



### **Superintendent Weekly Note #19**

***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)

- The students and their families have been enjoying reading *The World According to Humphrey* this week. The students are answering Trivia Comprehension questions from each chapter. We have been doing daily drawings from the classrooms for trivia winners to adopt a “hamster” of their very own. *Humphrey* even reenacted a scene from Chapter 8, when he dressed up as a ghost for Halloween. The students love *Humphrey*!
- Mrs. Downs’ class enjoyed reading St. Patrick’s Day stories all dressed in green. I even heard that some leprechauns got into the school and messed up some of the classrooms. Those leprechauns sure are sneaky.
- Mrs. Crown aka “Mrs. Crayon” is helping our first-grade students read biographies!
- Mrs. Cole hosted the first PBS Grant Funded Family Night this past Thursday. The families that attended worked together on building literacy, math and engineering skills at home with their preschool and kindergarten age students.



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

- There may have been snow showers last weekend but this week has been a beautiful week for getting outdoors and having some fun on our recesses. Spring was truly in the air!
- St. Patrick's Day came and went without us catching any leprechauns...again! We do have evidence of their presence at our school, however! We found some dropped golden coins and beautiful rainbows throughout the school. Teachers decoded the rainbows and found some goodies that our little friends had left.
- Faculty and Staff are into March Madness with our first-ever Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament. Brackets have been completed and round 1 winners will compete again next week... Tensions are high as we work toward crowning a champion!
- Mrs. Marcum's class celebrated completing the entire BINGO board during Read Across America week. A yummy sundae party was their reward!
- Third-grade students in library/media class this week were learning about reference materials, the five main types, and where to look for specific information. They participated in hand-up, stand-up, pair-up Kagan activities and had a lot of fun with their learning.



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

- RMS held our first assembly since February 2020. During the assembly we recognized the following:
  - Brennan Groves who earned \$12,000 in scholarships from Kentucky MathCounts.
  - The MathCounts Team that will compete in the State Championship next weekend.
  - The Dance Team wins three National Championship.



- 8<sup>th</sup> grade participated in JROTC Field Day
- RMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade assisted Helping Hands in loading over the 1600 food items we collected.





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

- The following students were named to the ALL EKC Team
  - Brady Bell, Griffin Downs, and Bradley Rose
  - Shaelyn Steele, Bella Quinn, Jenna Adkins, Josie Adkins, and Campbell Jachimczuk
  - Shaelyn Stelle was named the Offensive Player of the Year and Jenna Adkins was named the Defensive Player of the Year.
  - Coach of the Year was Mandy Layne
- Lady Devil Softball team won their home opener over Fleming Co. 10-2.
- RHS Orchestra is sending the largest group in school history to “All District” this year.
- ROTC Honor Guard continues to serve families in our community by providing funeral services.

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

- End of Program Testing is complete for the majority of our students in Business and Computer Science! We are just working on makeup testing this next week! Thanks to everyone for allowing students to come over and test! You are loved & appreciated at the RATC!
- Our Phlebotomy students are working hard to complete their 30 viable sticks! Thank you to all the students & staff who volunteered to be stuck! If you are willing to be a test subject, we would love to have you! Our phlebotomists are the BEST!!! Way to go, Ms. Layne & Mrs. Rose! It takes everyone to get it accomplished!

- Our HOSA students are competing this weekend in Louisville at the State Competition! Good luck to Mallory Williams, Hailey Floyd, Connor Jordan, Gunner Cassity, Bethany Floyd, Bracken Davis, Brayden Hutchinson, Graci Criswell, Ryan Conley, Abbie Lewis, Landon Scaggs, Kaylee Dickenson, & Torie Hester!!! Way to go, Ms. Layne & Mrs. Rose!!!
- We received our new phones in all classrooms and the office! Very exciting! Thanks so much to Mrs. Casto and our Russell Technology Team! You are loved & appreciated at the RATC!

**Russell Preschool** (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Preschoolers were busy this week learning about Paleontology! We have talked about dinosaurs, fossils, and what a paleontologist does. We have been watching our dinosaur eggs to see when they will hatch! We matched dinosaur letters and counted dinosaurs. There was a pesky Leprechaun loose in the building! He sure made a mess in our rooms looking for gold. Mrs. Mollett's families created traps to try to catch him!



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

- **March Board of Education Meeting—March 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.**