



Superintendent Weekly Note #21

Sixty-one all district middle and high school band students from Russell! Thirty-five schools represented with 180 students and 61 are RUSSELL students!!! ***1 out of every 3!*** Honor bands are sounding great! Mr. Dalton and I are very proud of all of these students! Go Devils! Please take the time to congratulate these teachers and students for all of their hard work with our Russell Band program!



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

#10—We > Me

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

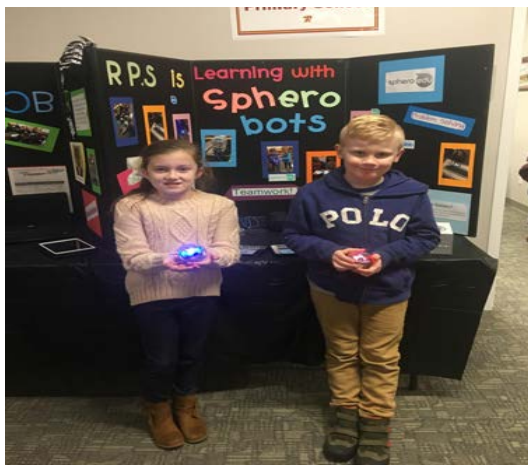
*Continue to focus on the RIS four core beliefs:
It's about Kids! —Accountability—Transparency—Communication.*

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

- Mrs. Dalton's Music Class (Ms. J's 1st Grade) got a treat! MU3 Jonathan Payne (Russell Graduate) has performed all over the world in the Navy Fleet Band and shared his art at RPS. He started his musical journey right here at Russell Independent!



- RPS students wrote letters to Veterans for the Honor Flight, which will take place in April. The flight is set to take WW2, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans to Washington D.C. so that these veterans can visit the monuments built in their honor.
- We kicked off our Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser on Friday! Students watched a 3D video about healthy hearts and they are excited about the upcoming weeks!
- Some of our STLP students and others from Ms. A. Conley's Class presented at the District Technology Showcase to show how Clever Badges work, and all the programs we use on Chromebooks/Google. STLP showed their display boards they used for competition, as well as some Spherobots for people to try out!



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

- Our Beta Club sponsored dance raised over \$2000 in three hours for Chromebooks! The students had a great time for a wonderful cause!
- Our Academic Team had another strong showing at Crabbe Elementary on Monday!
- The fourth-grade Science Fair was a huge success! The students did an amazing job setting up their projects and presenting them to their peers. We had several award categories with two overall winners who will move on to the next level at ACTC. Congratulations and good luck go to Aubree Webb and Mya Sarver! Their next competition will take place on January 25!
- Thank you PTA volunteers for popping popcorn for the entire school on Wednesday and Thursday. R-MIS has popcorn parties as a reward for hitting attendance goals per classroom. For the second nine weeks, ALL CLASSROOMS hit their attendance goal!

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

- C-O-N-G-R-A-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S to RMS Spelling Bee Champ Shaelyn Steele and Peter Haugen first runner up.
- Profile of a Graduate-Superintendent Sean Horne, District Assessment Coordinator Heather Aldrich and Community Education Director Dave Trimble interviewed fifteen eighth grade students to see how they felt about Russell Middle School. Those students provided great information and mentioned the following: great relationships with people in the building and challenged every day! Who couldn't ask for more!
- RMS Academic Team host District Governor's Cup-Saturday
- RMS teachers and students left to perform at the Kentucky Music Education Awards (KMEA) in Morehead.
- RMS Celebrated the life of Martin Luther King Junior by listening to music from the Civil Rights Movement on Thrive Thursdays.
- Keeping Students Safe-Officer Tackett attended Threat Assessment Training and RMS conducted our fire, tornado and lockdown drill.

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

- Kylie Busick signed a letter of intent to play soccer at Shawnee State University.

- The Russell High School Academic Team will be competing Saturday, Jan. 26 in the Governor's Cup District Finals
- Girl's basketball team defeated Ashland 37-34. Football team showed up to support and paint up for the Lady Devils.
- Walkthroughs are showing that students are engaged and enjoying some hands on classroom activities.
- Mr. Barnett's Hide and Seek "pop quiz" was fun to watch.
- Mrs. Williams shared ACT strategies with our Career Options class.
- JROTC visited the VA hospital on Friday.
- Freshman Ryan Derifield had the lead in Honk.

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

- Our Nursing students and Ms. Layne took a trip to Just Scrubs to try on and purchase their scrubs for their upcoming rotations. What a great opportunity! We are so proud of our MNA students and can't wait to see their skills in action! Thanks, Ms. Layne, for providing this opportunity!
- Some of our Electricity and Welding students were pictured and recognized in the AK Steel Newsletter for attending their Manufacturing Day. So proud of our students and teachers!
- RATC hosted the Red Cross Blood Drive on January 16th. Emily O'Dell organized this event and did a marvelous job coordinating with Red Cross and our faculty to make this happen! So proud of Emily and her hard work!
- The RATC is a safe place to be! We tested our Care Hawk System Panic Buttons this week to make sure they were functioning properly. All went well! So thankful to our Russell Board Members, Mr. Chambers, & Mr. Horne for keeping the safety and security of our buildings a top priority!
- We were able to meet with the Altivia, SunCoke, & Veolia Committee this week to organize a Manufacturing Day for this coming April for our students. We are so excited to be part of this group and for our students to have this experience! Students will be able to interact with employees from all parts of these companies to gain information on career opportunities in our local community.

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

Mrs. Boyer

This week we continued learning about snow and snowmen. Our smart cookies made their names into snowmen and retold aspects of why Sneezy the Snowman melted. We ended the week by learning the Snow Day Dance. We incorporated science into our lesson by making homemade snowstorms in a jar. There were a lot of excited faces after adding the secret ingredient!

Mrs. Delong

This week we practiced writing letters in the "snow", we used and identified different shapes to make a "melted" snowman, we found things around our room that were shaped like rectangles, squares, circles, and ovals, and we have used recipes to make snowman stew.

Mrs. Grizzle

This week, we read, *The Jacket I Wear In The Snow*, & practiced sequencing the events in the story. We also learned our new fingerplay, Five Little Snowmen, & our new song; I'm a Little Snowman. We counted snowballs, practiced writing our names, talked about the concepts of print, created shape snowmen, & were doctors in the dramatic play center. We had our second STEAM challenge of the year where we melted a snowman & discussed why it melted!! Preschool is snow much fun!!

Mrs. Moore

This week, we have continued our study of pets, using our fine motor skills to make snakes for our pet shop. We have read the book, "Bad Dog, Marley" by John Grogan. We have learned what the duties are of an author and illustrator.

Mrs. Stephens

This week we have discussed winter and made puffy paint to make snowmen, we played a winter matching game and we played with the snow we made in our sensory table!! We are practicing several math skills each day using "Question of the day." Students answer a question; we add the number of "yes" answers and the number of "no" answers. Then we write the number in different ways! We have had a fun week of learning and are really hoping for some snow! The kids love watching the snow fall outside!

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

- **January Board of Education Meeting**—Monday, January 28, 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