



Superintendent Weekly Note #30

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

#6—One person can't make a team but one person can break a team. Stay Positive!!!

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)

The madness has continued as students are logging their reading for March Madness and our Read-a-thon as well. Friday's theme was Favorite Book Character and we had some wonderful participation. Ms. Skaggs' Class led us in our Friday Motion.





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

- Monday was the first day of the LAST nine weeks of the year! Where has time gone? What a wonderful year we have had!
- We finished our second full week of ITBS/CoGAT testing using Chromebooks. Kiddos and teachers are doing a great job!
- Fifth-grade students traveled to Portsmouth on Friday to see Seussical the Musical!
- We had a HUGE turnout for Donuts with Dad! Thank you, PTA! Every student and staff member was treated to donuts as well!

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

- RMS Academic Team THRIVED at State Governor's Cup- The Team Earned-5th in Quick Recall-11th in the State. Team Member-Arnab Dharmagadda placed 10th in mathematics and 3rd in social studies.
- Michael Armbester RHS Class of 1996 and Indy Car Engineer spoke to our students about how Motor Sports use Math and Science. He further encouraged students to follow their passion and never give up.
- Marathon Petroleum Corporation hosted our Eighth Grade giving them a glimpse of future careers at the Refinery.
- Eighth Grade completed their 3rd and final school wide-On-Demand Scrimmage. The faculty and staff worked hard to make this group our best writers yet!
- Mrs. McDavid's -Sixth Grade Science Students-ran a station at Ashland Middle Science Expo. They built a miniature golf course to teach others about the needs of organisms to survive in their environment.

- On Friday the RMS Science Olympiad teams competed in the Regional Tournament at Maysville Community and Technical College. Our Maroon team finished first, the White team finished second, and the Gold team finished third. All three teams now advance to the State tournament on April 13th.

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

- The Academic Team finished third in the state at Governor's Cup competition.
- **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
- Lakie Sanders has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at KCU.
- Baseball team defeated East Carter.
- Softball team opened at home against Lawrence Co.
- Students are meeting individually with their counselor to discuss scheduling.
- Science Olympiad competition was held this weekend.
- RHS Winter guard has earned a 71.05, the highest score ever achieved by a Russell Winter guard program. They received the bronze medal for their division.



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

- Congratulations to Josh Griffith, Joe Ewing, and Pierce Rice!!! They won 2nd place and \$5,000 in the Glockner Dare To Dream Tri-State Pitch Contest at Shawnee State University. Their company is Griffith's Gold Commercial Honey Bee Farm and Pollination Services. They were VERY impressive and represented Russell well in front of so many business owners in the tri-state. So very proud of these students and Mrs. Wilburn! Way to go!



- Sean Smith earned his Pre-Apprenticeship Certification in our Electrical TRACK program this week! We are so proud of Sean and Mr. Fields! Way to go!
- Through AEP's GOAL ED Virtual Field Trip Program, our Pre-Nursing students participated in an autopsy provided by CoSi. This was an awesome experience for our young people! Thank you, Mrs. Wilburn and Ms. Layne, for collaborating and providing this opportunity for our students!
- Our Health Science students participated in CPR training this week and 43 were certified! Thank you, Ms. Layne, for providing this opportunity! Also, special thanks to Katlynn Shumway for assisting Ms. Layne in the training portion of the course! We are so proud of our Health Science students and Ms. Layne!!!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

Mrs. Delong

This week we opened up a flower shop in our dramatic play area! We have been talking about Spring and how flowers and plants grow. We have been reading lots of books about the life cycle of a plant and what it needs to grow. We even planted our own tomato seeds!

Mrs. Stephens

Spring is here! We have been discussing what happens during this time of year. We have read books about Spring, made a flower craft and talked about different types of insects! The weather is still chilly and it typically rains a lot in Spring so we made our own rainfall craft. It was so neat! We had a fingerplay with 5 Umbrellas and discussed how we need umbrellas when it is raining so we don't get wet! We have had a really fun week and will continue our unit of Spring next week!

Mrs. Boyer

Spring has arrived in PreK!! We spent our week reviewing characteristics of all the seasons while focusing Spring. Our littlest Red Devils discussed what are favorite things about Spring. We discovered that we were tired of all the rain! Luckily, we learned about the different kinds of clouds, so now we can spot the rain clouds before the rain comes. We ended our week making it rain in our mason jar! We loved seeing the colors that occurred. Before we left on Thursday, we checked our flowers. Some are slowly starting to grow out of our potatoes!

Mrs. Grizzle

This week in Room 207, we read *Spring Is Here*, & also sang the song with the same title. Then we discussed the signs of Spring as we welcomed it on Wednesday!! We also learned our new finger play, Five Little Flowers & new Spring yoga poses. We created lions, lambs, & kites this week too!! We have enjoyed the sunny weather each day out on the playground!! We are glad that Spring is here!!

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

- **March Board of Education Meeting—TONIGHT!!!!** 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