citizens for careers in high-demand, high-wage, and highly technologically-skilled areas in a global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, *Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow!*, demonstrates the crucial role that career and technical education plays in readying our students for successful careers;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize February 2018 as **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

**Superintendent's Memo #012-18****COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education**

**DATE:** January 19, 2018  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **National School Counseling Week, February 5-9, 2018**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) would like to recognize professional school counselors during the week of February 5-9, 2018, as we celebrate National School Counseling Week. This year's theme, sponsored by the [American School Counselor Association](#) (ASCA), is entitled "School Counselors: Helping Students Reach for the Stars," and highlights the tremendous impact school counselors have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. To help you promote the week, ASCA has developed many materials and documents, a number of which are free.

School counselors work with all students to remove barriers to learning by addressing academic concerns, social/emotional issues, and career awareness for postsecondary options. Comprehensive and developmental school counseling programs help to increase student achievement and are a vital part of the educational process for all students. Information on school counseling in Virginia can be found on the VDOE [School Counseling and Advisement](#) webpage.

School divisions are encouraged to join VDOE in recognizing Virginia school counselors for their dedication to students' educational success. Should you have any questions, contact Joseph Wharff, School Counseling Specialist, Office of Student Services, by email at [Joseph.Wharff@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Joseph.Wharff@doe.virginia.gov), or by telephone at (804) 225-3370.

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**Proclamation**  
**National School Counseling Week**  
**February 5-9, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

**WHEREAS**, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of their children; and

**WHEREAS**, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school;

**WHEREAS**, the Bath County School Board recognizes the many and varied contributions of School Counselors;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that at its meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, the Bath County School Board recognizes February 5-9, 2018 as National School Counseling Week.

**Adopted: February 6, 2018**

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Chairman, Bath County School Board

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Vice-Chairman, Bath County School Board