



Superintendent Weekly Note #29

2019 Governor's Cup Results for 2019 for Russell Middle School

- Russell Middle School finished 11th in the State in the 2019 Governor's Cup State Finals.
- Our Quick Recall team made it to the quarterfinals (tied for 5th) and missed a trip to the semifinals by a mere three points. Team members are Arnav Dharmagadda, Brayden Gross, Aarushi Jain, Brody Kilburn, Brayden Pack, Snehan Saroch, Ashlee Steele, and Austyn Thompson.
- Arnav Dharmagadda also individually placed 3rd in Social Studies and 10th in Mathematics.

2019 Governor's Cup Results for 2019 for Russell High School

The Russell High School Academic Team finished as the **2019 State Runner-Up** in Governor's Cup competition on Monday. The team scored 49.25 points behind Johnson Central High School, who scored 51.25 points. The Russell squad was the defending 2018 Governor's Cup Champion.

The Russell team had a great showing, with the following final places:

- **Quick Recall:** 5th place overall (team of Maya Abul-Khoudoud, Paul Henderson, Ayog Prasad, Jackson Raich)
- **Future Problem Solving:** 1st place overall - **State Champions!** (Team of Audrey Abbott, Maya Abul-Khoudoud, Sara Abul-Khoudoud, Barrett Blevins)
- **Science:** 2nd place - Paul Henderson; 4th place - Grant Darnell; 7th place - Ayog Prasad
- **Social Studies:** 9th place - Jackson Raich
- **Language Arts:** 5th place - Maya Abul-Khoudoud

A BIG Thank you to ALL of our coaches and students for their performance. Each year it is amazing to see new faces perform at the same level of past participants. Without the hard work and effort from everyone this would not be possible. Go Devils!! Where Tradition Meets Excellence!!!!!!

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

#5—Four things you control every day are your attitude, your effort, your behavior, and your actions to be a great teammate.

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.....*

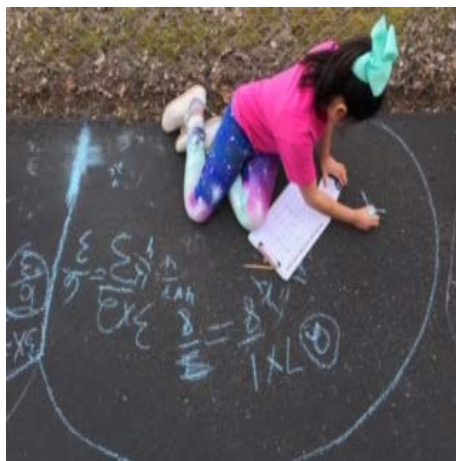
Russell Primary School (From the desk of Mr. Cassity)

What a wonderful week we had at RPS! Students enjoyed almost a full week of getting to play outside at recess! On Thursday, we had the African Dance and Drum Troupe perform for both primary and pre-k students. This special trio drummed, danced, strummed, and sang some very special songs straight from the West African village of Senegal! They even had some students and teachers come down to join in on some traditional dancing. Donuts with Dad was a big hit. We went through over 53 dozen donuts! Attendance Store was Friday as well, and the students were super excited about getting to spend some of their Devil Dollars. Ms. Hensley's class led us in our Friday Motion dances!



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

- Students were able to enjoy the warmer weather with outside classroom activities!
- Health classes with Mrs. Barney were amazing with Yoga in the gym!
- Fifth-grade CoGAT and ITBS online testing went smoothly thanks to Mrs. Williams and our awesome 5th-grade teachers!
- Our students did a great job of presenting our Core Essentials information to parents at our Family Connections Workshop on Tuesday morning! A huge thanks to Mrs. Wheeler for organizing and sponsoring these events.
- Our third nine weeks ended on Friday! It's hard to believe that the last nine weeks of the year starts Monday. It has been an incredible year!



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

- *The Worst Cooks in America* visited the *Best Middle School in America-Russell Middle School*. Celebrity Chefs Cameron Pennington and Travele Judon visited RMS to encourage students to follow their dreams.
- RMS Academic Team departed for State Governor's Cup in Louisville.
- RMS Students attended *Mary Poppins* at the Paramount to view classmates perform.
- RMS Students and Staff celebrated PI/PIE Day with special treats and songs.
- RMS Seventh Grade graduated the DARE Program! One of the most important graduations they will ever have.
- Several RMS Archers qualified for the State NASP in Louisville. They are Ava Grace Long, Jaden Skeens, Matthew Westenhofer and Dakota Starrett

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

- MSU Regional Art Show had several winners from RHS.
 - Trinity Jones: Honorable Mention - Drawing
 - Trinity Jones: Second Place - Digital Art
 - Erin Ashe: Honorable Mention - Drawing
 - Cole Murray: Honorable Mention - Sculpture
 - Kali Leadingham: First Place - Painting
 - Kali Leadingham: Second Place - Jewelry
 - Bailey Powell: Second Place - Fiber Arts
 - Payton Waskey: First Place - Fiber Arts
- KUNA had a successful convention. Big thanks to Mrs. Sherry Davis for sponsoring this group of students.
- The following students placed:
 - Outstanding Ambassador-Shandi Griffith
 - Outstanding Speaker-Will Prater
 - Premiere Delegation
 - Best New KUNA Delegation
- Russell High School will participate in Mock Trial competitions next year.
- Spring sports will begin their seasons soon.
- The second group of dual credit students, representing over 150 college hours, was on the campus of Morehead State University.

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

- Our State CTE End of Program Assessments is underway. We have completed three of our online tests this week and still have more to do! So proud of our students and teachers for their hard work! Students stated they felt prepared for the tests, gave their best effort, and used good test-taking strategies!
- Mrs. Phipps attended Computer Science training this week for our new Computer Science Pathway starting next school year! Very exciting! We will be adding JAVA Programming for next school year!
- A huge thank you to Mrs. Tammy Hall, Mr. Roy Craft, and Marcus Riggs, our TA, for creating and hanging our program information boards for Business and Welding in our hallway! These look amazing and have such great information for

students about offerings at the RATC as well as career and post-secondary colleges and technical centers.

- Russell ATC FBLA placed in 19 events at regionals!

Please congratulate the following students on their achievements:

- **1st Place Winners:**
 - Chelsi Fraley- *Securities and Investments*
 - Ashley Thomas and Briana Leggett- *Social Media Campaign*
 - Izzy McCloud- *Public Speaking*
 - Emilee Hall- *Accounting II*
 - Jackson Doak, Nathan Conley, and Reed Galloway- *Global Business*
 - Sarah Abul Khoudoud- *Introduction to Business Communications*
 - Krissy Hall, Olivia Martin, and Madison Brady- *Marketing*
 - Josh Griffith- *Political Science*
- **2nd Place Winners:**
 - Trey Belcher, Sean Smith, and John Miller- *Banking and Financial Systems*
 - Joe Ewing- *Business Calculations*
 - Hannah Greenhill- *Business Law*
 - Grace Osborn- *Health Care Administration*
 - Mia Ferguson- *Insurance and Risk Management*
 - Daniel Blanton- *Introduction to Financial Math*
 - Ainsley Bender and Aaron Martin- *Management Decision Making*
 - Renae Keeton- *Networking Concepts*
 - Meredyth Wilson- *Organizational Leadership*
 - Grace Parsons- *Personal Finance*
- **3rd Place Winner:**
 - Emily O'Dell- *Journalism*

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

Mrs. Boyer

This week was all about St. Patrick's Day. Our littlest red devils learned about Ireland, leprechauns, and rainbows. They were so excited when the leprechaun visited on Thursday! He left each one of us a coin from his pot before he left! We even saw his footprints on our toilet before leaving his magic glitter and green dye behind. We also read the story "Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato" and learned about why potatoes were so important to Ireland. To connect science to our story we planted flower and grass seed in our own potatoes. Hopefully something pretty will grow before Spring Break!

Mrs. Delong

This week we continued reading our Dr. Seuss books and playing fun games. We played a game to help learn about opposites and rhyming words as well as practiced retelling a story and practicing writing our letters in Oobleck. We ended our week by talking about "Oh the Places You'll Go", making hot air balloons and talking about where we wanted to go.

Mrs. Grizzle

This week in Room 207, we read *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Clover!*, we learned our new fingerplay, Five Little Clovers, danced a leprechaun jig, & sang about the Zippidity Zoo. We enjoyed discussing the colors in the rainbow & created a few rainbows to practice ordering objects by size & following directions. We loved attending the African Drummers assembly with the primary students!!

Mrs. Stephens

This week we have been talking about St. Patrick's Day! We retold the story *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Clover* and made our own Leprechaun craft. We also made a trap to try and catch a Leprechaun. We had a Leprechaun come to our classroom and leave gold outback for us to collect and when we got back in the classroom, our Leprechaun left us real gold coins and green glitter all over the room!! We also enjoyed having a picnic outside!! It has been a fun week!!

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

- **March Board of Education Meeting**—Monday, March 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