



Superintendent Weekly Note #4

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.***

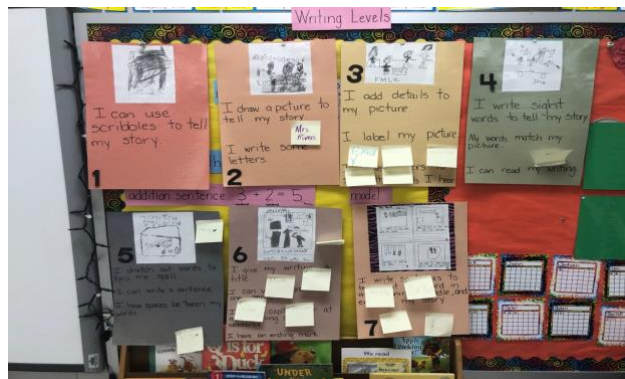
Things I CAN Control...

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)



- First grade students in Mrs. Rivers class are using their writing continuum to determine where they are as a writer.
- In Special Education Readers are Leaders! All of the students have settled into a routine for guided reading, spelling, and word work. Students are also doing well with their spelling test on Fridays!
- The students were super excited to be in the Homecoming Parade or to be watching the parade to catch some candy from their friends.
- We had a successful faculty meeting on Wednesday: our literacy, writing, math and PBIS committee groups met for the first time.

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

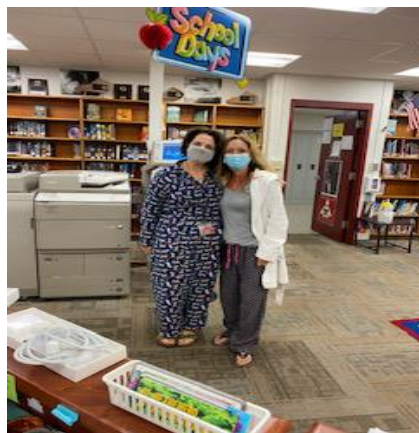
- We have had a significant decrease in students having to quarantine! We have loved having our students in attendance and maximizing learning opportunities! (We especially love that Nurse Jenny is getting a break at our school!)
- It was great seeing all of our "little devils" in the Homecoming Parade! What a great event for our community!
- The KRUSH program was shared at two different state conferences this week by Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Whittaker!
- Students loved getting decked out for school spirit week in their jammies and their Russell gear! Let's go, Devils!

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

- RHS Graduate and former band member John Payne a member of the United States Navy visited RMS to assist and demonstrate how to play the tuba. Musician Second Class Payne has performed in over twenty countries as part of the US Navy's Diplomatic Mission.



- Staff and Students enjoyed the activities of Homecoming Spiriting Week.



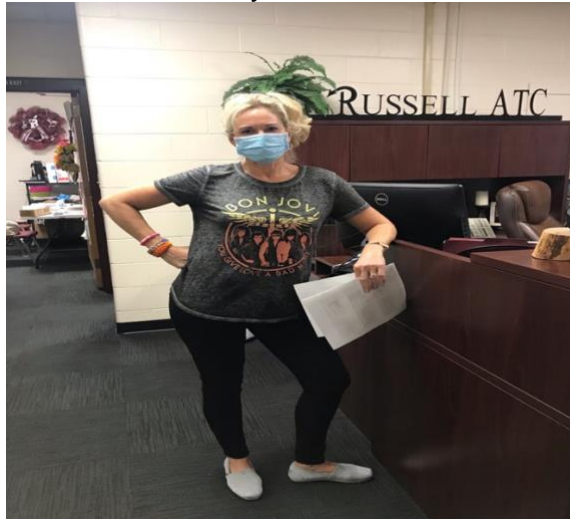
- RMS is Proud of our students and staff for following the Covid-19 Guidelines. We made it to Mid-Term and though we hate it for those quarantined, we haven't had to close school once!! Keep it Up!

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

- Homecoming parade was a huge success.
- Sports teams have been competing well across the board.
- Homecoming dance is being held on Saturday night.
- Arnav Dharmmagadda is leading an ACT prep class for area students.
- Band received runners up Grand Champion and Best Overall Musical Score the Cabell Midland Band Competition.

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

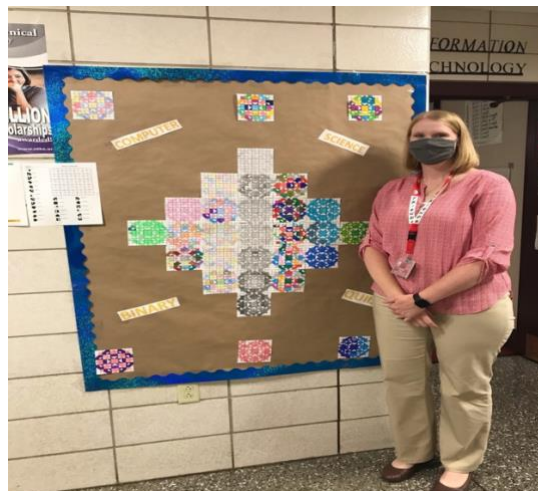
- Lots of great things going on to take part in Spirit Week for Homecoming!
 - Mrs. Rose took us back to the 80's this week on Decade Day!
 - Mrs. Wilburn's classes and FBLA have painted two Spirit Sheets for the Football Game on Friday!



- One of our Computer Science seniors, Tara Barnett, passed her first Industry Certification test this week! Way to go Tara & Mrs. Phipps! We

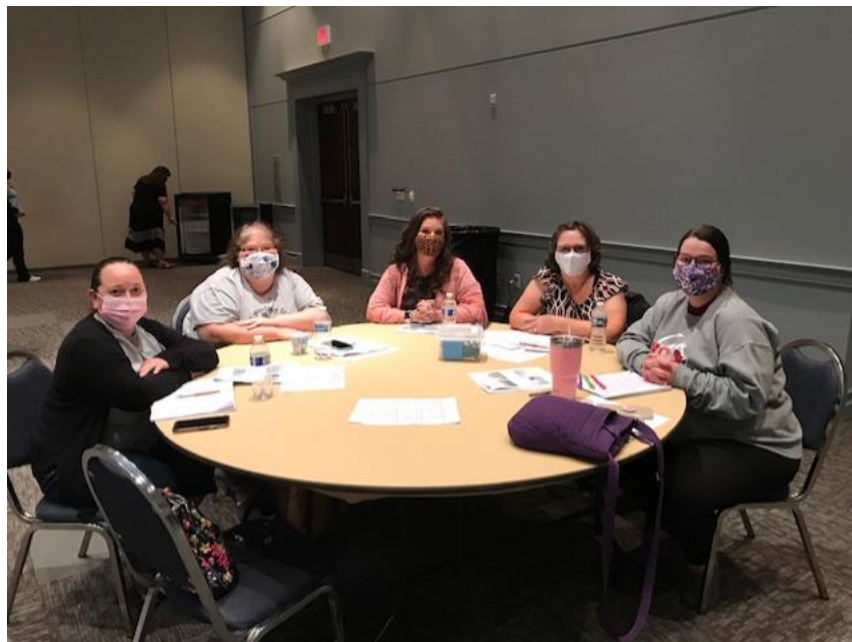
love to celebrate our students and the great things they are doing!

- Mrs. Phipps and her Digital & Computer Literacy students created this awesome Binary Quilt! We are so proud of Mrs. Phipps and our Computer Science students!



Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Preschoolers love being at school! We are still learning classroom procedures and how to be a good friend. Several of our staff members have attended a training in Morehead to learn new strategies to use in the classroom. We are excited to use the new strategies being learned! Next week we will learn about emotions.



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!**