



Superintendent Weekly Note #16

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)

- We had a very eventful week celebrating 2-22-22 Tuesday. We had a school wide dance party where we danced for 2 minutes and 22 seconds. We dressed in tie-dye and created a time capsule to be opened on 3-3-33. Students added letters to their future selves. We also added Covid-19 items to reflect what our school days have been like during the pandemic. When the time capsule is opened our Kindergartners will be Juniors, our First Graders will be Seniors and our 2nd Graders will be High School Graduates.
- In First and Second Grade we have had so many students excell in reading by graduating from Reading Recovery and RISE.
- Kindergarten students are making their way into the I Can Tie My Shoe Club. They are getting to add their name to the giant tennis shoe in the library.





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

- The new mask optional guidelines were a big hit for all staff and students! Everything went very smoothly. We still have several students and staff who are opting for masks and that is great! It lifted everyone's spirits to have a choice!
- We all celebrated the once in a lifetime Tuesday, 2-22-22! Tie-Dye was the theme on this special day!
- In PE class this week, students participated in the Olympics! Mrs. Barney always does a great job bringing the winter Olympics to our students!



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

- The Math Department provided RMD with a “Base 2” Party as we celebrated 2/22/22/ with Ties



- Mrs. Cornwell's Social Studies class celebrated the birthday of our First President under the Constitution-Mr. George Washington.



- RMS Spelling Bee Champ Gavin Grandison advances to the Regional Spelling Bee. He will compete against 19 students from Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania and New York.. One competitor is from a magnet school the other a homeschool and nine attend private schools.

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

- RHS Academic Team placed 2nd in the Regional competition.
 - **Quick Recall:**
 - 3rd place Jacob Nance, Brody Kilburn, Snehan Saroch, Vinessa Fressola, Alden Frederick
 - **Future Problem Solving:**
 - 1st place Audrey Abbott, Arnav Dharmagadda, Delaney Hetzer, Anna Derscha, and Vinessa Fressola
 - **Writing Composition:** Seth Derscha 1st place
 - **Mathematics:**
 - Arnav Dharmagadda 1st place
 - Jacob Nance 3rd place
 - Seth Derscha 5th place
 - **Science:**
 - Jacob Nance 1st place; 1st place in State as well
 - Seth Derscha 2nd place; 5th place in State as well
 - Snehan Saroch 4th place; 10th place in State as well

- **Social Studies:**
 - Arnav Dharmagadda 2nd place; 7th place in State as well
- **Language Arts:** - Leah Russell competing
- **Arts & Humanities:**
 - Vinessa Fressola 5th place
 - Lillian Tompkins competing

**The team now advances to Governor's Cup State Finals, March 18-21

- Girls' Basketball team won the 63rd District tournament. Shaelynn Steele, Jenna Adkins, Josie Atkins, and Bella Quinn were named to the All-Tournament team.
- Boys' Basketball team won the 63rd District tournament. Damon Charles, Carson Patrick, Griffin Downs, and Brady Bell were named to the All-Tournament team.
- RHS hosted the Kentucky Chapter of the National Spanish Honor Society this weekend. Delaney Hetzer is the State President.
- Mallory Williams organized a successful Blood Drive for the American Red Cross.
- Kenny Dean placed 1st in the Harrison County Air Rifle Match in the Harrison County Air Rifle Match.

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

- HUGE thank you to Mr. Chambers and Mr. Dave Craft for their help on coordinating removal of some chemical storage for our building! We are so very thankful at the RATC for how well you take care of us!!! You are LOVED & APPRECIATED at the RATC!
- HUGE thank you to Mr. Dave Craft & the Russell Maintenance Team for hanging all of our new 75" Interactive Boards in 8 of our rooms! This was a lot of hard work and time involved! You are all LOVED & APPRECIATED at the RATC!
- Mallory Williams, a senior in our Phlebotomy/EKG Technician pathway, orchestrated the Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday at RHS! Mallory did an excellent job organizing, coordinating with the Red Cross, and making it a great day for donors! Thank you, Mallory, for all of your hard work! Thank you, Mrs. Rose, for assisting at the Blood Drive all day! You are both LOVED & APPRECIATED at the RATC!!! HUGE thank you to RHS for hosting the Blood Drive!
- Career & Technical Education Month Celebrations continue at the RATC! We celebrated our two Health Science teachers, Ms. Layne and Mrs. Rose, this week! Super thankful for both of them and proud of all the bring to our students every period of every day! You are LOVED & APPRECIATED at the RATC, Ms. Layne & Mrs. Rose!!! Check out our student videos and tweets on Twitter @AtcRussell.

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| <p>Russell Area Technology Center... "It's Happening NOW! You DON'T want to miss this!"</p> <p>RATC Staff Spotlight:</p> <p><i>Health Science:</i> Phlebotomy / EKG Technician</p> <p>Sherrie Layne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate of East Carter High School • St. Mary's School of Nursing – Diploma of Nursing / University of Phoenix – Bachelor's Nursing • 7 YEARS in Education at RATC • 30+ years of Nursing experience, including Pediatrics, Behavioral Health, Open-Heart Recovery, Learning, Development, & Management • Hobbies & Interests: Spending time with family & my grandbaby • Favorite Food: Hamburgers • Best thing about my life: My children & grandbaby!!!  |  <p><i>BEST thing about Russell/ATC:</i> "There are many things that are great about the RATC. The best? The staff here truly cares about our students and we all strive to help each student meet their goals."</p> <p><i>"Life is hard in the best of circumstances. There is no better way to start your journey than to have certifications in place to help you get a job, help you through college, or both. This is what CTE can do for YOU!"</i></p> <p>#CTEMONTH Remind: @AtcRussell Twitter: @AtcRussell & @CTEworks www.russellind.kyschools.us/3/Home</p> | <p>Russell Area Technology Center... "It's Happening NOW! You DON'T want to miss this!"</p> <p>RATC Staff Spotlight:</p> <p><i>Health Science:</i> Clinical Medical Assistant</p> <p>Andrea Rose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate of Greenup Co. High School • MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY • 3 YEARS in Education at RATC • 22 years as Registered Nurse for Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital with 13 years in Pediatrics • Hobbies & Interests: Boating, Hiking, & anything outdoors • Favorite Food: Steak & Cheese Fries from the Roadhouse • Best thing about my life: My faith & family. Being a mom is my greatest blessing. <p><i>"I love teaching students about healthcare and sharing real life experiences about what it's like to work in the medical field."</i></p> <p>#CTEMONTH Remind: @russelltec Twitter: @AtcRussell & @CTEworks www.russellind.kyschools.us/3/Home</p> |  <p><i>BEST thing about Russell/ATC:</i> "We offer students hands on learning and provides skills that will prepare them to enter the workforce and succeed in their future career."</p> <p><i>"Career and Tech Ed is the BEST! It allows our students to learn skills that will prepare them to go out into the workforce."</i></p> <p><i>"I love being a teacher! It is so rewarding! I enjoy the relationships I am able to form with my students!"</i></p> |
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- Ashton Madden served as our Eastern KY Region Student Leader on the first ever statewide CTE Student Advisory Council! He attended an online meeting with his peers from across Kentucky and the leaders of CTE to discuss the great things going on in our schools and ways we can improve! Super proud of Ashton & his leadership! He is truly an
- EKG Technician students took their Industry Certification Exam this week with NHA online! We are super proud of our EKG students and Ms. Layne!!!! Rebekah Ramsey, Grace Taylor, Mallory Williams, Hailey Floyd & Bethany Floyd are all EKG Technician certified & LIFE Ready! Bring on the jobs & money!
- HOSA students competed in online testing Friday morning for State Competition! They are headed to State March 17 - 19th in Louisville! Way to go Ms. Layne & Mrs. Rose!!!
- TSA students entered their online project submissions & projects this week for Regional Competition at MSU on Friday, March 4th! Good Luck TSA! Super proud of our newest CTSO, Mrs. Phipps, & her students!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Preschool learned about pets this week. We talked about how to choose a pet and how to take care of pets. Pets need a safe place to live so we built pet habitats. We celebrated "Twos-Day" on February 22, 2022 (2/22/22) by wearing tie-dye. At 2:22 we had a 2 minute dance party!! What a fun day!!



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

- **February Board of Education Meeting**—February 28 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! Everyone is welcome to attend!!! Hope to see you there at the meeting.**