



Superintendent Weekly Note #19

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

#8—Team beats talent when talent isn't a team.

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.*

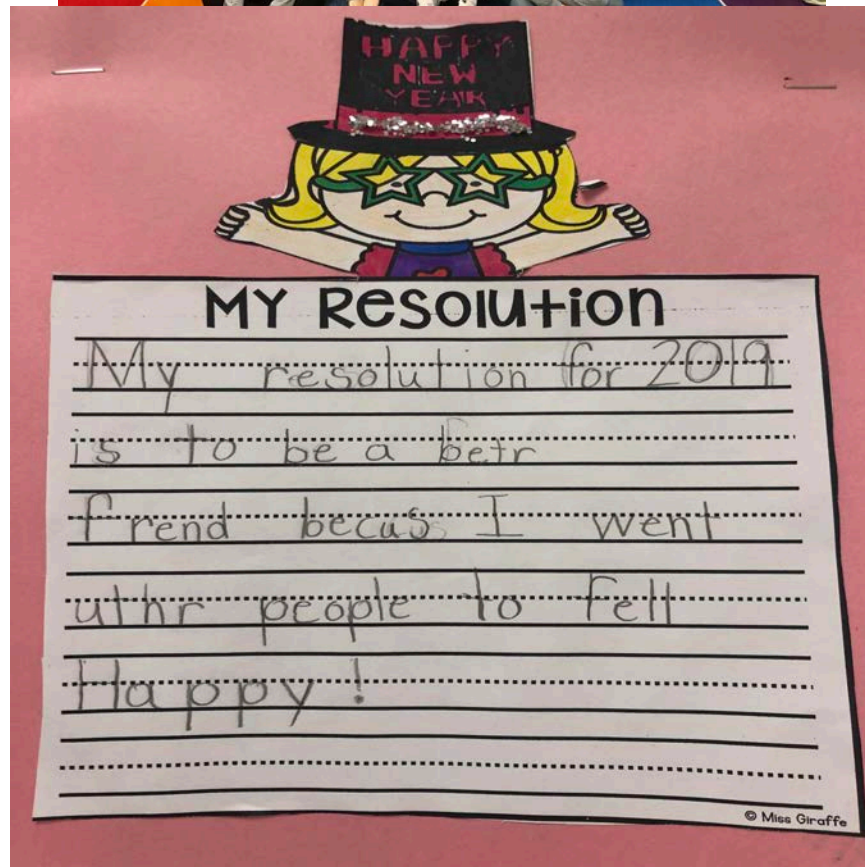
☺ *Positives across the district.....*

Russell Primary School (From the desk of Mr. Cassity)

- RPS students and staff received a nice surprise as we returned for the new school year. Our library has brand new carpet!!! We hope this carpet lasts as long as the twenty-one year old carpet it replaced! Thank you Mr. Horne and thank you Russell Independent Board of Education.



- Many classes brought in the new school year with mini-celebrations. We had some even complete their own resolutions!



- Some of our staff at RPS has decided to get fit! They started an exercise class that is going to meet three times a week!

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

- We welcomed back our wonderful students and staff to the second semester of our school year! Attendance averaged 96.2 for this first week of January, which is outstanding! We are so grateful for our students and families who value school and the importance of being here to learn! We continue on our way to a record attendance year!

- Our students are excited about the upcoming Code Club that Mr. Jordan is beginning on January 15. Sumobot practice is also starting soon! There are a lot of technology opportunities open to our students!
- Congratulations to Mrs. Lintner for receiving a DonorsChoose.org grant for her classroom project called "Biographies Beyond Our Borders".
- Fourth and Fifth Grade Students learned lots of information about area venomous and non-venomous snakes in the conservation class with the Greenup County Extension Agency this week!

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

- Mrs. McDavid earned funding at DonorsChoose.org for a classroom project called "Explore the World With Portable Microscopes!" Mr. Jeff Brown of Louisville provides six microscopes at the cost of \$82.31 each.
- Raegan Osborn-8th Grade selected to All Area Cross Country
- RMS Spirit Squad prior to break provided a positive message on every locker.
- RMS students back in the grove-academic and athletic teams competing and winning.

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

- RHS had a successful beginning into 2019.
- Girls' basketball teams (JV and Varsity) defeated Morgan Co. and Johnson Central this week.
- Boys' basketball team defeated Adair Co. in the Dan Swartz Classic at Bath Co.
 - Charlie Jachimczuk was named Player of the Game
- Archery teams have started practice.
- Chic-Fil-A Leadership group collected stuffed animals for patients in Pediatric Ward at local hospitals.

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

- Happy 2019!!! We are so excited to have our students and staff back! This week has brought new students and schedule changes to our classrooms and we are thrilled!
- We were excited to have our Fairview Superintendent, Jackie Risdien-Smith, visit us this week! She toured our building and saw our Fairview students in Welding, Electricity, & Nursing classes!
- RATC continues our safety protocols into the new year! All of our teachers are reviewing safety procedures and students are completing safety checks and tests. We also had our Fire Drill and in-house Lockdown Drill this week.

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

Mrs. Stephens

We have had a great few days back from break! We reviewed our rules and procedures and talked about what we did over break. We are excited to be back in school and ready for a great rest of the school year!!

Mrs. Moore

We are excited to be back to school! We have been getting used to the rules and routines again of school. The week, we read "The Snowy Day" and we drew what we wanted to do on a snowy day, now if we can just get some snow!

Mrs. Boyer

Welcome to Mrs. Boyer and her class! They spent this week getting to know each other!

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