



Superintendent Weekly Note #15

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)

- Snowflake, our school elf, made his appearance this week. He is already up to his mischievous tricks.
- In STEAM Lab Mrs. Artist had students creating their own balloons based on the story, Balloons Over Broadway. The students paraded in front of the green screen, and she is going to use the video footage through a filter to make the students appear to be in the Macy's Day Parade.
- KY Electric Power came and read to the Kindergarten Classes to teach them about electricity and how to stay safe around electricity and power lines.
- We want to give a big shout out to Monyca Malave, one of our PTO members for making our giant Nutcrackers! The students and adults love them. Thank you, Monyca!



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

- R-MIS now has a DOCTOR in the house! Congratulations to Dr. Jalina Wheeler for receiving a Doctorate in Education!

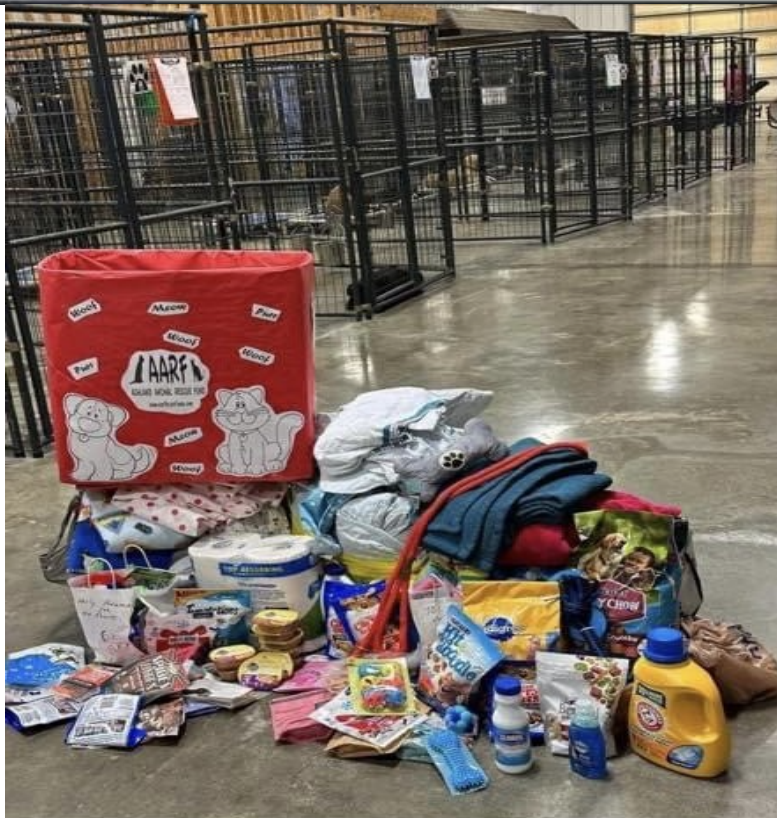


- We celebrated the classrooms and CARES Team that had awesome attendance, behavior, and community service in November!
 - Highest attendance- Mrs. Dillon's class
 - Best behavior- Mrs. Goodman's class
 - Most community service- Mrs. Bechtel's class
 - Overall winning classroom- Mrs. Bechtel
 - Winning Team- Creative Avenue Team: Mrs. Spainhower, Mrs. Haggard, Mrs. Shivel, and Mrs. Bechtel's classes!!!

- Mrs. Bechtel's class led the Noodles in November community service and collected 286 boxes of noodles.



- Mrs. Roark's class led a community service to benefit AARF! They collected much needed supplies for this foundation!



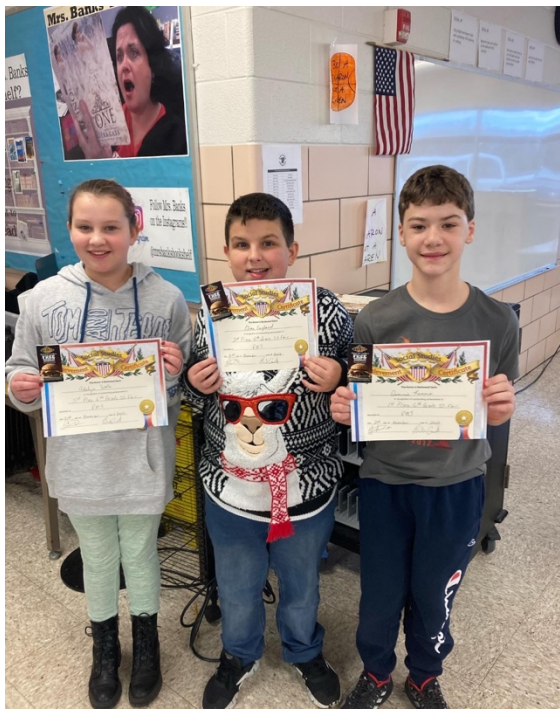
Russell Middle School (From the desk of Mr. Frasure)

- A great showing for our 1st annual Social Studies Fair. We had over 150 people attend.
 - Winners listed below



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RMS ACADEMIC TEAM

BCGL MEET 5 RESULTS

<p><u>ARTS & HUMANITIES:</u></p> <p>BRADY HAJJAR - 1ST CHASE HOLBROOK - 2ND</p>	<p><u>SCIENCE:</u></p> <p>ASHER BENNETT - 1ST HARPER AGRAINS - 2ND DOM ROMERO - 2ND</p>	<p><u>LANGUAGE ARTS:</u></p> <p>HARPER AGRAINS - 2ND VIVIAN FARLEY - 3RD ELI KAZEE - 4TH KHLÖE HAYWOOD - 5TH</p>
<p><u>SOCIAL STUDIES:</u></p> <p>CHASE HOLBROOK - 1ST ELI BROUÄ - 3RD SPENCER GROSS - 4TH LUCAS DE JESSE - 5TH MIGUEL PANGAN - 5TH</p>	<p><u>MATHEMATICS:</u></p> <p>MYRA JINDAL - 1ST GAVIN GRANDISON - 2ND MIGUEL PANGAN - 3RD</p>	<p><u>QUICK RECALL:</u></p> <p>A TEAM: WIN! RUSSELL A 15 - ASHLAND A 14</p>

You guys. Have I told you how much I love our community? Over the summer I posted about wanting some used but nice, comfy chairs for the Library. Thank you [Continuing the Legacy Foundation](#) for blessing the students of RMS with these beautiful additions to their space. Looking over and seeing them full make me SO happy. The Library is the heart of every school and this Librarian's heart is FULL. #readersareleaders



- Congratulations to 6th and 7th Grade boys basketball programs for solid wins over Wurtland and McKell
- Congratulations to our 8th Grade boys basketball program for a solid win over Wurtland

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

- Basketball season is officially underway!
- Our Swim Team is off to a great start!
- Archery has a competition this weekend at Raceland
- We had a successful safety inspection this Thursday.
- Our Air Force Junior ROTC got the opportunity to visit the Wurtland Airport and a few students got to go up for a ride in an airplane.





STUDENT OF THE MONTH



**DAMON
CHARLES**

He is a great senior leader. Full package as a student-athlete - outstanding student and talented athlete. Damon is extremely intelligent - one of RHS's top seniors. Quiet - but leads by example. Damon is a fine respectful young man. He is consistently diligent with his academic success by always being responsible with his assignments. Damon is well-respected by his peers and teachers alike. Damon is a great student in and out of the classroom. Damon is honest, hardworking, considerate and witty.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



JOSIE ATKINS

One of RHS's finest!!!! She is the ultimate example of what a real student-athlete is. She is a leader on and off of the playing field. Josie is very well-rounded and truly gives 110% in everything she does. She is a multi-sport athlete and excels in the classroom. She is a true example of a leader and an excellent role-model to our younger students.

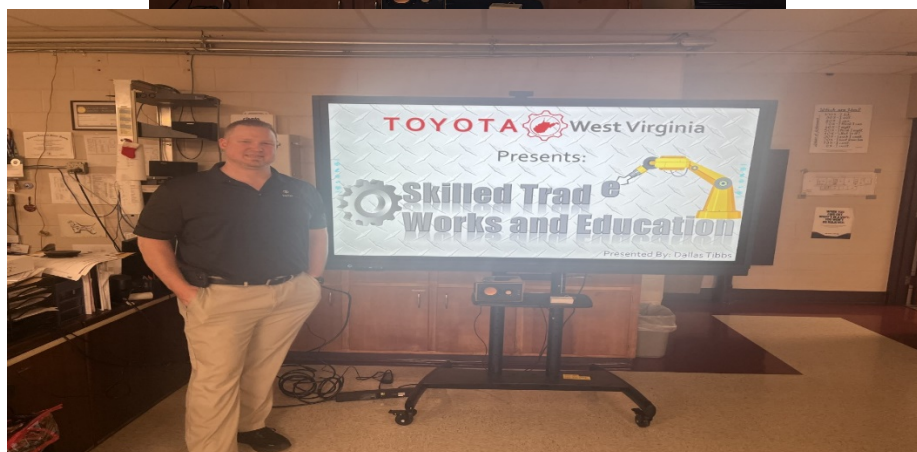
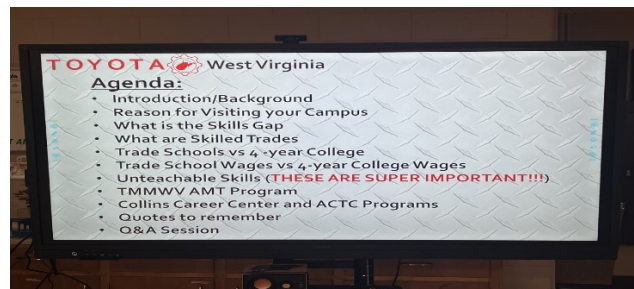
- Mrs. Cantrell and her crew getting ready for the Red-Carpet Christmas Etiquette premier at Camp Landing December 6.



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



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Mrs. Wilburn and Introduction to Marketing/ Business classes working on advertising campaign for Santa's Workshop. Oh, What a feeling... Toyota-Mr. Dallas Tibbs of Toyota Motors of West Virginia visited with RATC Students to provide them information on educational and career options with Toyota.



Mrs. Phipps and TSA continue to take orders for their fundraiser. Please contact Mrs. Phipps Jennifer.phipps@russellind.kyschools.us (606)836-1256 to purchase the perfect stocking stuffer for your Senior.



Mrs. Phipps and students created and assembled a robot that is to be tested in upcoming competition.



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

- **December Board of Education Meeting**—Monday, December 19 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!**

