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State Superintendent to Visit Botetourt School to Unveil New Character Education Resource Starring Garfield

Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright will unveil a new collection of online character education lessons starring Garfield, the cartoon cat, at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 7, at Cloverdale Elementary School in Botetourt County.

The six character education lessons are the latest addition to the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) Infinite Learning Lab (<http://infinitelearninglab.org>), an online resource developed by VDOE in collaboration with cartoonist Jim Davis and the Professor Garfield Foundation.

Botetourt County Superintendent Anthony S. Brads will join Wright for the announcement. Afterwards, Cloverdale Elementary fourth graders will go online with Garfield as the first students in the commonwealth to experience the character education lessons.

Cloverdale Elementary, a three-time winner of the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence, is located at 833 Cougar Drive, in Cloverdale, northeast of Roanoke.

Following the announcement, Wright and Brads will visit Lord Botetourt High School and James River High School.

Directions from Roanoke to Cloverdale Elementary: north on Interstate 81 to Exit 150A; south on ALT U.S. 220 (Cloverdale Road) approximately 2 miles; right on Cougar Drive, Cloverdale Elementary is on the left at approximately 0.8 miles.

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