



## Superintendent Weekly Note #1

*Great start Russell!!! I appreciate ALL that you do for the children of Russell Independent Schools! Keep up the great work RUSSELL!!! Go Devils!*

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

**Tip #1:** Share your vision of what's truly important, what you want and need your school/district to achieve. It should be a clear explanation of what your school/district results can and should be...and how you see that happening.

**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 are off to a great start! Our first and second graders are leading the way by modeling ideal behavior, manners, and citizenship for our kindergarten students. Our kindergarten students are learning RPS expectations quickly! We are super excited to start our first full week of school! A special thanks to our PTA for making our school look so welcoming with the Candyland decorations to go along with our theme "The Path to Sweet Success Starts at RPS!"

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

- We had the pleasure of welcoming back to school a record number of students for our first week! The students are doing a wonderful job of learning our procedures and expectations thanks to our awesome teachers! The students have also done a great job of getting on the right bus and pick-ups have gone very smoothly! Students are enjoying the beautiful weather and the opportunity to play on our awesome playground. R-MIS comes alive when our children enter our doors!

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

- RMS welcomed several new family members to the school.
- RMS Family spent the beginning of the week training to keep our students safe.
- “*Meet the Devils*” went off without a hitch and lots of participation by RMS.
- Students arrived on Wednesday and are quickly learning the routines

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

- RHS faculty reading “*The Energy Bus*”
- Student enrollment at 669.
- Red Devil 5K Challenge was successful.
- Over 400 student athletes recognized at “*Meet the Devils*”.
- New scoreboards at the football field and in the gym have been installed.
- RHS Hall of Fame Induction August 31st at 5:00 pm prior to home football game vs. Raceland.

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

- Welcome to Mr. Aaron Woolum!!! He is our new Welding instructor! We are so blessed to have him with our students! Our student welding interest has exceeded the number of seats in all of our classes! What a way to start your teaching career!!! Welcome to the RATC Family!
- Mrs. Jennie Phipps is now our Computer Science/Programming instructor! She has done a great job transitioning this summer! Our students are excited about our new IT Pathway!
- Welcome back to our staff! It is great to have our RATC Family back together!!!! Thank you for all you do for kids!
- Our students have returned and our class numbers are way up! We are so excited to have them back in the building! Great conversations have been happening between teachers and students about pathway completion & industry certifications!!!
- Our front entrance looks amazing and we now have a wonderful handicap accessible entryway! Our Computer-Aided Drafting classroom is completed and looks amazing! Our second Health Science classroom is up and running with students!! Thank you to the Russell Board of Education, Mr. Horne, and Mr. Craft and his Maintenance Team for all of your hard work and the upgrades to our building this summer! Our students are blessed to have such an excellent environment to work in each day!

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

- Preschool is off to a great start! We have some amazing new staff members to love our littlest Red Devils! Home visits are being conducted and Open House will be soon. We are excited to have some of our babies in the building later this week!

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

- **August Board of Education Meeting**—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**