



## Superintendent Weekly Note #26

Each week I will highlight some of our opening day themes:

**#2—It's ALL about teamwork. Sometimes you are the star and sometimes you help the star.**

**RIS Mission:** *Our mission is to inspire and empower all students to reach their maximum potential: one student, one lesson, one day at a time.*

### **Things I CAN Control...**

1. My **ATTITUDE**
2. My **EFFORT**
3. My **BEHAVIOR**
4. My **ACTIONS** to be a Great Team Member

*Continue to focus on the RIS four core beliefs:  
It's about Kids! —Accountability—Transparency—Communication.*

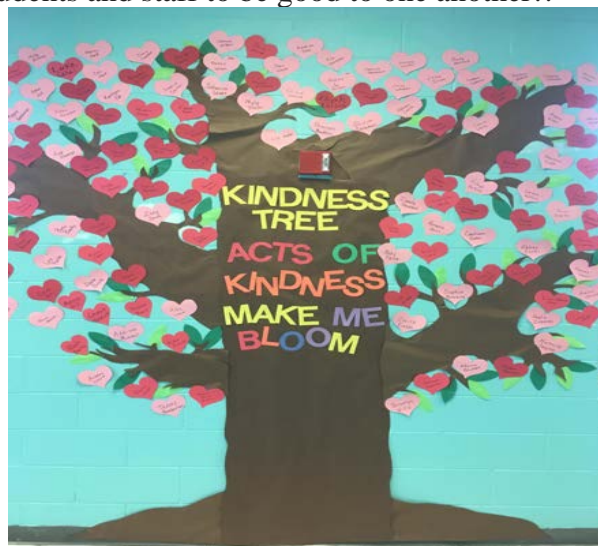
☺ *Positives across the district.....*

### **Russell Primary School** (From the desk of Mr. Cassity)

RPS celebrated Founders' Day as well as Evening with the Arts on Thursday evening, as our second graders sang, drummed, danced and displayed some amazing artwork. Congrats to Ms. House and Ms. Rivers for being recognized for their dedication and service to students at RPS. PTA granted them both official lifetime memberships of the RPS PTA!! A special thanks to Ms. Dalton, Ms. Fleming, and Ms. Foudray for their hard work in preparing for performances and the displays of our second grade talent!



Check out our wall display in the cafe of all the students who completed their good deed boards last week. Thanks Ms. Light, for taking the time to put the display together, and for encouraging our students and staff to be good to one another!!



**Russell-McDowell Intermediate** (From the desk of Mrs. Wright)

- At our PTA Founders Day Celebration, we added five new lifetime members to the organization in honor of their service to our school. Congratulations to Nicole Shivel, Brigette Devaney, Officer Tackett, Allison Kazee, and Bethany Smith. We are thankful for all that these individuals contribute to our school!

- The 5th-grade orchestra under the direction of Drew Stowers performed on Tuesday evening at the PTA induction ceremony. It is amazing how much this group continues to grow!
- Our Math and English Ad-Hoc Committees met this week to determine the next steps in our language arts and mathematics instruction. At R-MIS we are constantly looking at ways that we can fine-tune the wonderful educational opportunities that we provide to our students.

#### **Russell Middle School** (From the desk of Mr. Moore)

- RMS English Language Arts and Mathematics Teachers focusing on the future. They looked at new textbooks and standards this week to prepare our students for the future.
- Science Olympiad competing at New Albany Middle School in Ohio. Brandon Staton a current University of Alabama Huntsville student and a former RMS Student and Science Olympiad Member shared this great story: **I was in an engineering class yesterday. After some discussion on bridges and trusses, the Professor shows a Science Olympiad video and there is an RMS student and his bridge! How cool is it that a professor at the University of Alabama Huntsville is using a video in his class with one of our kids in it?! Not only was there an RMS student in the video, but also that was Brandon's last year on the RMS SciOly team.**
- RMS Breakfast with the Arts another huge success. Talented group of performers and the students are very respectful.
- RMS students have participated in the District Basketball Tournament this week in Lewis County by playing in the Pep Band and as members of the Russell High School Basketball Teams.

#### **Russell High School** (From the desk of Mrs. Chaffin)

- Makaela Haney who won the position of KY State Webmaster/Historian for the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica. She will serve on the student board for the 2019-2020 year assisting in preparing for next year's annual student convention.
- Boys' basketball team defeated Ashland in exciting fashion in the regular season finale.
- Girls' basketball team won their 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive District tournament. Play in the Regional tournament next week. The following were named to the All-District Tournament Team:
  - Lakie Sanders
  - Kaeli Ross
  - Malia Blevins
  - Shaelyn Steele
- Caroline George has been named a Semi-finalist for a National Beta Club scholarship. This is a first for Russell High School.

#### **Russell Area Technology Center** (From the desk of Mrs. S. Thompson)

- CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Jennie Phipps! She has been accepted into the Amazon Future Engineer Program, which is a partnership with Edhesive. Through this program, Mrs. Phipps will receive 40 hours of free training in multiple computer science courses, as well as receive the curricula for six new courses free. This is a great opportunity for our Information Technology Program and our students! Thank you, Mrs. Phipps, for your diligence in

- pursuing this!
- Our MNA/Pre-Nursing students and Ms. Layne completed their first day of clinicals at Oakmont Manor! We are so proud of them and their hard work!
  - Ms. Layne trained seven of our fine Pre-Nursing students in CPR and First Aid! Congratulations to Taylor Fox, Abigail Keeton, Haley Kibbey, Ashley Nguyen, Cameron Proctor, Katlynn Shumway, & Ashley Thomas for becoming a card-carrying certified lifesaver!!!
  - A huge “Thank you” to Tammy Hall for creating a beautiful banner for our school to display in our front entryway to welcome our students! We are so blessed to have Tammy taking such great care of us!
  - We found out this week that our Associate Commissioner OCTE, David Horseman, will be visiting our school this spring. We are very excited for his upcoming visit!

**Russell Preschool** (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

**Mrs. Grizzle**

This week in Room 207, we read, *The Napping House*, & acted out the story. We learned our new finger play, Five Little Stars, & sang, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star". We also practiced writing our names in the stars, made patterns with star stickers, & built a city during center time in the block center. We ended our week with outdoor gross motor time!!

**Mrs. Delong**

This week we have been talking about Diversity and what that means. We have discussed and compared how there are similarities and differences between different areas of the world and in different cultures.

**Mrs. Stephens**

This week we have been talking about Diversity. We cracked open a brown and white egg and talked about how they look different on the outside but on the inside they are the same! That is exactly how we are. Some of us have short hair, some have long, some are tall and some are short. We are all different and awesome!! We created a friendship painting, which was really cool and read several books about how we are different. We have learned so much this week and had so much fun!

**Mrs. Boyer**

This week in Pre-K we learned all about presidents in celebration of President's Day. We discussed facts about past and current presidents. We also learned the difference between non-fiction and fiction stories when we compared two stories. Our littlest Red Devils ended the week with our own ballot voting. They stuffed the ballot box by deciding between many of our favorite things like recess on the playground or gym. It was a great week in Pre-K!

**Mrs. Moore**

We learned about the President of the United States...past and present. We learned about money and found pictures of the Presidents! We practiced saying the Pledge of Allegiance. We had so much fun!

*What's happening at central office / district this week?*

- **February Board of Education Meeting**—Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Central Office board room. **This is an open meeting and a great opportunity to learn what is going on in the district. Great leadership opportunity!**

**It's a great day to be a Red Devil! Have a great week Russell!**

--Sean