



## Superintendent Weekly Note #2

***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 Mrs. Crager)

- Our 2nd Grade Students are working hard learning how to login and out of Google independently. The majority of these students have also memorized their lunch numbers.



- This week in library our Kindergarteners have learned that reading pictures is a reading strategy and they are feeling very proud that they can read like the big kids. We are embracing all literacy successes this year!



- Our kiddos in Speech and Language Therapy were so excited to get started back on their goals for the year. They were having some fun with a Back to School Unit.
- In PE Class, students are learning the importance of exercise and discussing the wide variety of choices they can make to be physically active.
- School wide we had a very successful "impromptu" fire drill practice during lunch. The school exited the building in under 2 minutes. Our sweet preschoolers had a very eventful 2nd day of school.

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

- We had our first Lock Down Practice with our students and it went amazingly well! A huge thanks to our school resource officers for always helping with these practices and keeping our schools safe!
- DARE started for our 5th-grade students! Officer Tackett is our DARE officer and the students love his class! He is a great role model!
- Our students were able to enjoy a week of beautiful weather with outdoor recess. There were some teachers who took advantage of the nice temps for some outdoor learning as well!
- Our teachers have completed their beginning of the year assessments and we are ready to dig into our content after our Labor Day break. Our Intervention Teachers are ready with math and reading groups as well. Our goal is for students to ALWAYS learn in a way that they will be SUCCESSFUL!

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

- RMS school pictures were made this week. Students and staff showed up with smiles highlighting their self-esteem.
- RMS Lady Devils Basketball opened up our first home game in a year with wins by 7th and 8th grade.
- RMS staff had 100% attendance on Friday!

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

- We wished Dustin Bostick a Happy Birthday with a school wide event!



- Football team defeated Raceland 28-18. Bradley Rose was named game MVP.
- RHS Volleyball team is 3-0 in District play and undefeated on the season.
- Girls Soccer team defeated Rowan Co. 9-0
- RHS Class elections have taken place.
- 2020 yearbooks have arrived.

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

- The RATC is the best place to be! Our staff is amazing! This past week had some challenges with sickness and staff needing to be out. Everyone stepped up and worked together to make it an awesome week for our kids! We never missed a beat! People volunteered to watch classes, take out trash, run errands and even assist with cleaning restrooms and high touch surfaces! There is no place I would rather be than with my RATC team & family! I appreciate each one of you more than I can express!!! Our students are so blessed!
- Thanks to our COVID funding to enhance our technology, we are able to purchase 75" Interactive TV's for our teachers to use in their classrooms! We are so excited about this! We are so very proud of our teachers and the amazing job they are doing every period of every day in their classrooms! HUGE Thank you to Mrs. Tammy Hall for working with our vendor, getting the specifications aligned, and ordering these for us!
- The RATC Electricity and Welding students will benefit from interactive online curriculum through ToolingU! This will be a great asset in preparation for the industry certifications they are earning as well as preparation to enter life work-ready with soft skills to make them ultra-successful!
- This was our last week for dual credit enrollment and our numbers are up! We have a total of 60 students taking advantage of this opportunity in Business, Computer Science, Computer-Aided Design, Pre-Nursing, & Welding! Way to go!!!

**Russell Preschool** (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Preschool had an exciting opening week! Tuesday was our first day and we are so excited to be in the classrooms! We are learning about each other and how to use the materials in our classrooms. We have practiced safety and know that our teachers are here to keep us safe. We can't wait to come back on Tuesday!

**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!**