



Superintendent Weekly Note #10

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

#10—WE >me.

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 were rocking it out to some JT this week as we had the best attendance in the district on Thursday! As a school we were over 98% and second grade had 99.42% attendance!!! We were over 97% for the week, and that is awesome!
- Students, parents, and community members enjoyed our Fall Carnival on Saturday! A very special thanks to our PTA, local businesses, vendors, and all of the volunteers who made this day a great one!

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

- Tuesday night was a very special night for our 5th graders who participated in our Beta Club Induction Ceremony. During this candlelight ceremony, 68 students took the pledge to be honest and truthful, to maintain a creditable scholastic record, to be of service to others, and to conduct themselves in a way that they are a credit to their school and community. In order to qualify for Beta Club students must exhibit high academic achievement, character, leadership, and participate in service projects for their community. Officer Tackett was the guest speaker for this event.
- The 5th-grade class also had another big event during the week with their trip to Carter Caves! They toured caves, had a picnic, and went on a nature hike on one of the many trails at the state park. A huge thanks to Mrs. Barney and all of her volunteers for this wonderful learning opportunity!
- On Friday our Walking Club had their 25th meeting!

- We had a wonderful Book Fair this week. On Thursday evening we opened up our library for families and students to shop together! We had a great turnout! Many thanks to Mrs. Wireman and her awesome volunteers!
- The annual Monster Dash 5K took place on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds from this event will go to providing 1:1 technology for our students!

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

- Mrs. Richards from SOMC called RMS and bragged on Blake Underwood. She was providing literature on dangers of vaping and tobacco products at a community event. Mrs. Richards said that Blake was a perfect ambassador for Russell and the DARE Program. She said it is refreshing to see a school educating students on dangers of e-cigarettes.
- RMS had several groups on field trips this week. Students visited Carter Caves and Kentucky Highlands Museum.
- RMS having Competition Weekend: Cross Country Competing in Meet of Champions, Band at Ironton and Academic Team in a tournament.
- RMS Basketball closed out an Amazing Season 8th Grade Basketball and were OVC Runner ups with Josie Atkins named to all-tournament team. 7th Grade Basketball won the OVC Championship.

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

- Girls Soccer team defeated Ashland to win the REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!
- Juniors took a practice ACT test in preparation of the state test in March.
- The Beta Club inducted 66 new members and the National English Honor Society inducted 20 new members Wednesday night.
- Volleyball completed their 30-win season by making it to the semi-finals of the Region.
- Boys Soccer completed their season in quarterfinal round of the Region.
- Football team won a District title on Friday.

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

- Congratulations to Quinten Clark for earning his Excel Certification! He has now completed ALL four of his Microsoft Office Certifications! So very proud of him and Mrs. Phipps! Great job!
- Our seniors took a trip to AK Steel for Manufacturing Day! What a great experience! We were able to wear hardhats, safety goggles, earplugs, and tour the plant! AK Steel did an excellent job and our students learned so much!
- Ms. Diana Gordon came to do our Fall Site Visit. It was great having her in the building and she truly enjoyed being in our classrooms watching the great things our teachers and students are doing! She couldn't believe how great our building looked as well! So proud of our RATC staff and students! The RATC is a great place to be!!!
- Our Maintenance Department is right on top of safety for our building! Our new intruder locks have been installed on all of our classroom doors. We are thankful for how well our district takes care of our students and staff!
- Our October Potluck lunch was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone for all the delicious food you brought in to share! We had meatloaf, chicken casserole, fiesta chicken and cheese chips, rotisserie chicken, BBQ ribs, mashed potatoes, baked mac and cheese, deviled eggs, pasta salad, pumpkin cake, Hershey fudge

- brownies, chocolate chip cookies, and apple dumplings! It doesn't get any better than this!
- Our Feeder School Report is completed for the year! Mrs. Tammy Hall did an excellent job of compiling our data and accounting for all of our kids! Thank you, Tammy, for your diligence every day!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Mrs. Grizzle
We were caught up in a web of learning in Room 207 as we read; *There Was An Old Mummy Who Swallowed a Spider!* Then we practiced spelling our names on spiders, practiced our fine motor skills by cutting & then lacing spider web necklaces, & made our story retelling necklaces.
- Mrs. Moore
Our reading for the week was *We are going on a leaf hunt*; then we went on a nature hike to collect sticks and leaves for our science center. We used part of the sticks to make a classroom rain stick. We have been learning and reading about the changes in Fall.
- Mrs. Delong and Mrs. Stephens
We have had a great week learning about bats! We talked about echolocation and played a game where a child was blindfolded and had to find the teacher in the classroom by using sound. We also made bat crafts and read several bat books!

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

- **October Board of Education Meeting—TONIGHT!!!** Monday, October 22, 2018 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