



Superintendent Weekly Note #22-23

February 28, 2019, is Digital Learning Day

Digital learning is any instructional practice that effectively uses technology to strengthen a student’s learning experience. It emphasizes high-quality instruction and provides access to challenging content, feedback through formative assessment, opportunities for learning anytime and anywhere, and individualized instruction to ensure all students reach their full potential to succeed in college and a career.

Please be intentional to integrate digital learning in your classroom--especially as we celebrate Digital Learning Day at Russell Independent on February 28! See Mrs. Casto if you need any assistance!

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.***

© *Positives across the district.....*

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

Although we have only been in school just a part of the last two weeks, RPS has had some exciting celebrations! On Monday, our K students paraded through the building with their awesome 100th day shirts! On Tuesday, the 101st day was celebrated by our first grade. Check out these pictures from both days:



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

- On January 22 we had Family Reading Night! We implemented this once a month for our students and families. Thank you to our teachers who are volunteering to make this happen!
- On Monday, January 28, our academic team competed at Hager. We had lots of success in all subject areas and with our Quick Recall team. Thanks to our students' hard work, we are showing lots of growth and our students are ready for the district competition!
- Students of the Month were honored on Tuesday with a trip to Chick-Fil-A with their teachers!
- Mya Sarver and Aubree Webb won the R-MIS Science Fair and competed at ACTC in the regional fair. Both ladies did an awesome job representing our school and Mya came away with a third-place award!



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

- Championship Weekend for RMS-Academic Team competing in Regional Governor's Cup, Basketball competing in OVC Conference Tournament, Cheerleading competing at Showcase in Richmond and Dance competing in Louisville.

- RMS Eighth Grade Night was held Monday-We recognized Academic Team, Dance Team, Cheerleaders and Basketball Team. Wonderful group of young men and women who THRIVE at RMS.
- RMS Selected the Student of the Month. The results are:
 - 6th Grade-Emily Clark
 - 7th Grade-Leah Russell
 - 8th Grade-Alexis Cook

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

- Academic team dominated District competition in Governor's Cup competition. Defeated closest opponent, Raceland, by more than 35 points!
- Winter Color Guard finished 3rd in their division in Waynesville competition.
- Boys' basketball team defeated Lawrence Co. 77-71.
- First annual Rotary Club Freshmen Basketball event will be on Saturday.
- Two of our high and middle school students participated in the East Kentucky Snare Drum Competition. As a result of their hard work, they all placed!
 - Senior High Division
 - Noah Weibel - 1st
 - Tanner Leadingham - 2nd
 - Junior High Division
 - Reese Highfield - 2nd
 - Cori Coburn - 4th



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

- Congratulations to Aiden Sammons!!! He earned his MOS Word certification!!! So proud of Aiden & Mrs. Phipps! Keep knocking those certifications out!
- We have received our testing tickets for our Spring End of Program Testing. We are so proud of these students and their hard work in their programs. Looking forward to celebrating their certifications with them! Our End of Program Testing runs through March 11th – 22nd this year!

- HOSA has a new Valentine fundraiser!!! They are designing Valentine boxes filled with candy and cuteness! These Valentine boxes are \$5. Once purchased, the Valentine goodies will be delivered to their lucky recipients on Valentine's Day! This fundraiser will help fund their State HOSA Competition expenses this spring. Very proud of our HOSA students as they are working hard!
- All of our student organizations are gearing up for Spring Competitions! Many of our students have already advanced through Regionals and are on their way to State. Our teachers and students continue to work diligently in their pursuit of great things!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

Preschool has been busy despite the crazy weather! The Bookmobile visited on Monday and we were able to check out some books. If you haven't completed a library card application, see your child's teacher. Mrs. Pridemore, our early literacy consultant is working in the classrooms with students and teachers. Her first literacy project with our students involves environmental print. Environmental print is print found in our everyday lives--traffic signs, labels on food boxes, logos, etc. Recognizing environmental print is one of the beginning stages of literacy development. Please help your child collect a few examples of environmental print from their favorite foods (fronts of cereal boxes, labels from cans, etc.) and send to your child's teacher. Check your Remind or our social media pages to see when the examples are due.

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