



Superintendent Weekly Note #2

Great first full week Russell! Keep up the great work for our kids! Go Devils!

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

#1—Teams rise and fall on culture, leadership, relationships, attitude, and effort!

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)

- We had a great first full week at Russell Primary. First and second grade students are doing a great job of modeling how things should look at RPS, and Kindergarten students are catching on quickly. We had over 100 students earn stars this week, for good behavior, going above and beyond, etc. We are so excited about the weeks to come!!

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

- Walking Club is off to a wonderful start in the mornings! What a great way to start our day!
- Fire Drills and Bus Evacuation Drills went very smoothly!
- Students are doing a great job of following school expectations! We have had ZERO OFFICE REFERRALS!
- We have two more recipients of the Donors Choose AEP Grant! Congratulations to Mrs. Turner and Mr. Jordan!
- R-MIS is on board with Google Training! We have over half of our faculty who have either taken the training or are currently in the process!
- A special thanks to our PTA crew for helping with our school decor as well as their fundraising drive to get a Chromebook in the hands of all students!

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

- Dr. Decker provided a living history exhibit on the Civil War for students.
- Walking Taco-Where have you been? Students excited to come to lunch and participation is great.
- RMS is a Safe Place to be-emergency drills completed.
- RMS staff held our first THRIVE and SPARK meeting that generated wonderful ideas.
- Attendance is wonderful!

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

- Students are enjoying the new menu items. Sold 403 lunches yesterday. Great work Lunch Ladies!!
- Club Day was a huge hit with students.
- Yearbooks are in and look wonderful.
- Girl's soccer opened their season against two tough teams. We defeated Prestonsburg 4-2 and tied Hurricane 2-2.
- Boys Soccer is 3-1 early in a young season.
- Volleyball remains undefeated!
- RHS Open House has been scheduled for Sept. 18th.

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

- Tammy Hall attended & survived TEDS Training! Thank you, Tammy, for taking such great care of us!!!
- Zach Smith attended Soft Skills Training & will be working on a schedule to train our students. Thank you, Zach!
- Our Student Organizations are recruiting & planning AWESOME things for this year! Thank you for all your hard work on these clubs...they are the difference makers & get students involved!
- Our students are safety trained & ready to take on class challenges! Speaking of safety, all of our State required drills have been completed successfully! Thank you so much for preparing our students for disasters!
- Our Raceland & Fairview students have joined us & have had a successful first week! It has been great having them!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Preschoolers are in the building!!! We are so excited to have them here! We have had a good start and are learning the procedures in our classrooms and in the building. Take a look at our social media pages (Russell Preschool Community) and see some of the neat things we are doing! We have Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We also have some openings available in our tuition-based program! Call Mrs. Staton at 836-0007 to find out more.

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

- **August Board of Education Meeting—TONIGHT!** Monday, August 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!**

Thank you for a great opening and great first week!!!! It's a great day to be a Red

Devil! Have a great week Russell!

--Sean