



Superintendent Weekly Note #5

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)

- Congratulations to Aliyana Romero for being our 1st Artist of the Month @RPS! Aliyana has a wonderful imagination and ALWAYS gives 100% when creating.



- Our Kindergartens are becoming independent with routines and procedures. They have started participating in reading and math rotations with a huge amount of success.
- First graders now are 100% with one-to-one iPads. Their attendance is improving, and the teachers are seeing growth in their academics being back to face to face instruction.
- 2nd graders have completed STAR and Exact Path Reading and Math Diagnostics. They are working hard to earn stars for reaching goals for mastering addition and subtraction facts as well as earning role model status in their classrooms.

- Our Special Education classes are learning about feelings and emotions during social skill instruction. They are learning about being a good friend, sharing and playing with others.
- We are very proud of Mrs. Cole for becoming a certified Apple Learning Coach.

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

- Mrs. Westenhofer and I were able to get out into classes this week and saw amazing learning going on! We have awesome students AND teachers!
- On Wednesday, Mrs. Barney set up her Pickle Ball court and staff were invited to participate in Wellness Wednesday! I'm not sure if there was as much Pickle Ball going on as there was laughter!
- Fourth and fifth-grade students participated in a school spelling bee with the winner representing us at Old Fashion Days in Greenup County next week. Each classroom competed and sent their winner on to the finals. The atmosphere was tense in the room when Mrs. Williams started the battle of the spellers. In the end, fourth-grader Madelyn Singleton from Mrs. Raby's class was the grand winner! Runner up was also a fourth-grader, Avalyn Roll, from Mrs. Arobogast's class. Everyone did a wonderful job!
- Friday was our first PIRATE CREW Day! Students dressed in their pirate crew colors and were entertained with pirate music and some corny pirate jokes. You could even hear some pirate language being spoken around the school! "Shiver me tinders" we sure had a lot of fun!



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

- RMS received a message from a parent at Wheelersburg stating that Russell Band Members were the most pleasant and most respectful students they have ever seen! Great job Mr. Hunt and Mr. Dalton

- Extracurriculars are underway with Garden Club, Academic Team, STLP, and Magic club up and running.
- Thanks to Mrs. Casto and the technology office all students who are eligible have received their devices.

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

- Homecoming activities were a huge success.
- Congratulations to Bryson Hunt and Macy Newman, Homecoming King and Queen
- Congratulations to Arnav Dharmagadda and McKenzie Haggard, Homecoming Prince and Princess
- The football team beat Montgomery Co.
- Our Girls' soccer team defeated Fleming Co.
- The Boys' Soccer team defeated Rock Hill and Chesapeake
- Both XC teams placed second in our recent home event.

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

- We are proud to announce our New Electricity Teacher has officially been hired!!! We are so excited to have Tom Springer join our RATC Family! Mr. Springer will be an awesome addition to our team and brings with him a wealth of electrical expertise and an excitement to enter the classroom! ***Congratulations, Mr. Springer, & Welcome!!!!***
- Our Computer Science students took the Pilot End of Program Assessment this week. We are proud of our students and Mrs. Phipps for taking part in this! This gives our students an up-close look at the types of questions they will see on their Spring Accountability Testing.
- Our Lincoln Tech representative joined us on Wednesday to meet with our seniors. It was a great opportunity! Lots of great information was shared!
- The RATC will be able to hire an AmeriCorps College & Career Coach this year! We are excited to take part in a grant that will pay for this position for up to two years. This will be a great asset to our seniors for resume/college application skills, FAFSA help, Dual Credit assistance, scholarship help, career fairs, and so much more! If you are interested in applying or know someone, please call 606-836-1256.
- Mrs. Wilburn and FBLA won 3rd place for their Homecoming Spirit Sheet entry! Way to go! So proud of our Business students and Mrs. Wilburn!
- We had PERFECT attendance in 1st period on Tuesday in 4 of our 7 classrooms! Way to go, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Wilburn, & Mr. Woolum! Mr. Woolum & his Welding students had perfect attendance 4 out of the 5 days & Mrs. Rose and her Pre-Nursing students had perfect attendance 3 out of the 5 days!!! So proud of our teachers and students!!!!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- On the first day of autumn Mrs. Hall's class took a nature walk and looked for leaves that were turning color. We found some!! We have spent the week learning about different emotions. We can make faces that show when we are happy, sad, or angry.



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!**