



Superintendent Weekly Note #14

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)

- It was an exciting week with the Book Fair! The students enjoyed purchasing books for their at home libraries.
- PTO treated us all with Hot Chocolate and Coffee on Wednesday. It was perfect for the morning snow!
- Our December Readers of the month are: Kindergarteners: Jerika Sexton, Jett Tackett, Royse Calico, Ahkiri Hall, Garrison Caudill, Zaida Cole, and Dillon Slone. First Graders: Gabriel Elder, Lucy Ladd, Nikias Hamm, Zayden Eddington, Judah McComas, Hank Potter, and Brandon Smith. 2nd Graders: Isabelle Moore, Owen Perry, Jada Carr, Will Thomas, Lakota Hale, and Quinn Howell. We are so proud of the effort these students are putting in to be awesome readers.
- Our December artist of the month is Hank Potter. Mrs. Foudray says Hank is a great listener in art class and always does his very best.



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

- We found out that even in the rain or snow our Safety Patrol is always ready to help! Check out their cute gear below!
- Mr. Jordan hosted an Hour of Code for students on Monday after school. This is a favorite activity each year! The students learn so much!
- The 5th-grade Orchestra concert took place Tuesday evening to a full gym of excited families! The students showcased how they have grown from the beginning of the year. Great job, Mr. Stowers!
- On Tuesday our Book Club sponsored by Mrs. Ladd and her fabulous helpers finished up for the first semester with decorating Christmas cookies after finishing the book Top Elf!
- The Paramount Arts Center was the setting for our Beta Induction Ceremony. What a beautiful venue to showcase our students who have demonstrated leadership, outstanding academic performance, and community service.
- We started our countdown to the holidays this week with themed dress-up days. We've had fun wearing Christmas sweaters, Grinch gear, animal print and camo, and of course our holiday best. We have a lot more fun coming next week!



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

- RMS is a clean and healthy place to be. The Greenup County Health Department conducted our inspection and the café and school scored 100%.
- Congratulations to Mr. Cody Walker who was the clear winner in the “No Shave November” competition at RMS. He won a Major Award!



- Sixth Grade Academic Team performed wonderfully at Sixth Grade Showcase- Quick Recall was first and a team 2nd Overall scoring 59 total points.
- RMS student and groups participated in Flatwoods and Russell Christmas Parades.



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

- Arnav Dharmagadda has been selected as one of only two students to represent Kentucky as a delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program.
- Shaelynn Steele and Brady Bell were recognized for scoring 1,000 points.
- All Area Football team was announced:
 - QB – Bradley Rose
 - Running Back – Andre Richardson-Crews
 - OL – Jaden Smith & Tyler Hill
 - Wide Receiver – Carson Patrick
 - DL – Max Coburn & Brice Kirk
 - LB – Connor Goodall
 - DB – Austin Pike & Mason Lykins
 - Punter – Nathan Totten
 - Honorable Mention: Doug Osborne

- PLAYER OF THE YEAR – Bradley Rose
- Girls Basketball Team won the EKC Tournament by defeating Rowan Co. Shaelynn Steele had a game high 40 points.
- Jacob Salyers was named Beacon's Best this week.
- Our choirs performed at Russell Rotary.

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

- We proctored the MBA - ASK Business Industry Certification Test on Friday and 32 out of the 48 seniors tested passed on their first attempt! Those who did not pass have another testing opportunity in the spring. ***Ryan Truett passed with the highest score 92%...he earned an Advanced Certificate! Way to go, Ryan & Mrs. Wilburn!*** This certification can count for 3.0 hours of Business Elective credit at their college/university of choice! This also means these students are now Post-Secondary/Life Ready! Way to go, Mrs. Wilburn & our Business seniors! We are so proud of our Business Program!!!
- Mr. Springer had his first observation with his New Teacher Institute Mentor, and it was awesome!!! So proud of Mr. Springer! He is doing an excellent job in the classroom and Electricity Lab! Our students are working together to redesign our Lab area & it is looking amazing! So proud of our Electricity Program!!!
- Mrs. Phipps and our Technology Student Assoc. students are hosting the "Night of Coding" from 6-8p.m. tonight at the RATC. We have 18 students from across the Russell district signed up to participate tonight! Also, Mrs. Phipps' classes have worked all week to earn their Hour of Coding Certificates & the majority of her students have completed the task! So proud of Mrs. Phipps & our Computer Science Program!



- HOSA Regional Online Testing took place this week & our students completed all entries! Ms. Layne, Mrs. Rose, & our HOSA students will attend their in-person Regional Competition this coming week at ACTC to continue competition & acquire results! Fingers crossed! Way to go Ms. Layne, Mrs. Rose, & HOSA students! We are super proud of our Health Sciences Program!
- Through our COVID funding, we were able to purchase new carts and rugs for our building this week! We are super thankful for this funding and for Mrs. Tammy Hall! Thank you, Tammy, for taking care of our building and ordering all the items we need to keep us functional and safe! HUGE shout out to our Welding students, Mr. Woolum, & Mr. Roy Craft for putting all carts together! So proud of our staff and students!!!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- There was snow this week!!! Preschoolers were so excited to see snow Wednesday morning! We made a run outside to get a quick peek of the snow. We touched it to see if it was hot or cold and we talked about how it had started to melt and what that meant. We have been working our fine motor muscles and stringing beads to put on our tree. We also played a number game, where we rolled the dice and placed the correct number of buttons on the gingerbread man. What a busy week we had!



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

- **December Board of Education Meeting**—December 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!**