



Superintendent Weekly Note –May 9, 2022

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)

- KET came and filmed our Family Community Workshop. A big shout out to Amanda Cole, Becky Mollett, Patty Hall, Amanda Ratliff, Becky Roark, Samantha Burney, Kim Staton and Julie Gullett for helping make this program a success.
- Brinley and Maddie visited Mrs. Williams 1st grade classroom and helped the students with technology by logging on to CoSpaces and to utilize the Merge Cubes to take a virtual look at the Grand Canyon.
- In second grade, Mrs. A. Conley's class have been working on non-fiction writing. They have researched animals and written articles about those animals. Mrs. Carrols' Class have been writing non-fiction pieces to explain the life cycle of plants.
- We celebrated Teacher and Staff Appreciation week with many goodies from students and PTO.
- We had Derby Races for K and 1st. Office Tackett and Officer Mills got in on the fun. Ms. Crager had special Derby Races for the 2nd grade students since they missed their opportunity in K and 1st because of the pandemic.

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

- It was Teacher Appreciation Week and we celebrated our wonderful faculty and staff. The PTO did an amazing job of providing snacks and goodies each day. We had a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Cinco de Mayo that was catered by El Colonial! Dr. Horne and our Board of Education provided us with a cake that was a welcome addition to our luncheon!
- On Friday, our 5th grade Social Studies classes celebrated the Kentucky Derby!

- Our 4th grade students attended a special 4H day at the Greenup County Locks and Dam this week! This is always extremely organized and educational for our kids.
- Let the TESTING begin! We kicked off the Kentucky Summative Assessment with our 3rd grade students on Friday!



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

- RMS Staff felt the love this week from the community as we received food and gifts of recognition. One of the best was from our own STLP Team who made lanyards for all of us
- The athletic seasons is ending with multiple 8th Grade Nights but the Future for our Athletes is bright.
- Staff and students showed why RMS is out of this world on Star Wars Day.
- The Café served Pudding Cups to the delight of students.



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

- National Spanish Honor Society partnered with law enforcement to “Stuff a Cruiser” with stuffed animals for children.
- RHS baseball team is 3-3 in district play.
- Softball team defeated Raceland for a huge district win.
- Orchestra performed at KMEA competition.
- AP and state exams began this week.
- RHS will host District softball and baseball tournaments.

- ROTC held annual awards ceremony.

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

- **Technology Student Assoc.** traveled to Lexington to compete at State Competition! They had a great trip & won a 3-D Printer for their classroom! These 7 students collected 1,179 books to donate to the competition! Huge Thank You to Judy Williams for donating almost half that amount and to RPS Library and RMS teachers for contributing to the cause as well! Wow! Way to go, Mrs. Phipps!!! Huge thank you to Mrs. Wilburn for traveling with them!!!
- **Health Science Certified** - All 57 students who took the Health Science Exam (NOCTI) passed & all are Post-Secondary Ready!! We gave the test to 18 seniors who all passed & are now certified! 31 Juniors passed it & 6 Sophomores, so they are all Post-Secondary Ready now! We had a 1st this year...one of our Juniors is now **Dual Certified in Business & Health Sciences** - **Congratulations to Ava O'Neal!!!!** Way to go, Ms. Layne & Mrs. Rose!!!
- **Perkins Steering & Advisory Committee** Meetings were April 21st & they were a HUGE success! Thank you to all of our Business/Industry/College partners who attended! We are so very proud of our teachers, staff, & students & love any opportunity to brag on them! What a great night!!!
- **Phlebotomy & EKG Students** - Our Phlebotomy students all have their 30 viable sticks accomplished!!! Huge **Congrats to Angel Lewis, Brittany Mills, Emily Dixon, Mallory Williams, Bethany Floyd, Isabella Newcomb, Rebekah Ramsey, & Hailey Floyd!!!!** Congrats to **Mallory Williams, Hailey Floyd, Isabella Newcomb, Rebekah Ramsey, who are Phlebotomy Technician Certified! Congratulations!!!!** Super proud! **Emily Dixon passed the NHA EKG Exam and is now EKG Technician Certified! Yay, Emily!!! Way to go, Ms. Layne!!!!**
- **Business Certified - ASK Exam** - Congratulations to **Griffin Downs, Riley Anger, & Drake Wells!** They are all Business Certified & Post-Secondary Ready!!! We are super proud of their hard work & the college credit they have earned!!
- **8th Grade** came to tour the RATC and meet our teachers on April 28th & 29th! It was super to have them in our classrooms and talk with them about the awesome opportunities they have at the RATC! Thank you, Mr. Moore, for setting it up for us!
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** was hosted by Mallory Williams and Mrs. Andrea Rose! Way to go ladies! Huge thank you to RHS for allowing the drive to be held in their gym! Mallory has hosted two blood drives this year and has done a fabulous job! Thank you to

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Preschool classrooms had a butterfly release this week! We talked about bugs and insects. Mrs. Jacklyn, one of our helpers from the college, is also a beekeeper! She brought her beekeeper clothing and a honeycomb for us to see. 😊
- We are currently enrolling preschoolers for the 2022-23 school year. Contact Mrs. Staton at 836-0007 for more information.



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

- **May Board of Education Meeting—May 23 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.**