



Superintendent Weekly Note #25

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

#1—Teams rise and fall on culture, leadership, relationships, attitude, and effort.

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 raised almost \$12,000 for the American Heart Association and students enjoyed a mini celebration on Thursday before the day kicked off. Top raisers silly stringed RPS Staff as all enjoyed watching.
- Random Acts of Kindness Week went well this week with students participating in The Great Kindness Challenge Spirit Days. Ms. Light also provided quotes of the day for each day of the week, such as “Be somebody who makes everybody feel like somebody.”
- RPS enjoyed PTA sponsored Valentine Day Parties on Thursday! Thanks to all of the volunteers who made party day special!



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

- This week was Kindness Week. Students wrote papers about kindness, performed acts of kindness throughout the school, and sent uplifting letters to staff and their peers. Students also dressed up for kindness theme days in beach gear, crazy hair and socks, pajamas, and hearts and flowers. We love to have fun while learning!
- Code Club met again on Tuesday evening. The students are having a great time while learning coding skills!
- Thursday afternoon our wonderful PTA provided treats and goodies for our students at our Valentine's Day celebration. What a great way to end the week!

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

- RMS was feeling the L-O-V-E this week as each day had a special theme. Monday-Lend a Hand to Others-students focused on helping others. Tuesday-Opportunities Day-students participated in a Career Fair in the Gym Wednesday-Valentine Making Day-students made Valentine's for: first responders, nursing homes and hospitals. Thursday-Exercise day- Cardio challenge brought in by KDMC and School Dance.
- Michelle Grubb visited Mrs. Ferguson's class. Ms. Grubb discussed her career in theater and the discipline it takes to perform.
- RMS MATHCOUNTS Competition is Saturday providing students an opportunity to win a scholarship.
- RMS Archery hosted their home tournament placing 4th out of 21 schools. This event involved 14 flights and 489 total archers over two days.

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

- Richie Knupp was a Prudential Spirit of the Community Award winner.
- Cheerleaders finished 9th in Floor Cheer Non-Stunting at Nationals.
- Girls' Basketball team finished their season 23-5. Way to Go!
- Boys' Basketball team locks up #2 seed in District play.
- District basketball tournament begins this week at Lewis Co.

- RHS students assisted RMS with American Heart Assoc. event.

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

- OSHA 10 Training is underway with our Electricity and Welding students! A huge thanks to Mr. Fields for providing this certification opportunity for our students!
- HOSA students took their State-Level Online Competition Tests! Way to go, Emily Crum, Hannah Foos, Morgan McClanahan, Katlynn Shumway, Kayla Tennant, & Briana Willis! We are so proud of our HOSA students and Ms. Layne!!!
- One of our Pre-Nursing (MNA) students was hired at Morning Pointe! We are so proud of Hannah Edwards for her accomplishments and hard work!!!
- We completed our Student Voice Surveys this week! Thank you to our students for providing feedback for our instructors! We are so proud of you!
- We began scheduling discussions with RHS students for 2019-2020. Loved being in classes with our young people & talking about their future career options! HUGE thank you to Mrs. McConda & Mrs. Perry for making this happen!!!
- Our windmill and solar house have been removed to make room for the renovation of our front entrance. We are super excited about this! An ENORMOUS thank you to Mr. Dave Craft and his Maintenance team, as well as Mr. Horne and Mr. Chambers, for taking such amazing care of our facility!!!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- **Mrs. Grizzle**

This week, the little sweethearts in Room 207 learned a new finger play, The Five Little Hearts, sang the song, "Skidamarink", & read books about friendship & love. We practiced writing our names, painted with heart sponges, made patterns with heart stickers, & completed a STEM challenge with candy hearts. Our week ended with our class' Valentine's Day party!!

- **Mrs. Boyer**

Pre-K was filled with love this week. We spent the week showing each other how to be kind and love one another. Our littlest devils learned about different states of matter when we turned our solid hearts to gas and liquid. They loved watching their baking soda hearts explode!

- **Mrs. DeLong**

We have continued talking about friendship and kindness this week. We have also had some really fun Valentine activities. We matched hearts with upper and lower case letters, practiced fine motor skills by fishing for hearts, and completed a "magic milk" science experiment.

- **Mrs. Stephens**

We have had a fun week of learning! We made Valentine's Day crafts, read Valentines' books and had our Valentine's Day Party! We conducted a science experiment where we put candy hearts in oil, water, juice, salt, and vinegar and guessed which ones would dissolve the candy hearts. We found out that they will dissolve in water, juice, and vinegar! We also played a game to see who could hold the most candy hearts in one hand

and one student held 37! We passed out our Valentine's and had an awesome Valentine's Day with our friends!

- **Mrs. Moore**

This week we have celebrated being a school family and being a good friend. We have performed many acts of kindness in our classroom, by helping each other. We finished our week with a Valentine's Day party with our friends!

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