



Superintendent Weekly Note #3

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)

From Special Education:

- The special area teachers have done an amazing job of creating inclusive learning environments. The kiddos love attending art, library, music, physical education, & STEAM. A huge thank you to our special area teachers for helping make everyone feel loved & welcomed at RPS.
- We have some wonderful peers at RPS in all grade levels. Mrs. Bartlett's Kindergarten class, Mrs. Reeves' first grade class, & Mrs. Light's second grade class doing a wonderful job including everyone. They are always being kind & friendly!!
- From Kindergarten:

- Students are working hard to learn the letters in their name.



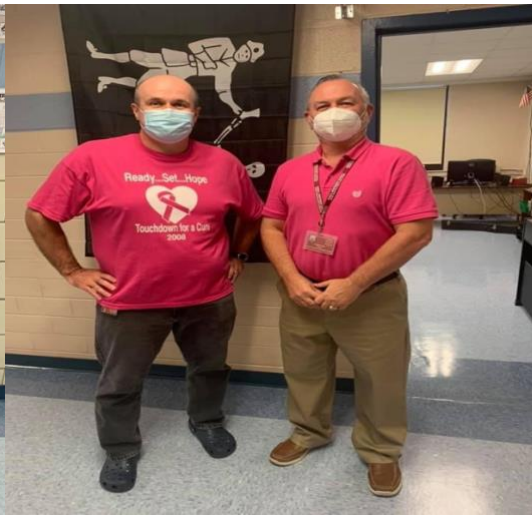
K-2:

- We have had two in house successful lock down practice drills. One in the school and one outside on the playground. All kids did an amazing job.
- We ended our week with our first House Celebration to welcome all our new House Members to their teams. The students are working hard to demonstrate characteristics of good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.



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

- We celebrated the life of a wonderful person in our community, Mrs. Julie Ditty-Qualls, with a PINK-OUT on Tuesday. Both her son and her niece are students at R-MIS. It was wonderful to see our entire Russell community coming together to support not only the family, the wonderful legacy of Julie, but also the continuing fight against cancer.





- This week was a week of dressing in a certain color for a cause. On Friday we donned our Red, White, and Blue in honor of the 20th anniversary of 911. We started the day with the Pledge of Allegiance and ended the day with an original poem written and read by 4th grader Avalyn Roll.

- Our Health Science Program is in full gear! Ms. Layne's students have begun their EKG training and have taken several tests. So excited to have this new pathway! Mrs. Rose's students are studying the history of medicine, learning proper handwashing techniques, and donning and doffing procedures for their Personal Protective Equipment. Good stuff happening here!!! Way to go, Ms. Layne & Mrs. Rose!!!
- Our Business & Marketing students are working on a marketing project conducting marketing research and developing a label and commercial for their favorite drink. They have developed labels and presented their pitch to the class. It is fun learning about Marketing with Mrs. Wilburn!
- Mrs. Phipps has started a new Student Organization for her Computer Science Program called The Technology Student Association (TSA). Thank you, Mrs. Phipps, for beginning this for our students! Her students have been enjoying Binary Bingo and other fun online games! Way to go, Mrs. Phipps!!!
- Mr. Parsons and our CAD students are learning procedures and protocols for the year. They are learning to follow technical directions and diagrams to build 3-D structures. Way to go, Mr. Parsons & our CAD students!!!
- Our Electricity students are working through safety and have started their ToolingU online courses. This is a great program! So proud of our Electricity students!!!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Preschool has just completed their 2nd week! We are still learning classroom procedures and how to be a good friend. Mrs. Hall's class wore pink on Tuesday in memory of Julie Ditty Qualls. Julie was a Russell graduate and she donated much of her time to the children in our schools. Mrs. Mollett's class practiced scissor skills!





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

- **September Board of Education Meeting**—Monday, September 27 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!**