

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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SUBJECT: ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

## Sue Hirsh

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**From:** Luchau, Melissa (DOE) [Melissa.Luchau@doe.virginia.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2012 11:18 AM  
**To:** Sue Hirsh  
**Subject:** Invitation to Board of Education Meeting - May 24, 2012 - district accreditation designation

Dear Mrs. Hirsh:

On behalf of the president of the Virginia Board of Education, Mr. David M. Foster, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Patricia I. Wright, I am pleased to invite you to be present at the Board's meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2012, to be honored as a recipient of the district accreditation designation awarded by the SACS Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The Board will present a resolution of recognition as an expression of its high regard for this accomplishment under your leadership.

The recognition will be held on Thursday, May 24, at 9:00 a.m. in the Jefferson Conference Room on the 22<sup>nd</sup> floor of the James Monroe Building, 101 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond. We would be honored for your school board chair and others to be present, also. We realize this is a busy time of year, and if your schedule does not permit you or your designee to attend, please be assured that you will receive your resolution immediately by mail.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached at 804-225-2924 or [Melissa.luchau@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Melissa.luchau@doe.virginia.gov). Please let me know in advance of the meeting if you, your designee, or other guests are able to attend. If others will accompany you, please send me a list of names and titles so that we may introduce everyone to the Board of Education and the audience.

Congratulations to you on this outstanding achievement, which brings pride to your entire community.

Best wishes,  
Melissa

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**Les Balgavy  
Principal**

March 23, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Two cases of hand, foot and mouth disease, also known as Coxsackievirus have been reported in the Valley Preschool. Hand, foot, and mouth disease usually starts with a fever, poor appetite, a vague feeling of being unwell, and sore throat. One or two days after fever starts, painful sores usually develop in the mouth. They begin as small red spots that blister and that often become ulcers. The sores are often in the back of the mouth. A skin rash develops over 1 to 2 days. The rash has flat or raised red spots, sometimes with blisters. The rash is usually on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet; it may also appear on the knees, elbows, buttocks or genital area. Some people, especially young children, may get dehydrated if they are not able to swallow enough liquids because of painful mouth sores. Persons infected with the viruses that cause hand, foot, and mouth disease may not get all the symptoms of the disease. They may only get the mouth sore or skin rash.

Hand, foot, and mouth disease is a common viral illness that usually affects infants and children younger than 5 years old. However, it can sometimes occur in adults. Symptoms of hand, foot, and mouth disease include fever, blister-like sores in the mouth, and a skin rash.

Should your child have any of these symptoms you may want to seek medical advice.

Please note that both preschool rooms have been thoroughly cleaned. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Beth Nair".

Mary Beth Nair  
Bath County Public School Nurse