



Superintendent Weekly Note #2

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 Mr. Crager)

- The students did an amazing job this week during all of our practice drills for fire, tornado, earthquake and lockdown.
- Students are busy learning routines, procedures and rules in the school and their classroom. They are earning STARS and House Points for following the rules, procedures and routines!
- Second Grade students are leading the school each morning in say the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag.
- We are so proud of all of our students for having a successful first full week of school!



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

- We've had drills and more drills this week! The culminating event for the week was our Lockdown Drill on Friday morning. According to our resource officer, Sargent Tackett, we were 100% compliant! We practice in order to keep our students safe! Way to go team!
- Students are doing a great job of following school expectations! Beginning of school assessments are underway and learning is getting into high gear!
- Mrs. Barney's before school Walking Club started this week and the kids loved it!!! It's great to get exercise before the school day begins!
- On Friday, the entire staff wore the new shirts that our awesome district gifted us! We love showing our school spirit!
- Mr. Lewis and Mr. Grizzle showed off their grilling skills and cooked lunch for the faculty and staff on Friday!
- We said goodbye on Friday to our sweet Jewel from our cafe staff. Ms. Jewel is such a special part of our RMIS family, and we are so sad that she is leaving the area to move to Lexington. She received lots of hugs and gifts. Mrs. Bechtel's students went through her line one last time and each student handed her a rose. We will miss her so much!

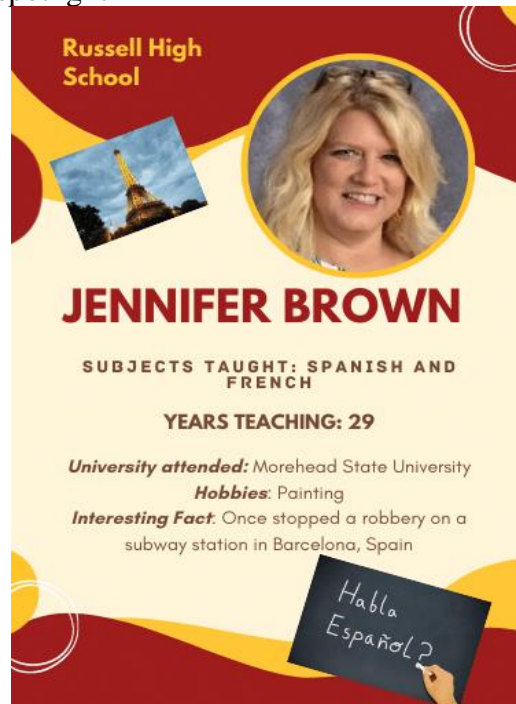


Russell Middle School (From the desk of Mr. Frasure)

- Our SRO's are 2nd to none by going above and beyond for the safety of our faculty and students.
- 8th Boys Football won 32-0 against Boyd.
- Be Positive theme is up and running. The students are creating a positive nest throughout the school.
- Congratulations to Levi Dalton on the birth of his new baby boy.
- Front office ladies are doing an amazing job!
- 6th-grade class is adjusting extremely well to their new routine.
- Alyssa Truett for representing our community with pride in the World Championship Horse Show at the Kentucky State Fair.
- RMS Cross Country team at Fairland; Boys placed 2nd and the Girls got 5th.

Russell High School (From the desk of Mr. Caniff)

- Great start to the school year!
- Had a successful welcome back to school Pep Rally.
- Our first “Schedule Day” was a success. We allowed students to come in prior to school starting to pick up schedules, get parking passes, and lockers.
- Girls Soccer defeated Ashland
 - Teacher spotlight #1



- Had a good turnout for “Dress like a Dad” day!



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

- Mrs. Tammy Hall Administrative Specialist was recognized by the Commonwealth of Kentucky with an award for *Strategic Excellence and*

Achievement. Anyone that knows Mrs. Hall, knows she is vital to the success of the Russell Area Technology Center.

- Over 70 RATC students are enrolled in Dual Credit earning college credits for the courses they are completing at RATC. The teachers in these courses are all highly-qualified and agree to take on extra work. Dual Credit provides our students their first taste of post-secondary instruction while saving their family money.
- RATC has completed all safety drills. Everyone realizes how important these are in keeping the Technology Center a safe place to learn.

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Preschool has been busy this week! We have met our new families and can't wait to get started with them next week! Ms. Mollett has been awarded a Member's Choice grant for a classroom pet! I can't wait to see what they get!

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

- **September Board of Education Meeting**—Monday, September 26 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!**