

Superintendent Weekly Note #16 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)

- Students are making great progress in their reading and writing!
- Our Book Fair was a huge success this week and many families came out Thursday Night to shop in their pajamas with their students.
- In 2nd grade we have students who are making great gains in their reading! Congratulations to Jackson, Olivia, Makiah, Harlow, Natalie, and Cadence.
- Congratulations to our December Writers of the Month: Conan, Landry, Lexi, Bently R., Bailey, Cameron, Ezra, Logan, Leo, Jude, William, Mae W., and Miles.
- Congratulations to our December Artist of the Month: Kendall Short. Ms. Foudray says that Kendall is a good listener and does her very best in art class.
- Congratulations to our Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Readers of the Month!

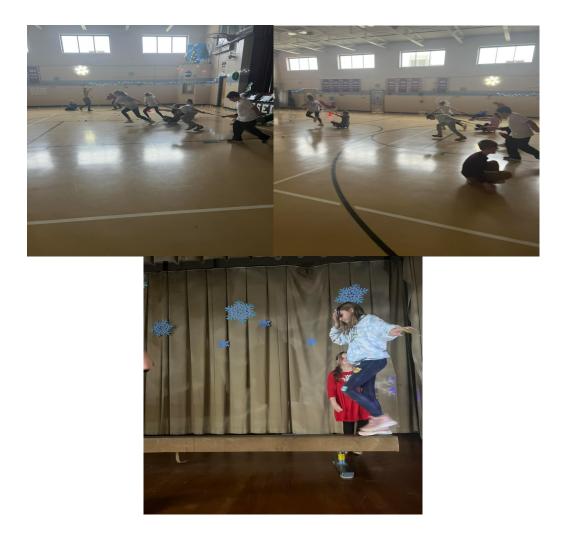






Russell-McDowell Intermediate (From the desk of Mrs. Wright)

• First, Reindeer Games, led by Ms. Barney in PE classes, has been enjoyed by all students.



- Also, Hadley Wilson was selected as the R-MIS winner for the Jim Clay Pool Art Competition. Congratulations Hadley!
- We made it through ITBS and CogAT testing!
- Beta Club met after school and made Christmas cards for nursing homes.





- We are all looking forward to the 5th grade orchestra concert tonight!
- Last, but not least, we are all SO excited and happy that William Dean is back in school!!!



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

• Aaron Williams, Kennadi Marshall, and Tinsley Snyder have been invited to participate in the Kentucky Music Educators Association's Junior High Chorus.



Russell Middle School Archery placed 2nd at this weekend's tourbament! 8th grader, Aaron Williams medaled for 3rd best overall boy in the middle school division!



First ever Girls Who Code meeting at RMS! Thank you, Mrs. Redman!



RMS and RHS Christmas Concert! Great performance tonight from our band!



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

- The Academic team took two teams to a Quiz Bowl tournament in Batavia, Ohio this past weekend. The A-team (Snehan Saroch, Ahya Farhat, Brody Kilburn, Ian Braun) finished in 5th place overall and the B-team (Justin Jiang, Laura Jiang, Yasmeen Farhat, Ethan Gilliam, Alden Frederick) finished in 8th place overall. Justin Jiang and Snehan Saroch finished in the top 10 individual scoring for the day (out of 107 players). Both teams qualified for the NAQT Small School National Finals, to be held in late April of 2023.
- Russell High School Archery got 2nd place overall and Team Captain Ava Grace Long got 2nd overall High School Girl.



- KYA was selected as Premier Delegation. Harper Grizzle won outstanding speaker and Emma Vinson won outstanding delegate. Also, their bill passed an was signed into law.
- Results from Tuesday nights Swim Meet in Rowan County

- 1st place girls 2nd place boys 1st overall Team

to Rowan County Senior High School HY-TEK opening season Meet, 2022-23 - Team Rankings - Through Eve	12/6/2022	GER 7.0 12/6/2022
Girls - Team Scores		Points
1 Russell HighSchool Swim Team 2 Boyd Co. High School 3 Rowan County High School Swim 4 Fleming County High School 5 Ashland Blazer 6 Mason County High School	RHS-KY BC ROW FLM-KY AB MS-KY	143 85 56 47 37 2
Boys - Team Scores Place School		Points
1 Mason County High School 2 Russell HighSchool Swim Team 3 Fleming County High School 4 Ashland Blazer 5 Rowan County High School Swim 6 Boyd Co. High School	MS-KY RHS-KY FLM-KY AB ROW BC	112 65 57 28 17
Combined Team Scores Place School		Points
1 Russell HighSchool Swim Team 2 Mason County High School 3 Fleming County High School 4 Boyd Co. High School 5 Rowan County High School Swim 6 Ashland Blazer	RHS-KY MS-KY FLM-KY BC ROW AB	208 114 104 89 73 65

Boys Basketball EKC Champions!!



• Great Band Concert this week, proud of our kids!



Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

• Preschoolers celebrated Friendsgiving this week, after having to reschedule due to illness. Miss Vicki from the Greenup County Library shared holiday stories with us. There is a cookie shop in Mrs. Hall's room! Preschoolers love making cookies, decorating them, boxing them up, and selling them to their friends! We love science! We had to predict if candy canes would melt faster in hot water or cold water. They were right--hot water! Friends in Ms. Mollett's room made gingerbread houses!





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

• Mr. Parsons and Mr. Burgess visited Shawnee State University with selected students to learn more on Advance Manufacturing.





• Mrs. Layne and Mrs. Rose took Future Medical Professional Students to visit Kingsbrook. Students collected candy and comfort items to share with residents.



• RATC received an Educational Impact Grant from Members Choice Credit Union. This competitive grant will be used to purchase materials for the "Dare to Dream" student 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!