



## Superintendent Weekly Note #8

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

**#7—Great team members hold each other accountable to the high standards and excellence their culture expects and demands.**

**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 spirit filled week this week as our students and staff enjoyed participating in Spirit Week activities.
- Congratulations to our Chick-fil-a Students and Staff of the Month:
  - K - Reed Burney, Vanover Brighton
  - 1 - Devin Edwards, Lily Rosas, Kollyn Suttles
  - 2 - Braydon Gillum, Braydon Hurst, and Gracie Smith
  - Staff - Ms. Hicks
- Friday was an exciting day. Football players greeted our students again as they arrived at school, Ms. Baker's class led our school during Friday Movement in the gym, and our Lunch Bunch Students enjoyed their lunch with Ms. Crager.

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

- SPIRIT Week was amazing! The students loved dressing up throughout the week and on Friday our school was a sea of maroon, gold, and white!
- We had our second Family Reading Night. It was awesome to see our computer lab full and overflowing with students and their families reading together.
- On Thursday, 4th grader Gavin Grandison won the Greenup County Old Fashion Days Spelling Bee! Way to go Gavin!

- Our choir under the direction of Mrs. Dalton had an amazing performance at the Greenup County Old Fashion Days on Friday morning!
- Our school is the recipient of a Lowes Beautification Grant. Our special education team has come up with a design for a sensory garden in the area between our two building wings. This is going to be an awesome space for all students to enjoy! We appreciate Mr. Dave Craft and his crew for helping us to get the space ready!

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

- RMS Academic Team hosted their first home meet and was very successful.
- RMS Students performed at Old Fashion Days to the delight of the community.
- RMS Eighth Grade Basketball celebrated a win on Eighth Grade Night. These six ladies are a talented group of students and athletes.
- RMS Staff and Students participated in Homecoming Spirit Week.
- RMS celebrated with a Tailgate Pot Luck

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

- 462 Homecoming dance tickets sold.
- Boys' and Girls' CC teams finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in the EKC meet.
- RHS Band and Choirs participated in Old Fashioned Days. They did a great job!
- Freshman football team defeated Greenup.
- Girls Soccer defeated East Carter.
- Orchestra held a Disney themed dinner/concert. They sounded great!
- Volleyball team defeated Rowan Country

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

- Safe and Secure...the RATC is a great place to be!!! Our police-initiated lockdown was a success! Our students and faculty did an excellent job of implementing our procedures! Thank you to our Police Chiefs and Officers, Office Tackett, our Russell Board of Education, Mr. Horne, and Mr. Chambers for their diligence and collaboration in keeping us safe!
- Zach Smith, our AmeriCorps College and Career Coach, is offering individual student and parent meetings for help on filling out the FAFSA. If anyone is interested, please contact Zach via email to set up a meeting: [zachary.smith@russellind.kyschools.us](mailto:zachary.smith@russellind.kyschools.us). You can also call our office at 606-836-1256. Mr. Smith also met with all of our Seniors this week to discuss the FAFSA filing process! We really appreciate your hard work, Mr. Smith!
- Quinton Clark just passed MOS Office PowerPoint! 2 certifications down 1 more to go in such a short period! So proud of Quinton and Mrs. Phipps. We knew he could do it! :)
- Amazing activities and learning are happening in the classrooms at the RATC! Thank you, teachers, for all you do every period of every day to be intentional for our young people! This week I had the privilege of spending time with every teacher and taking pictures of our students as they worked. Our departments, Business, Information Technology, Computer-Aided Drafting, Health Sciences-MNA, Welding, and Electricity are all in full swing here and we are thrilled!

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

Mrs. Stephens

We have had a great week in preschool learning about Fall and going on a nature walk! We had a picnic outside under the trees and collected leaves, acorns, sticks and pine cones. We have made fall crafts and read several fall books! We love this colorful time of year!

Mrs. DeLong

We finished up talking about Fall this week. We talked about why leaves change color and all the colors they change. We went a nature walk, looked at the leaves and how they are starting to change, and gathered leaves, acorns, and pinecones. We read the book leaf man and then used our imagination to make things of our own with all of the items we gathered.

Mrs. Grizzle

This week we read, There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly, and practiced sequencing the events in the story. We will be reading a few other books about the lady and sequencing those stories also during the month of October. We practiced spelling our names, counting, & identifying shapes.

Mrs. Moore

We have a "burning house" in our dramatic play center and we have pretended to be firefighters using the hose on the fire. We identified shapes and used shapes to create fire truck! Stop by our display in the hallway and see for yourself!

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

- **October Board of Education Meeting**—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