



Superintendent Weekly Note #1

Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing...It's About Kids!!!!

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. Crager)

- Our traffic issue with pickups in the evening has smoothed out and we are getting kids out of the building in a timely manner without backing up traffic for miles. A big shout out to Officer Tackett and Officer Ritchie for directing traffic.
- Having 3 full time reading intervention teachers and a math interventionist has allowed for them to complete reading and math assessments for our most at risk students in a timely manner to maximize instruction time.
- In our Special Education Department our students are doing a great job learning new routines and we have been able to start a new schedule this year which is giving them more time to be in a social setting with same age peers. They are getting excited to find out what HOUSE they will belong to when we have our school reveal in September.
- All students are working hard to learn their lunch numbers. Kindergarten and First Graders are learning how to carry and dump lunch trays which sometimes is more difficult than herding cats!
- Overall students are doing a great job wearing mask and being happy to be back to a normal school routine.

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

- This week at RMIS we started WALKING CLUB! On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays Mrs. Barney and a grade level crew start their morning off in the

fresh air walking before school starts. This is something that the students really enjoy!

- The students are doing a great job of learning and following expectations. It's awesome to hear the enthusiastic greetings of teachers as they welcome their new class to a new year. We are all focused on making 2021-22 a great year!

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

- RMS Conducted our Safety Drills this week and want to recognize Allen Castle for his commendable service and contribution to the safety of his classmates by helping out.



- Sixth Grade won the coveted Bus Evacuation Trophy-By listening to the driver's instructions for the correct exit, being calm, quiet and moving the quickest.
- You've Been THUNDERSTRUCK! RMS Football opened up at home with a 7th grade win over Boyd County. The 8th Grade was stopped because of lightening. Great having Cheerleaders, Dance Team and students all out to support the DEVILS!

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

- We've had a great start to the school year.
- RHS Graduate Rosie France won FIRST PLACE in the Kentucky High School All State Junior Art Competition in Video, Film, and Animation.
- Football team defeated Boone Co. 19-6.
- Volleyball team is 2-0 in District play.
- Soccer teams are winning and playing well.

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

- Our school looks amazing thanks to Roy Craft and our Russell Maintenance Team! The excellent care and attention that goes into our facility is noticed by everyone who comes into our building! We are blessed!
- All of our teachers received new printer/scanners for their classrooms! Thanks to Tammy Hall for ordering those and our Russell Technology Team for installing them all!!! We truly appreciate your help!
- Our interviews for our Electricity Instructor were amazing!! We had excellent candidates and are getting closer to having our Electricity Instructor in place! Our students are so excited!
- All of our classes and programs are FULL!!! Currently we are serving 443 individual students and lots of those have multiple classes with us.
- Our new pathways in Health Science are in full swing! Ms. Layne is offering

- Phlebotomy Technician and EKG Technician certifications this year! Very exciting!
- Dual Credit for our technical classes through ACTC has started. Currently, we have 49 students taking advantage of dual credit at the RATC!
 - Safety lessons and tests for all programs are happening now. 100% is the standard on all safety exams for all students!
 - Our students are doing a great job wearing their masks and following safety guidelines! We are super proud of our students and staff!
 - Welding accepted a job to build a custom metal gate. Way to go, Mr. Woolum!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Preschool has finished screenings. We held Meet and Greets this week and look forward to having students next week! We are excited to see our students in person!

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

- **September Board of Education Meeting**—Monday, September 27 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!**