



Superintendent Weekly Note #12

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)

- 2nd Grade Students are getting ready for their Student Council Elections. We want to congratulate the following students for stepping up to run for Student Council for their classroom. They have worked hard on their campaign posters and will give speeches to their classmates on Monday before they have their elections. Students running for Student Council are: Krystfur Sheared, Case Campbell, Jaxson Snowden, Colton Monroe, Hank Potter, Jensen Stevens, Cooper Mullins, Kevin Bidari, Nathan Hogg, Jonah Evans, Jonas Humphrey, Trent Tackett, Emerson Dickerson, Emory McWhorter, Brooklyn Dean, Maggie Holbrook, Aliyana Romero, Stella Riffe, Kendall Fannin, Elyse Young, Emma Stevens, Piper Cleaver, Charlie Massie, Emma Pope, Becca Gilbert, Harper Runyon, Aspen Morgan, Teagan Blatz, Raelyn Maza, Nyla Wheeler, Iris Bowman, Easton Reed, Gabe Malave, Brooklyn Gibson, William Carroll, Layne Williams, Kendall Short, Elise Creameans, Rhyann Hemphill, Rylan Springate, Micha Anderson, Jasper Clere, Mira Jindal, Jonathan Lezu, Phoenix Salyers, Veronique McNeil, Jaylin Scaggs, Avery Williams, Barrett Smith and Amy Leadingham.
- First Grade Classes are learning about Bats and Owls. They are writing informational pieces to demonstrate their learning about where these creatures live, how they make their homes, how they get their food and other fun facts.
- Kindergarten classes have started writing about their families and their pets. They are learning that stories need to have a beginning, middle and an end. All teachers have been busy this week having parent/guardian conferences.





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

- We started off the week with a bang: Our friend William was able to visit our school and his class, and we celebrated Halloween! The students were so excited to see our #44 and loved getting to interact with their friend again. Our Halloween parties were awesome, and we appreciate our PTO volunteers for making this such a special day!
- Our Academic Team practices are up and going thanks to our great students and coaches!
- We had our second TEAM celebration. The turquoise team, Creative Avenue, won overall (Spainhower, Haggard, Bechtel, and Shivel) for a second time. Mrs. Arbogast was the overall class winner. Mrs. M. Smith's class won the attendance award and Mrs. Shivel's class won the positive behavior award!
- We had our November Birthday Potluck on Thursday! Staff brought in their favorite Thanksgiving dishes, and we had a pre-Thanksgiving feast!



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

- Milk and Cookies for Perfect Attendance and Honor Roll for the 1st 9 weeks





Good luck to RMS Orchestra students participating in all-district today!

Shout out to RMS Pep Club for the posters!



Russell Middle School Football
@RMSRedDevilFB · 10s

Here is your 2022 River Cities Football League 6th grade Champions!!! Super proud of these athletes and their accomplishments! This team had an undefeated season and rolled right into the championship winning 30-28 in 2OTs. The future of Red Devil football looks fantastic!

RMS ACADEMIC TEAM

BCGL MEET 2 RESULTS

<p>ARTS & HUMANITIES:</p> <p>CHASE HOLBROOK - 1ST NORAH SMITH - 2ND</p>	<p>SCIENCE:</p> <p>ASHER BENNETT - 1ST HARPER RAGAINS - 1ST DOM ROMERO - 3RD WYATT TURNER - 5TH</p>	<p>LANGUAGE ARTS:</p> <p>HARPER RAGAINS - 1ST ELI KAZEE - 4TH ELLIE WEHLE - 5TH</p>
<p>SOCIAL STUDIES:</p> <p>CHASE HOLBROOK - 1ST ELLA WILSON - 2ND GUNTHER MUSSETTER - 4TH LUCAS DE JESSE - 5TH MIGUEL PANGAN - 5TH</p>	<p>MATHEMATICS:</p> <p>MIGUEL PANGAN - 1ST MYRA JINDAL - 2ND GAVIN GRANDISON - 3RD KYLE JOHNSON - 4TH JAMES DE JESSE - 5TH</p>	<p>QUICK RECALL:</p> <p>A TEAM: WIN! RUSSELL A 19 - WURLAND A 11 B TEAM: WIN! RUSSELL B 13 - WURLAND B 6</p>

Today was Day 1 of the Poe Escape room for Mrs. Brewer's English classes. Students collaboratively work to solve the clues involving figurative language, vocabulary, making inferences, rhyme scheme, and details of Poe's poem "The Raven". They then use the clues to unlock various boxes hidden around the room and eventually "escape!" To be continued tomorrow!



Today in Mrs. Brewer's English classes, teams worked through the remaining tasks and clues to find the keys and bust out of the Poe Escape room! "Quit the bust above my door!"

*Check the comments for two awesome time lapse videos!



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Mrs McDavid's class simulated how the earth shifts during an earthquake using a slinky! #scienceinaction



Mrs. Hunt's 5th period Spanish class celebrated El Día de los Muertos by making masks and walking to the cemetery to pay their respects! 🌹



OKAY SAWYER! WE SEE YOU! 🏆 🎉, **Congratulations** 6th grader Sawyer Bonzo for making the Cross Country All-State team!

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ATHLETE	TEAM
Bonzo, Sawyer	Russell
Brown, Caleb	Kentucky Country Day
Cameron, Caleb	Goshen Elementary
Caudill, Colton	Lincoln County
Derricks, Tyson	Highland Middle School
Ellis, Mason	Barret Traditional Middle School
George, Eli	St. Agnes

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

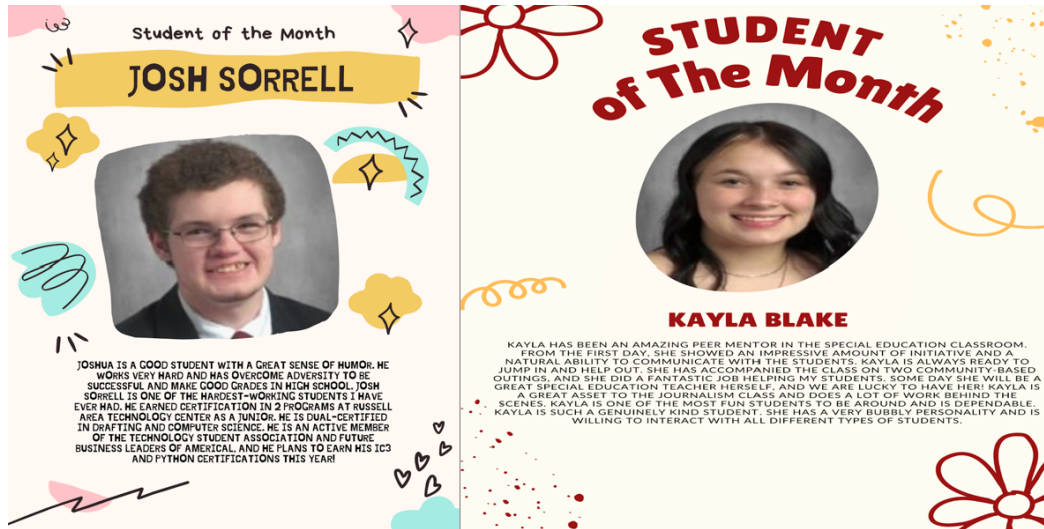
- Mrs. Brown and Ms. Del Valle took a group of students to the Paramount to see “Sugar Skulls! A Musical Adventure.” This was significant because they got to do to this on the actual El Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead),” October 31st. A great cultural experience for our students.



- Our school representative to the D.A.R. Good Citizen scholarship program is Arnav Dharmagadda. He will receive recognition as our school winner, and will participate in a writing competition, which begins at the chapter level, and may advance through state, regional and national competition.
- The Russell High School Academic Team just finished the JV Challenge set of competitions for the state this past week. In a section that consisted of Ashland, Boyd County, Greenup County, Lawrence County, West Carter, East Carter, and us, we finished overall 2nd (Ashland was the winner and Boyd County in 3rd place).
- The following students are listed who placed in this competition.
- Quick Recall - 3rd place
- Composition - 1st place (Ceeley Floyd), 4th place (Yasmeen Farhat), 6th place (Haley Daniels)

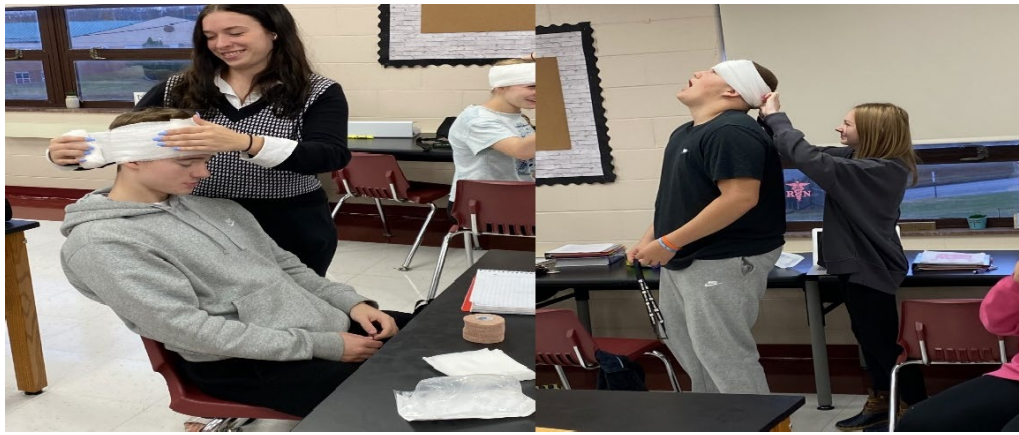
- Mathematics - 1st place (Alden Frederick), 6th place (Jackson Morris); also competing was Brennan Groves
- Science - 1st place (Snehan Saroch), 4th place (Justin Jiang); also competing was Brennan Groves
- Social Studies - 4th place (Justin Jiang), 6th place (Ian Broun); also competing was Ethan Gilliam
- Language Arts - 2nd place (Ahya Farhat), 3rd place (Snehan Saroch), 4th place (Alden Frederick)
- Arts & Humanities - 5th place (Laura Jiang); also competing was Ahya Farhat and Yasmeen Farhat
- On the State Level...
 - Snehan Saroch finished in 2nd place overall in the State in Science!
 - Ahya Farhat finished in 7th place overall in the State in Language Arts!
 - Snehan Saroch finished in 8th place overall in the State in Language Arts!

- October Students of the Month:



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

- RATC is on Twitter follow us at: Empowered@RATC
- Halloween was Monday and RATC was all wrapped up. Nope, not with making Mummies but practicing skills in Mrs. Rose's Emergency Procedures.



- The “Treats” were all healthy as Medical Assisting Procedures conducted a unit on nutrition



- Mrs. Wilburn and Business Students competed at the Entrepreneurial Community Improvement Program. Please congratulate Jaden Skeens, Kendall Queen, Sofia Ortiz, Enzo Fressola, and Dominick Dos Santos for winning 2nd place in the CEDAR Entrepreneurial Challenge for their pitch of The Devil's Brew. They advance to University of Pikeville on December 9th. Wish them luck!



- Feedback from the community shows that RATC students know we have high expectations in academics and behavior. From Ms. Spillman
- *Mr. Woolum:*
 - *I am reporting that your students were amazing at ACTC last week. The words our instructors used to describe your students include respectful, skilled, and top notch.*
 - *During the tour, many of our instructors were shocked sophomores - seniors visited because your students are very mature. Two instructors specifically announced how impressed they were that your students were giving their full attention during the shop presentations.*

Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Preschoolers are working on measuring and pouring in the sand table. We LOVE working in the sand! Lana and Michael welcome you to the Rise and Shine Diner! They have been busy taking orders and fixing meals! November 13 is World Kindness Day. We have sent home a family engagement activity related to kindness for families to complete. We are excited to see what you do! Preschool pictures will be on November 9th.



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

- **November Board of Education Meeting**—Monday, November 28 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!**