

**BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

**AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION {    }                      ACTION { X }                      CLOSED MEETING {    }**

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

**- Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week, January 5-11, 2014**

**Superintendent's Memo #286-13****COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education**

October 25, 2013

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week January 5-11, 2014**

On behalf of the Virginia Board of Education and the Department of Education, I am pleased to announce that Governor Robert F. McDonnell has signed a Certificate of Recognition declaring January 5-11, 2014, 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.

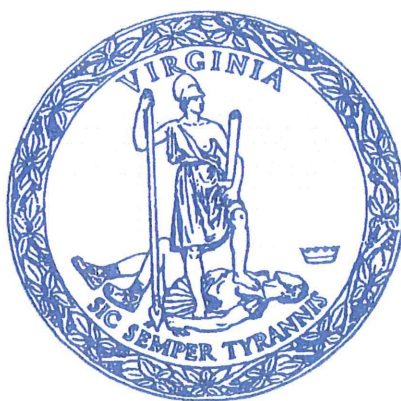
The role of the principal as the instructional leader of the school is critically important to ensure students are provided the opportunity to learn. Our principals work diligently to help students and teachers excel, and their leadership and hard work are essential to the success of our schools. They 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 attached. 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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Attachment:

- a. [2014 Principals Appreciation Week Proclamation \(PDF\)](#)



## CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

### SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, achieving academic excellence requires that principals work cooperatively to direct, develop, and inspire all members of the school staff and student body, and to communicate effectively with parents to engage them in the learning process; and

**WHEREAS**, principals are the instructional leaders of the school who seek to provide levels of accountability based on rigor, relevance, and relationships in the curriculum that permeate throughout the school community; and

**WHEREAS**, principals serve as educational leaders, responsible for managing the policies, regulations and procedures necessary to ensure that all students are supervised in a safe and effective learning environment that maintains the standards of excellence expected in Virginia's public and private schools; and

**WHEREAS**, parents and guardians are ultimately responsible for their children's education, principals and teachers are entrusted with the opportunity and the responsibility of guiding, directing, nurturing, mentoring, and imparting knowledge to these children while they are at school; and

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

**WHEREAS**, principals work diligently to maintain continuous academic progress in all of Virginia's schools, seeking to make the most productive use of available resources, striving to encourage and facilitate the pursuit of excellence by both teachers and students, and communicating regularly with parents and the community, all in an effort to make positive differences in the lives of our young citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize January 5-11, 2014 as **SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Robert F. McDonnell in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Janet Vestal Kelly in black ink.

Secretary of the Commonwealth