



## Superintendent Weekly Note #9

***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)

- Speech had fun experimenting with pumpkins while working on asking questions and describing the attributes of pumpkins.
- Kindergarten students are excelling in learning sight words and becoming emergent readers. They have been learning about pumpkins and the fall.
- In counseling classes, the students have signed the Be Drug Free Pledge and they are looking forward to Red Ribbon Week.
- Each day during morning announcements students are given a number to see how many ways they can make that number by adding, subtracting, multiplying, or dividing. K-2 are becoming math wizards and finding mathematical patterns to create many equations.

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

- This week was BOOK FAIR WEEK! Shoppers (and workers) wore their silly socks to shop for a book! A special thanks to our volunteers and to Mrs. Ladd and Val for making this such a fun experience!
- To celebrate meeting goals for the first nine weeks, some of our students hiked to Dairy Queen for a free Blizzard! We cannot thank enough our wonderful community partner DQ for doing so much to support our students!
- We would also like to thank our community partner Food Fair for contributing the bags for Book Fair shopping!
- Our school-wide fundraiser sponsored by Mrs. Barney, Pennies for Juvenile Diabetes, is off to a wonderful start! At the end of this week, we have almost

filled a five-gallon water jug! Our goal is to fill two jugs by the end of October and we are well on our way!



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

- The RHS Garden Club with Sponsor Ghina Abul-Khoudoud decorated the entrance to RMS for Fall.



- Sixth Grade attended a field trip to Carter Caves!
- The Lady Devils Basketball 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams won the OVC Conference!

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

- Criminal Justice Classes just completed police week: Representation from Flatwoods Police, KSP, Russell Police, and Ashland Police
- Football team defeated Ashland 17-14

- Student government is planning a PowderPuff game
- Student leadership of Boyd & Greenup Co. met this week.
- Applications are being accepted for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.
- Volleyball team competed for a District Championship.
- Mr. Caniff and I are observing some great teaching as we do walkthroughs.
- FCA has been meeting on Thursday mornings.

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

- Our new Electricity Teacher, Mr. Tom Springer, started this week!!! We are so excited to have Mr. Springer on our team and as part of our RATC Family! Our program and students will benefit greatly from his experience, expertise, and leadership!
- Noah Keeton passed his 2nd Industry Certification Test - The KY Dept. of Transportation 3-G Welding Exam! Super proud of Noah! He had passed his 2-F Certification Exam last year! Noah is Post-Secondary/Career Ready! Way to go Noah & Mr. Woolum!
- Tara Barnett passed her IC3 Certification Exam in Computer Science! She is on an awesome trajectory toward Post-Secondary/Career Readiness & it is only October!
- FBLA Officers attended a Leadership Conference and Training at Morehead State University! We are so proud of our FBLA students and Mrs. Wilburn! Way to go, Griffin Downs, Gracie Bates, Jasmine Webb, Audrey Abbott, Maci Dean, Sadie Hill, & Garrett Wilburn!
- Dallas Tibbs from Toyota of WV came to speak to our seniors about career opportunities with Toyota! We are super appreciative of his time and expertise! Our students really enjoyed getting to meet him and hear about the great programs Toyota has available.
- We received an excellent donation of five fabulous tables from RMS! Thanks, Mr. Moore & Mrs. Banks, for blessing us!

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

- Preschoolers spent the week learning about bats. We have learned facts about bats, made bat silhouettes, and read the story *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat*. We worked on preposition words by placing bats on, over, under, in, and out of a cave. We also practiced what to do in case of an earthquake on Thursday, the Statewide Great Shake Out Drill.



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

- **October Board of Education Meeting—October 25 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!**