



Superintendent Weekly Note #24

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

#11—You and your team face a fork in the road each day. You can settle for average and choose the path of mediocrity, or you can take the road less traveled and chase greatness.

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)

- Students enjoyed Jump Rope for Heart this week during gym class. We had raised over \$8000 as of Thursday for this wonderful cause!
- Thanks to Chick-fil-a for providing lunch for our Students and Staff of the Month!
- Ms. Lewis' Class led us during Friday Motion.
- Bus 63 enjoyed a mini celebration for earning 10 stars! Stars are earned for great behavior and following school rules and expectations!



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

- Mrs. Gollihue spoke to our students about the importance of acts of kindness and doing things for others.
- Our FPS and Writing Composition students competed in District Governor's Cup on Tuesday with the Written Assessments and Quick Recall taking place this Saturday! Let's go R-MIS!
- R-MIS Family Reading night took place on Tuesday evening. We appreciate our faculty volunteers for making this happen!
- Fourth and fifth-grade students participated in Conservation with Miss Jessie from the Greenup County Extension Agency on Thursday morning.
- On Friday morning we revealed our December and January Neighborhood winners! We gave a shout out to the blue neighborhood of Individuality Beach for making it from the beginning of the school year until now with ZERO office referrals. Neighborhood point winners were Orange (Perseverance Park) and Purple (Servicetown). The Neighborhood Challenge looks at four factors: attendance, behavior, gotchas, and community service.

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

- RMS Staff had a SOUPER Week-Super Bowl Potluck and Appetizers for lunch.
- We are the Champions-RMS Academic Team won Region 18 Governor's Cup advancing to State in March. Dance Team won first in the following: Jazz, Hip-Hop, Pom at the NDA Wildcard Classic in Louisville. Cheerleaders departed for Florida for National Competition.
- Louisville is alive with -The Sound of Music-Thanks to Russell Band and Choir performing at KMEA.
- RMS Sixth Grader Casey Malone-presented to the Flatwoods City Council about the installation of a Birdhouse in the Flatwoods Park. The Birdhouse will stream the birds that come to feed.
- RMS Eighth Graders conferenced this week with staff about their On-Demand Writing.

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

- Congratulations to Percussion band members during the East Kentucky Snare Drum Competition.
 - Senior High Division
 - Noah Weibel - 1st
 - Tanner Leadingham - 2nd
- Freshman girls' basketball team won the first annual Rotary Classic.
- Girls' JV and Varsity teams defeated Greenup Co. and Lewis Co.
- Girls' Basketball wins EKC Championship by defeating West Carter in OT.
- The following students will be attending All-State band in Louisville, KY
 - Noah Weibel
 - Kevin Ramsey
 - Bryson Hunt
- For the second year in a row, Abby Keeton, Georgia Arrington, and Ainsley Bender's club soccer team, Eastern Elite Soccer Academy U18 Girls, won the Championship in the Gold Division
- Josh Griffith will be serving on the Ky. Education Commissioner's Student Advisory Council for the second year in a row.
- Archery team hosted a tournament this weekend.

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

- Mr. Runyon and our Welding students have made metal signs using our plasma cutter for each of our programs. Thank you, Mr. Runyon, for doing this for our school and leading the way on this project! They look amazing over the doorways of our program entrances! So proud of our school, instructors, and students! A HUGE thank you too to Roy Craft for painting them and installing each one. Thanks to the collaboration of Bill Runyon, Tammy Hall, and Roy Craft, our signs look amazing and truly add to the professionalism of our building!
- HOSA (Pre-Nursing) students are still selling Valentine baskets (\$5) & Crush grams (\$3) to be delivered on Valentine's Day! These will be on sale during lunches this next week! All proceeds will go to help fund our students who are going to State Competition in March.
- Our students had the opportunity to attend Rotary Career Day at the ACTC Technology Drive Campus today! Each student had the opportunity to learn about the great things the Rotary Club does for our community and our world. They also were able to speak to representatives and instructors from each of the programs ACTC offers. This was a great opportunity to learn about these certifications and ask questions. Students were then given the opportunity to join a breakout session hosted by ACTC instructors highlighting their programs. Thank you, Rotary Club, for providing lunch for our students as well! It was a great day & our students represented our school well!
- So proud of our FBLA students and sponsors, Mrs. Phipps & Mrs. Wilburn! Our FBLA accepted and delivered donated toys to local organizations to distribute for Christmas assistance. We received our final number today and 324 young people benefited from our donations and efforts! Way to go, FBLA!!! So very proud of our students...you are difference-makers!
- I had the opportunity to meet with ACTC's President, Dr. Larry Ferguson, and Vicki McGinnis regarding future dual credit options for RATC students. We are privileged to have such an excellent college in our community!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

Mrs. Boyer

We have had an exciting week this week in PreK! Finishing up our hibernation unit last week, we put our math skills to work measuring and recording our friends with mittens. Our polar animal unit was a success reading fiction and non-fiction stories about polar animals like the arctic fox, polar bears and penguins. We connected our literacy unit to science when we learned about how blubber kept our polar friends warm in the cold temperatures. We also have been enjoying our Valentines themed flower shop that came this week.

Mrs. DeLong

This week we are talking about what it means to be a good friend and show kindness. We have been reading many books that show characteristics of a good friend and we have talked about and the kids have said some things that they think shows kindness. We have used recipe cards to make friendship stew and we made friendship bracelets for our friends.

Mrs. Grizzle

This week we read, *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Rose*, & then we sequenced the events in the story. We also learned a new fingerplay, Five Little Hearts, & a new song; I'm A Little Heart (to the tune of I'm A Little Teapot). We sorted, counted, patterned, & graphed candy hearts. We had a sweet week in preschool!!

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