



Superintendent Weekly Note #3

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)

- On Friday we had our first HOUSE CELEBRATION where we welcomed all of our new Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade students into their HOUSE! I want to give a big shout of THANKS to our PTO for always helping us with this event.
- Kindergarten are having fun while learning the correct way to hold scissors.
- First Grade are already amazing writers. The detail in their writing about their favorite singers and pets are amazing!
- Second Grade are busy learning about Citizenship and Elections. This is a great unit of study, it goes along with our HOUSE System which teaches us about the Six Pillars of Good Character and we will be having Student Council Elections for 2nd Grade in November.





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

- Safety Patrol students are doing a great job showing their leadership skills! We have students helping with bus and car drop-off, hallways, and the cafeteria! The "R" in our C.A.R.E.S. is **R**ecognizing leadership qualities in our students (and staff)!
- On Thursday we had our first potluck of the year to celebrate August and September birthdays. We have some amazing cooks in our school!
- Friday was school picture day for our kiddos. Make-ups will take place on November 4.
- Rain or shine, our school greeters at drop-offs always sport a smile!



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

- RMS Facebook page is up and running promoting all the positives within our building.
- Mr. Dalton and his wife Ashley welcomed their new bundle of joy Nash into the world late Saturday night.
- RMS 7th Grade Football Team on beating Raceland 6-0
- RMS 6th Grade Girls Basketball Team as they beat Fairview 40-13
- RMS 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team on beating Raceland 42-21
- RMS 8th Grade Gils Basketball Team on beating Raceland 44-9



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

- **Student Government Elections are complete: Senior Class**
 - Emma Vinson-President
 - Titus Hamm-Vice President
 - McKenzie Haggard-Treasurer
 - Ashlee Steele-Secretary
 - Katie Conley-Representative
- During our first Local Law Enforcement initiated lockdown, from the time the blue lights came on to the last door closed in the hallway the time elapsed was only 40 seconds! Our students and staff did great.

Teacher Spotlight #2: Carol Stevens

CAROL STEVENS

All About Me...

Subjects taught: AP Statistics, Dual Credit College Algebra, Transitional Math.

Years Teaching: 31

High School/University: Russell, Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky

Hobbies

Reading, Playing golf, Hanging at the pool, traveling to the beach, shopping



Interesting Facts

Since the 1950's, a member of my family (including 1st cousins) has always been employed as a teacher or administrator in the Russell Independent School District. My future nephew (as of Oct. 1 - Brett Cooksey) will still be in the building



- ROTC had a successful trip to IFLY



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

- Mrs. Layne and Mrs. Rose were visited by Representatives from KDMC. Mr. Duty and Mr. Harris looked at ways they can partner with and hire more of our students.



- Dress like a dad or Mr. Parson's Day at RATC



- Dominick is a true "Patriot" leading the RATC Center in the Pledge this week.



- No one can be “Board” in Welding. Madalyn and Jocelyn redesigned the bulletin board with pictures of students from RATC.

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- We have had an AMAZING first week of school! We have made new friends and are working hard to learn the routines and procedures. We can't wait to come back to school next week! Ms. Mollett has been awarded a Member's Choice Credit Union grant to purchase sensory materials for her classroom! Congratulations Ms. Mollett!! Welcome to Mr. Wesley Steele, Instructional Assistant!





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!**