



Superintendent Weekly Note #7

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 productive and positive SAC meeting this week.
- Reading Recovery has had great parent participation with their students' parents reading the books with their children from their book pouches and reviewing sight words every night. Meeting with parents early in the school year has made a big impact on student progress.
- First grade students are excited about their new technology boards. The teachers are seeing the success students are having learning new content and skills.
- Kindergarten students are starting to become more independent in following their daily schedule. They are working hard learning letters, letter sounds and blending letters together to read words.
- Second grade students are working hard to be fluent in their addition and subtraction facts.
- Our Special Education teachers are seeing a tremendous amount of growth this first nine weeks in reading and writing from students. The students are becoming Ninja Sight Word Masters earning new belt colors for their Ninjas as they master new sight word list.
- The Flatwoods Fire Department has been visiting with classes this week for Fire Prevention Month.
- RPS is giving a big shout out and Thank You to our District Maintenance Team for installing our new technology boards in record time. Also, a shout out to Mrs. Casto and Mrs. Cole for getting those up and running so quickly.

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

- We are able to get into classrooms more and more and it is so exciting to see the awesome learning that is happening at RMIS!
- Students are working hard to earn "gold doubloons" for going above and beyond and exhibiting good character in our school! (Our theme this year is Learn Like a Pirate!)
- We celebrated our amazing custodians with a special day on Friday. Students made posters and cards thanking them and we treated them with the lunch of their choice from Texas Roadhouse!

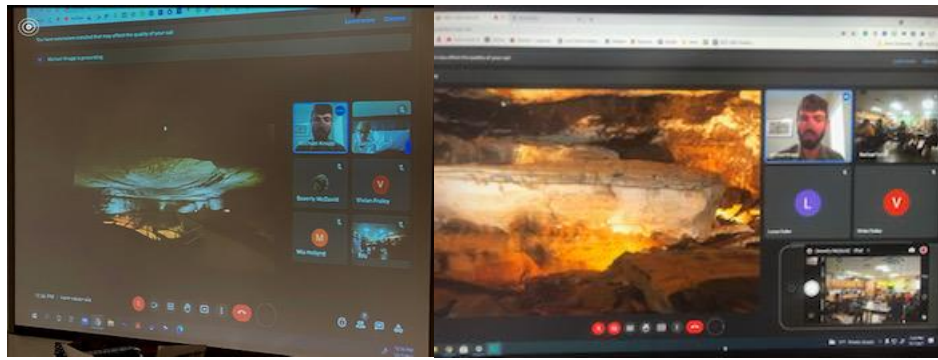


Russell Middle School (From the desk of Mr. Moore)

- Bryson Hunt of Troop 165 working with friends toward his Eagle Scout Project. Bryson is constructing an outdoor Xylophone as part of the Sensory Garden at RMS.



- Mrs. McDavid and Mrs. Turner's Sixth Grade Science Classes took a deep dive (105 feet deep in the Bottomless Pit) into learning this week.



- Students took an interactive guided tour of Mammoth Caves. Technology at its best!



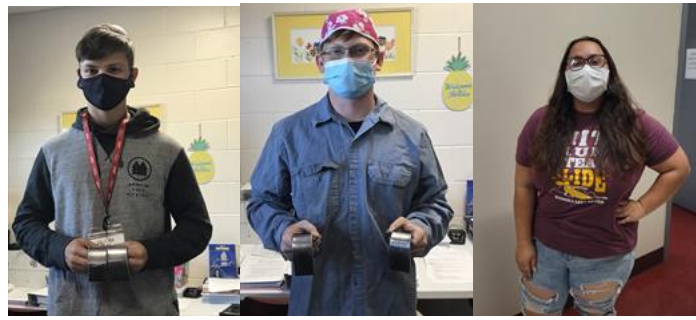
- Lady Devil Basketball held 8th grade night. Talented young women with bright futures on and off the court.

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

- The RHS Marching band was named Grand Champion at both The Lucasville Valley and Northwest HS competitions.
- The football team won the Backyard Brawl by defeating Greenup Co.
- The Russell Hispanic Honor Society participated in the inaugural Latin Night Live event in Ashland as part of the Visit Ashland KY group's Hispanic Heritage month celebration.
- Choir and Orchestra students performed at Greenup Old Fashion Days.
- Girls Soccer team are District Champions!
- Volleyball team defeated Ashland.
- Boys and Girls XC teams won the East Carter Invitational.
- Hannah Brown was named Beacon's Best.

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

- We celebrated National Custodian's Day with our Mr. Roy Craft! We truly appreciate all that Mr. Craft does for our students, the care he puts into our building, and the joy he brings to our staff! We are blessed to have Roy in our RATC Family!
- Our Seniors are passing Industry Certification Exams and becoming Post-Secondary/Life Ready! Brody Stump & Ashton Madden have passed their 2nd Industry Certification Test in Welding...both passed the 2-F & the KY DOT 3-G Exams! Tara Barnett also passed 2 of her 3 Industry Certification Exams in Computer Science! We are super excited and proud of our seniors! Way to go, Brody, Ashton, & Tara!!!



- Welding took a field trip on 10/8 to Wooten Machine Shop in Huntington, WV. Our students had a great experience, toured the facility, interacted with the staff, and discovered the awesome ways Wooten Machine contributes to our Tri-State community! Way to go, Mr. Woolum!!!
- Our Welding students have designed and built three metal rolling instrument carts for our Russell Band Program! These carts are remarkable and our students have done the work! This has saved our Band Program lots of \$\$\$\$ and has given our students amazing experience! Thank you, Mr. Woolum, for taking this on and making an investment in our Band! Their work is amazing!!!



- Mrs. Phipps had her first meeting with our new Computer Science Student Organization called the **Technology Student Association (TSA)**! Our students are excited to join and get started! Great things are on the horizon!
- Ms. Layne & Mrs. Rose had their first HOSA meeting this week too! Officers are in place and leading the way for an awesome year! HOSA has great things planned for community investments, leadership development, and FUN!!!

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Mrs. Hall has been bringing in pumpkins and gourds from her garden. We have compared the sizes, shapes, and colors. We used our tape measures to measure the circumference and the length.



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

- **October Board of Education Meeting**—October 25 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!**