



Superintendent Weekly Note #20

Big Thanks to our RHS ROTC “Honor Guard” working in the community recognizing our fallen veterans! We appreciate you taking the time and honoring our veterans! If you have a moment to thank these students...Please do so! Go Devils!!!



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

#9—Great teams care more. They care more about their effort, their work, and their teammates.

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)

Winter is upon us. Our library has lots of books about snow and snowmen on display. Ms. Gullett asked the students if they would like to help decorate the library for winter and they amazed us all with their creativity! We now have lots of snowmen in our library and the kids enjoy showing off their creations to their friends when they visit.



RPS Fit is going strong. We have a dedicated staff that cares about staying fit and being healthy!



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

- We held our third Family Connection Workshop on Tuesday evening. This was an educational presentation about kids and online dangers.
- Fourth-grade students presented their Science Fair projects! Next Tuesday evening we will have a Science Fair family event.
- The week culminated with the Beta Club sponsored dance! It was a huge success! Money raised will go towards Chromebooks for our students.
- Report cards were sent home on Friday afternoon. It's hard to believe we are in the second half of the year!
- We ended the day on Friday with an attendance of 98.02. What an amazing year we are having! Way to go R-MIS!

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

- Mrs. Banks working with the Greenup County Library assisted 51 students in getting a library card for the county libraries. RMS students checked out 597 books in December and we only have 527 students.
- RMS and RHS Faculty joined together to plan for 2019-2020. We are always looking to improve on the amazing things we do each day for kids.
- The word is S-U-C-C-E-S-S: RMS classroom winners were selected moving on to school Championships on January 17th starting at 12:12-Community is invited to watch.

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

- John Lynd (European History) and Philip Traina (Art History) were chosen to be AP Scorers for the summer. Congratulations to both of these teachers!!
- Phil Clark & Bill Yates presented self - defense techniques to some of our classes.
- Buford Hurley presented how the 911 offices use drones.
- The JROTC "Honor Guard" conducted their first military funeral at the Veteran's cemetery on the Industrial Parkway.



- Girls Basketball team defeated Lewis Co. 59-32.
- Boys Basketball defeated Raceland 63-61.
- Taylor Stamper signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at UPIKE.

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

- Our students and staff had a great full week of classes and learning! Our students are making great progress in their program courses and gearing up for our End of

Program Testing! Programs are also preparing to compete in their Regional and State CTE Competitions! We are very excited to celebrate their many successes as we move through this semester!

- Mr. Fields and our Electricity students are pulling wire and working diligently on the classroom renovation for Mr. Parson's CAD Program. Thank you, Mr. Fields and students, for all your hard work in making this happen for our school!
- Our staff enjoyed a DELICIOUS potluck lunch together! The food was amazing, but our fellowship together was priceless!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

Mrs. Grizzle

This week we read, *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* We learned a new fingerplay, Five Little Polar Bears, new song, Did You Ever Hear a Polar Bear? We did polar bear yoga poses, counted polar bears, practiced writing our names, & created a story-retelling necklace. We ended our week with our first STEAM challenge of the year, blubber!!

Mrs. Stephens

We have had a fun week of learning in room 206! We discussed which season we are in now and what happens during the winter months. We made our own snow for the sensory bin, completed winter activities, and read several winter books! We also followed a recipe and created our own Snowman Stew! We have had "snow" much fun this week and even got to enjoy watching the snowflakes on Friday!!

Mrs. Boyer

We learned about snow this week. We discussed how every snowflake is unique and different just like us!

Mrs. Moore

This week, we have begun our study of pets, with making a pet/vet shop in our dramatic play area. The students worked together and used thinking skills to make pet cages from cardboard boxes, paint and tape. We love using our new Alexa, to ask questions, play music, and set timers in our classroom.

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