



Superintendent Weekly Note #11

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

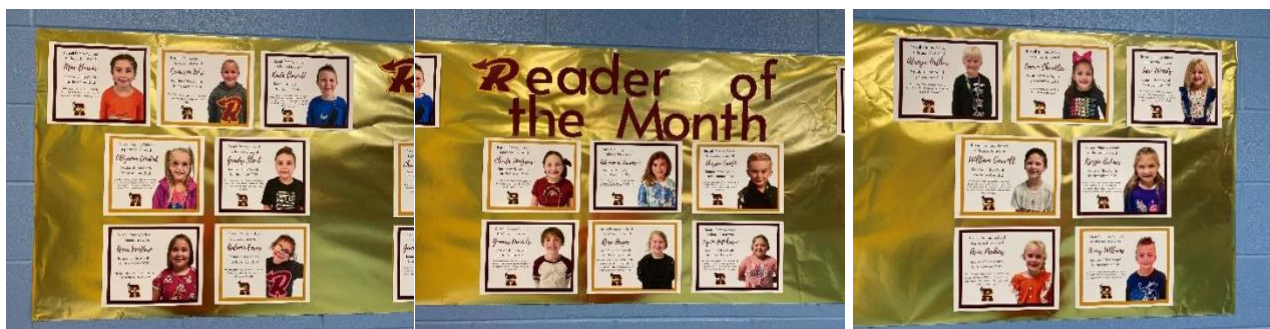
1. My **ATTITUDE**
2. My **EFFORT**
3. My **BEHAVIOR**
4. My **ACTIONS** to be a Great Team Member

*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 Mrs. Crager)

- Mrs. Grizzle's class has really enjoyed participating in "You've Been Booked" where the class gets to preview the newest library books before they go on the shelf for check-out.
- We are so proud to introduce our November Readers of the Month. These students have been nominated by teachers throughout the building for recognizing the effort put forth by these students in demonstrating their love for reading. Congratulations: Mae, Cameron, Kade, Grady, Autumn, Lillyanna, Anna, Atreyu, William, Lennon, Kenzie, Lexi, Aria, Avery, Charlie, Gunner, Adreanna, Rose, Lyde, and Bryson.
- The House of Trustworthiness, aka the blue dolphins, celebrated their win for earning the most House Points during the first nine weeks of school. They earned over 4,000 points for demonstrating good citizenship, being caring, respectful, trustworthy, fair, and responsible.





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

- Mrs. Ladd, our new librarian, started a new program for our 5th graders called Library Leaders. This is a great opportunity for students to develop leadership skills while learning the ins and outs of working in a library. Mrs. Ladd had a training session after school and the students are ready to get going. What a great opportunity for our RMIS students!
- Students who met the goal of our PTO Fundraiser were treated with a petting zoo! The animals were so cool and even Officer Tackett got into the fun!
- STEAM classes are busy with experiments under the guidance of Mr. Jordan. It's amazing to see their enthusiasm as really cool learning takes place!



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

- RMS is no longer spooky as Mrs. Campbell's door decoration reminds us we can "Owlways" give thanks!



- The Cafeteria upgrades continue with the installation of a new roundabout. Already seeing benefits of the professional display as more students are eating fruits and vegetables.



- RMS is a Safe Place to be.
- This week the Kentucky School Marshal visited Russell Middle School to conduct the safety assessment. Mr. Little found RMS students and staff are committed to learning in a safe environment. Thank you to Mr. Chambers, the Board of Education and our School Resource Officers for making student safety priority one!

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

- Football team hosted a first round playoff game.
- Basketball teams have started official practice.
- FCA will be hosting a kickball tournament on Nov. 20th as a way to collect canned food for needy families during the holidays.
- The archery team has started practice.
- Ava Quinn was named All -State in soccer.
- Band craft show is Nov. 20th.

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

- Mr. Parsons and his students are designing hitch covers using their CAD software for the ATC Market! They are really cool! So far, they have designed a catfish & a Russell "R". Great idea, Mr. Parsons! Way to go CAD students!



- Mr. Springer, our Electricity Teacher, attended NCCER Industry Certification Training and has his curriculum and exams ready to go! We are so thankful Mr. Springer is part of our RATC Team!!!
- Ethan Dixon passed his 1st Exam (IC3) of three in Computer Science. Way to go, Ethan! Super proud of Ethan & Mrs. Phipps!
- Welding received their Portable Plasma Cutter! It is so cool and will be so useful!!! Congrats, Mr. Woolum! Mr. Woolum and his students have been

working on ideas for our ATC Market and they designed a Shepherd's Hook for hanging baskets and an oyster shucker from a railroad spike. Awesome ideas & prototypes!!!



- Mrs. Phipps' AP Computer Science students got to play with Legos today! They are using these for an activity to practice writing clear instructions, which will sharpen their programming skills! Way to go, Mrs. Phipps!!! Super proud of our Computer Science students & teacher!!!



- Our Health Science students in Phlebotomy/EKG & Clinical Medical Assisting are sporting their scrubs for the first time!!!! So proud of them! They look so professional! Way to go, Ms. Layne & Mrs. Rose!!! Love it!



Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- This week preschoolers worked on pre-math skills. We practiced counting, different ways to sort items, ordering numbers, and one-to-one correspondence. What a fun and busy week! Preschool picture day is scheduled for this coming Tuesday, November 9th.



- Mrs. Hall's class used apples to paint a number stair.



- Look how we were able to place ourselves in numerical order!
- We are so smart!

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

- **November Board of Education Meeting**—November 22 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!**