



## Superintendent Weekly Note #8

***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)

- Taylor Whitlock is the October Artist of the Month. Mrs. Foudray reports he is a wonderful illustrator/artist and has a great eye for detail.
- Mrs. Grizzle, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Blackburn, and Mrs. VanKirk have shared that During October, their students have read one of our all-time favorite books, *Go Away Big Green Monster!!*, & then read one of our new favorite books, *Color Monster!!* They have practiced using picture clues, reading sight words, & talked about prepositions in the stories. They have practiced following one step directions & our fine motor skills by creating monsters. Students have danced to "Monster Moves" to practice gross motor skills too. Our therapists (speech, occupational, & physical) have joined in the fun too!! We are very thankful for our amazing therapists who put kids first!!
- Students also took the Star Early Literacy/Star Reading test as well as Exact Path testing. We are seeing growth in everyone during the first nine weeks grading period.

- We appreciate the Flatwoods Fire Department coming to RPS to teach our students about fire safety. Thank you, Mrs. C. Conley, for scheduling this for our students!

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



- Mrs. Ladd, along with volunteers Mrs. Spainhower and Mrs. Arthur, welcomed 27 students to our newest after-school activity--BOOK CLUB! Students will meet two Tuesdays a month to read the book *Out of My Mind* by Saron Draper and create fun crafts that go along with the book. If your child would like to participate in BOOK CLUB, we will offer another sign-up after Christmas!
- The Russell Rotary stopped by our 3rd-grade classrooms this week to present each student with a new dictionary! The students love this and we appreciate our community partners!
- Our wonderful PTO is busy getting ready for our Halloween celebration, but they took a time-out to treat our teachers with a special CARES cart filled with the teachers' favorite goodies. What a way to make our day!



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


- RMS was fortunate to upgrade the building inside and out!. New Window coverings were added.



- Archery held an organizational meeting to get started for the new season
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Closed out the Season
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball is playing for the OVC Championship this weekend

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**Russell Sports Edition**  
Undeclared and Tournament Bound



**RMS**

The 7th grade Lady Devils finished off their regular season with a dominating 40-6 win over McKell. Earning them an undefeated season. Through 20 games they have outscored their opponents 900/213, averaging 45 points a game, allowing only 10, and a margin of victory of 34! 🔥🔥🔥🔥🔥

Coming off their perfect season, Russell will travel to Lexington on Friday to battle it out in the KBC state tournament. They will start play with Knox County and Meece Middle. Games will go through Saturday afternoon, when Russell will then travel to Rowan to start the OVC tournament. That's a lot of basketball and will be a true test as they are sure to face strong competition.



- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball closed out their successful season and held their banquet.



- New Smart TVs in the Classrooms-Thank you to Mrs. and Mr. Casto and Maintenance Crew.



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

- Volleyball team defeated Ashland 3-1.
- Football team won the Backyard Brawl. Andre Richardson Cruz was named MVP.
- Our band performed in the Clark Co. Band Festival.
- The following students were members of the Kiwanis Court.
  - Marlee Coburn
  - Carmin Corey
  - Ava Gabbard
  - Aly Hurst
  - Queen Blakely Monte
- Boys and Girls soccer teams completed their seasons.

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

- We had our Steering Committee & Advisory Committee Fall Meeting at the Greenup ATC this week! We had 62 in-person attendees and 12 virtual attendees from business & industry, education, & our amazing parents and students! It was a great night of celebration for our Programs and Pathways! We are super proud of our teachers and students! In Career & Technical Education, the future is NOW for our students!
- We hosted Mrs. Sarah Marth, our CTE Regional Supervisor, this week for our Fall visit! We love having Mrs. Marth in our school! We also hosted the new Estill County CTC Principal this week, Mr. Coy Hall. It is fun to showcase our classroom and shop areas, our teachers, and our students!
- Brody Stump was enrolled for June of 2022 in Lincoln Tech Welding School! Super Proud of Brody!!!
- Here is a pic of Brody Stump & Ashton Madden demonstrating their mad welding skills on a community project. Super proud of our welders!!! Way to go, Mr. Woolum!



- Our CAD students are working on developing project designs for our ATC Market! We are super proud of Mr. Parsons and our CAD students! Their ideas are awesome!
- Mrs. Rose and Ms. Layne received a donation from S.O.S. International for our program! S.O.S. does a great service around the world donating medical supplies! We are extremely thankful! So proud of our Health Science Program & students!

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

Preschoolers were super excited to see the fire truck as part of fire prevention week! We listened to the firefighters tell us about safety and we were able to see them in their gear. We know that we should not hide from them if there is a fire at our home. We learned that if they come to help us, the tank on their back sounds scary but it keeps them safe.



**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!**

