



Superintendent Weekly Note #2

Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing...It's About Kids!!!!

Tip #2: Provide regular feedback on how each person is helping to accomplish the main thing. Keep the focus on the “Main Thing”....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 Mr. Cassity)

- RPS had a great first full week of school! Procedures and expectations were reviewed throughout the week and our second grade students have really helped us by being good role models. First grade students have grown up so much over the summer break as well. The transformation is remarkable. Our kindergarten kiddos are getting used to RPS - the building, procedures, where to go, expectations, etc. They are an awesome little bunch and we are excited to see how much they grow over the next three years! We had Sorting Day for the second graders on Friday. Check out these pictures from our little celebration:





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

- It's as though we have been in school for much longer than just a week and a half! The students are all doing an amazing job of following expectations. Kudos to all of our teachers and staff for such a smooth transition into a new year!
- Our CARES program (counseling) is off to a great start with two rotations of classes. Students in the A rotation received face to face counseling with Mrs. Wheeler while the B rotation participated in a Google Classroom assignment! Students love interacting with technology!
- Our students in fourth and fifth grade who are in Mr. Lewis' music class are excited about some changes to our curriculum. This year students will learn to play the ukulele in both grade levels. Next year, fourth grade will start with the ukulele and fifth grade will move on to guitar! With orchestra and music, there is a lot of "string" play going on!



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

- RMS Celebrated our first “Wing Wednesday” and ELEVATED our Attitudes.
- RMS Attendance is wonderful. It is great when students show up and are ready to learn each day.
- RMS Athletics (Basketball, Cross Country, Dance, Cheer, Football) is off to great starts.
- RMS students love their music! We have record numbers in Band, Orchestra and Choir
- RMS students continue to demonstrate great character by caring for their classmates. We had money, phones and glasses turned into the office.
- Mrs. Beckelheimer won our first Family challenge for Summer Photos.

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

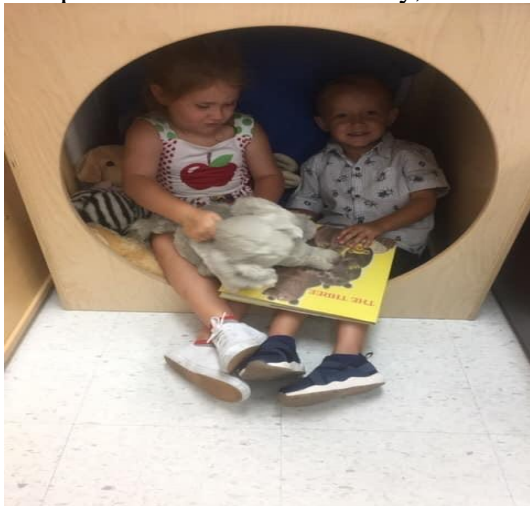
- Great first full week of classes.
- College representatives are beginning to schedule visits to RHS.
- Attendance has been strong.
- Academic team is practicing.
- VB team defeated Raceland and West Carter this week. 4-0 start!
- Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer teams defeated Greenup Co.
- FB team opened their season with a win on the road at Mason Co.

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

- Our Fairview and Raceland students spent their first week with us! We are so happy to have them! Each school is sending us a greater number of students this year and they are participating in more of our Programs!!!
- The RATC classes are filled with expectant and eager students! This is a wonderful way to start the new year!
- It has been an exciting start here at the RATC! Our teachers are talking with students about how their coursework NOW will set them apart from their peers in their future endeavors and career choices!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

Preschool is off to a sweet start! We are learning cooperation, taking turns, expectations and procedures. On his first day, Caleb said he had "the best day of school!"





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

- **August Board of Education Meeting—TODAY!!!!** Monday, August 26 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