



Superintendent Weekly Note #12

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)

- On Friday, Mrs. Grizzle's class celebrated World Kindness Day (a day early)!! They learned about being kind & being a good friend during social skills lessons. Mrs. Grizzle's class are thankful for peers who show kindness to them every day!! RPS is the best!!
- RPS celebrated our appreciation of Veterans on Thursday. We dressed in red, white, and blue. Many classes made Veteran's Day projects.
- Mrs. Smith's pledge leaders on Thursday were so excited about leading the pledge, they wrote about the experience in their journals.
- RPS will be creating Christmas ornaments to help decorate the city of Russell's community Christmas Tree as part of revitalize Russell.



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

- Our recycling program is going strong under the leadership of Mrs. Barney. Student leaders help Mrs. Barney collect recycling bins from classrooms every week and place them in our recycling dumpster. We love our leadership programs for our kids!
- Our ESS will begin the Monday after Thanksgiving. We have had a tremendous response with over 50 students registered in reading and math and another 50 in Typing Club!
- We had our Pirate Crew Rewards for our Green Perseverance Pirates (Spainhower, Wehrle, and Shivel). Students were treated with hot chocolate and cookies and Thanksgiving Bingo. (The teachers were awarded an additional 40-minute break!) The winning crew had outstanding attendance, community service and earned the most gold doubloons for good character.



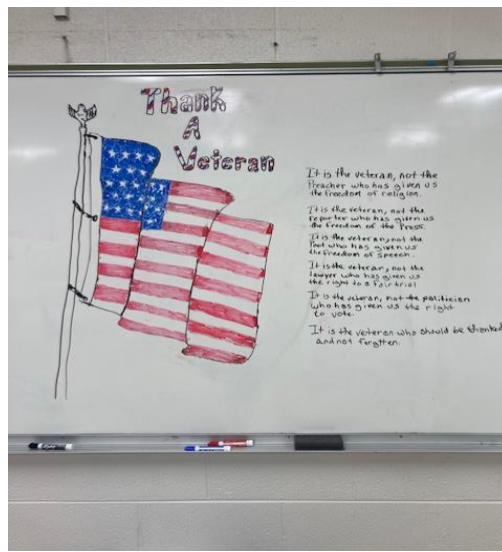
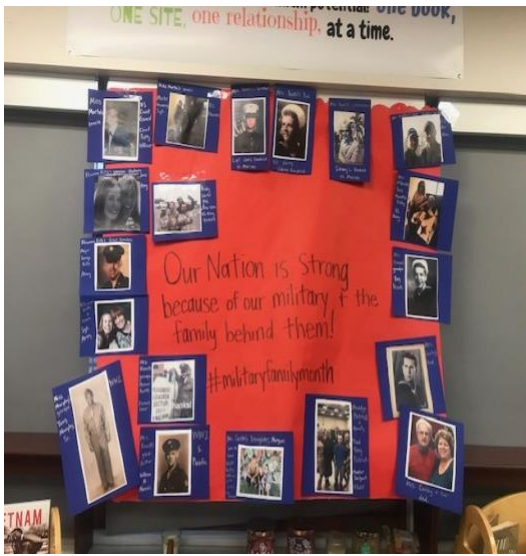
Recycling Crew

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

- RMS provided a clap out for the Russell Band as they departed to compete in Bands of America in Indiana. To see the departing video go to Twitter @RMSPrincipal06



- RMS Students and Staff celebrated the importance of Veterans and their families.



- Books are Back! RMS Library hosted a Book Fair for the first time in over a year! Wonderful seeing students and families purchasing books to read. “Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.”-Jim Rohn

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

- The RHS Marching Band performed at Grand Nationals.
- JROTC did an amazing job serving breakfast to our veterans.

The following football players were honored on the ALL-EKC team.

- Offensive Player of the Year: Bradley Rose (Russell) Defensive Player of the Year: Conner Goodall (Russell) Special Teams Player of the Year: Nathan Totten (Russell)
- Commissioner’s Award: Dennis Callihan (Russell)

1st Team	2nd Team	Honorable Mention
Max Coburn Mason Lykins Carson Patrick Andre Richardson-Crews Jaden Smith	Tyler Hill Brice Kirk Doug Osborne Austin Pike Garrett Wilburn	Brayden Cook Brody Stump

- FCA is hosting a kickball tournament on Nov. 20th. All donated non-perishable food items will go to Helping Hands.
- Our Food Drive/Garden Club is holding a canned food drive.
- Powder Puff football is BACK!!!! The “bama ball” style of play will be held on Nov. 29th at 7:00 at Henry R. Evans Stadium. Tickets are \$3 students and \$5 adults. All proceeds go to Student Government scholarships and Prom.

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

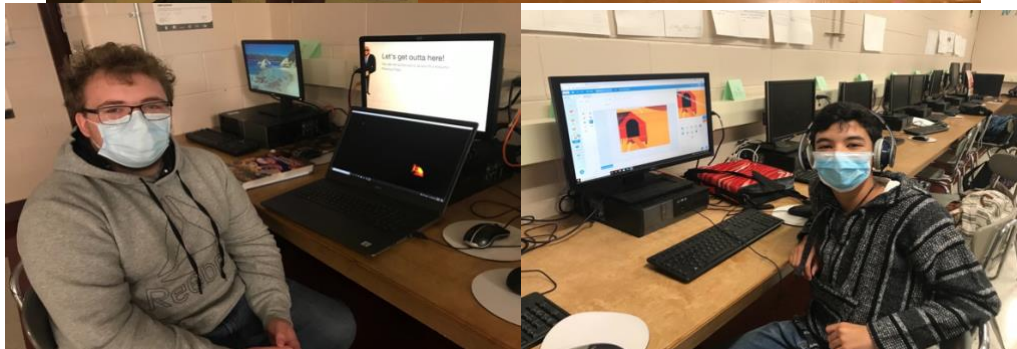
- **HUGE shout out of thanks to Mr. Dave Craft and his Russell Maintenance Team!!! Our ventilation system in our Weld Shop had a major issue, but they were right on it and our students never missed a beat! They had us up and running in less than a day! We are so blessed to have such a talented and intentional team of people maintaining our facility! Thanks so much for**

all you do for our programs and our students!

- Our Welding students continue to design and produce awesome projects! Jocelyn Salley designed and created an oyster shucker from a railroad spike! Emma Whitt designed and created a horse hoof cleaning pick from a horseshoe. Mark Jenkins created a nut cracker from a railroad spike! Mr. Woolum is super proud of his students and their creativity and skills!!! These turned out to be a really nice & useful tools!



- Health Science received a new Exam Table, Phlebotomy Chairs, & CPR manikins and curriculum for our students! This is a huge blessing for our Program and students! Way to go, Ms. Layne & Mrs. Rose!
- Our Computer Science students and Mrs. Phipps wrapped up an excellent unit & campaign to stop Cyberbullying and educate young people on Cybersafety! The students loved it and created awesome projects and educational resources. Jack Grizzle drew and videoed an awesome cartoon book! Ava Gabbard & Paige Hutchinson created a fully functional and glittered "Mean Girls" themed Monopoly game! Colton Stephens used Blender Animation and Dominick Dos Santos used Scratch to create an awesome video with music and graphics.



- Ethan Dixon passed his 2nd Test of 3 in IC3. Way to go, Ethan & Mrs. Phipps! Can't wait to celebrate Ethan's Post-Secondary Readiness!



Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- This week we talked about pumpkins and community helpers, including our service men and women. Mrs. Hall's class cut open a pumpkin and estimated the number of seeds inside. They have also been practicing for a Thanksgiving feast in the dramatic play area. In Mrs. Mollett's room, we counted pumpkin seeds to match the number on the pumpkin. We are really using our math skills!



Veteran's Day hearts by Mrs. Tracy's class.



Thanksgiving feast practice in Mrs. Hall's room.



Mrs. Mollett's room counting pumpkin seeds.



Estimating pumpkin seeds.

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!**

