



Superintendent Weekly Note #1

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

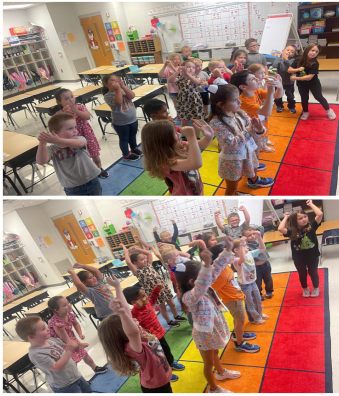
***Continue to focus on the RIS four core beliefs:
It's about Kids! —Accountability—Transparency—Communication.***

☺Positives across the district.....

Russell Primary School (From the desk of Mrs. Crager)

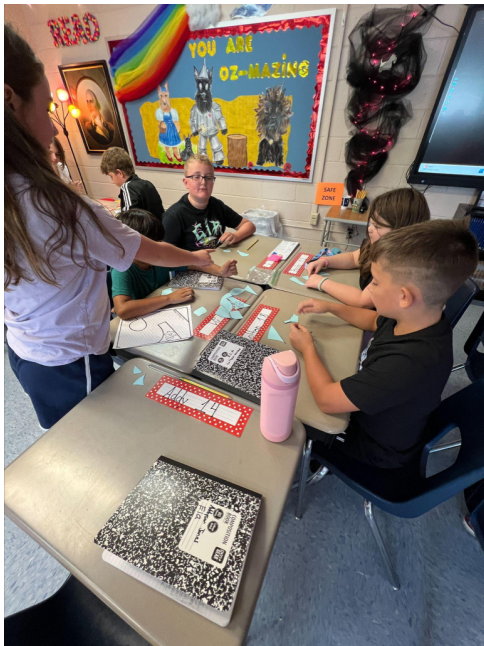
- Mrs. Robinson's class earned 2 class stars this week for great behavior in Counseling and STEAM!
- Ms. Pennington's class loves silent brain breaks with Mr. Delgaudio on YouTube. Brain breaks are a huge part of kindergarten readiness and emotional development.
- Mrs. N. Lewis and Mrs. Ramey's classes are busy learning in fun ways. They also loved KONA Ice Day.
- Mrs. Downs' class has been sharing their All About Me Bags, loving Simple Solutions Science, and showing off their expert math skills.
- Ms. Gibson's class loves racing to write answers to the prompts from We Will Write!
- Mrs. Reeves' class loved the first Kona Ice Day!!
- The students enjoyed House Sorting Day and are working daily to meet goals and demonstrate the traits of caring, trustworthiness, fairness, citizenship, respect, and responsibility.
- Max earned a special gold star for being an awesome example of all the house traits by standing up for his classmate.

- Arnold, Malachi, Leona, Aliyah, Austin, Emma, and Mila earned special tickets for demonstrating this month's focus trait of Responsibility.



Russell-McDowell Intermediate (From the desk of Mr. Cornwell)

- Mrs. Roark: We worked in teams to put together a class puzzle
- Mr. Douglas: My class has done a good job coming in ready to go each morning. They have been good at following the rules and procedures we have covered the first two days of school. All the kids have been kind and respectful to each other. Students in my class have done a great job of being kind to each other all week. My class has come in ready to work each day! Proud of all my kids in my homeroom and Mrs. E Smiths' homeroom for their focus and dedication to learning this week.
- Mr. Stowers: Pre-emptive orchestra numbers are 76, or roughly 44% of the 5th grade will be enrolled in the orchestra program!
- Students were able to successfully use the Kagan structure of Mix-Pair-Share to share and discuss their solutions to math problems.
- Mr. Lewis: The 4th graders are thrilled to be using the new ukuleles!
- Mrs. Arbogast: BIG thanks to PTO for supplying every student in the building with their very own apron for those messy art class days 🍷
 - RMIS students created their first whole school installation titled "A Rainbow of ME!"
 - In Art class this week, students are working with mixed media to create self-portraits while also reviewing elements of art!
- Our Staff and PTO have done a GREAT job making our building look amazing for our first days of school!
- Big Thank You goes out to our PTO for treating our staff this morning to breakfast!
- Mr. Jordan: Here is a photo of our LEGO team. The team's name is The Terrors of LEGO! 😊 From left to right in the photo are Toby, Caiden, Averi, Kenleigh, Silas, Jax, Royse, Bentley, Dylan, and Piper.
- 3rd Grade Jump Start was a huge success!
- We had a wonderful first week at R-MIS. Enrollment is up to 475 students that are getting a top-notch educational experience!



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RMIS staff has done such a great job decorating for our western theme, "Lasso Our Learning." We think the building looks amazing!! Thank you for making this such a bright and inviting place for our students to learn ❤️👍



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First Day of School 2025 🚌📚✏️



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Thank you to our wonderful PTO for providing a nice breakfast this morning. You're the best ❤️

We treated the teachers to a Back to School breakfast this morning.

Here's to a great year at RMIS!!



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3rd Grade Jumpstart Fun 🚌❤️👍📚

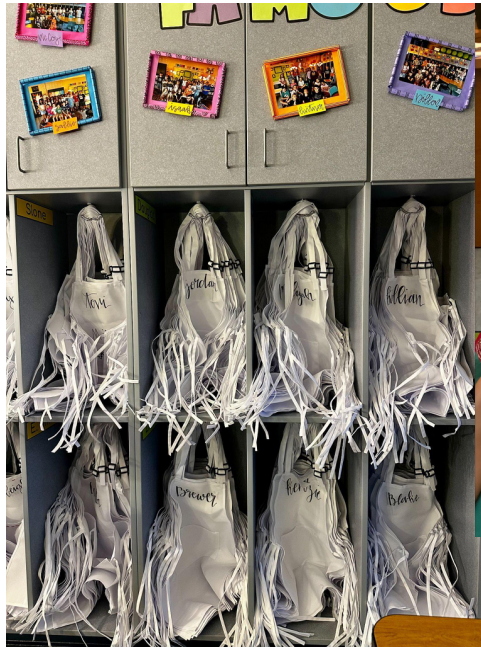
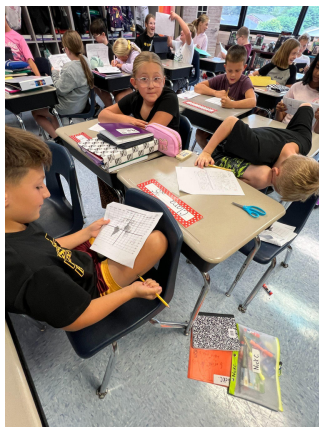
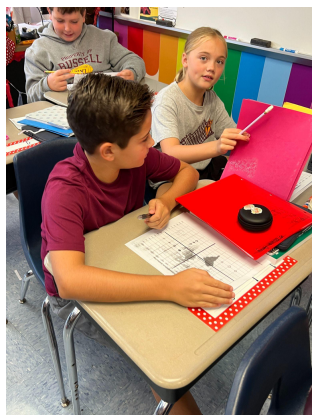


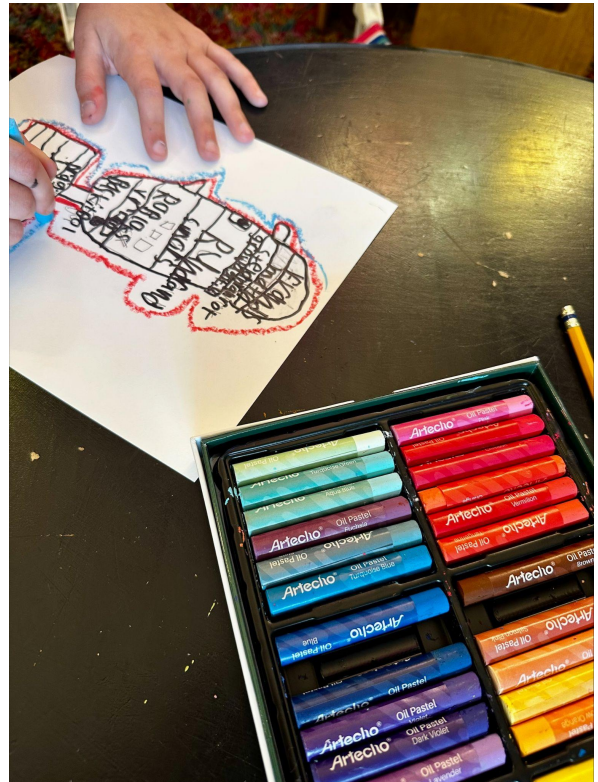


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We can't wait to see our little Red Devils tomorrow ❤️👉👈





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

Mr. Roark is back in action with Mute Math to help 6th graders practice their math facts!



The cheerleaders at Russell Middle School have worked hard this week cheering on the Red Devils! Come out and cheer with us Thursday against Greenup County!



Mrs Quillen's classes have been brushing up on their interviewing skills while learning about their classmates!

🐝 FUN FACT 🐝

These kids are cool!!!



Way to go Lady Devils!!!!

6th and 8th grade girls had our season opener last night and won both against Fairview.



It was a clean sweep for the Lady Devils Basketball teams! Way to go 6th, 7th, and 8th grades all defeated Greenup last night!



Students in Ms. Rice's Honors Earth Space Science classes are designing and building models of various cycles in Science! Students are able to create the design, choose the cycles, determine the materials, etc. It will be so fun to see what the students create!



Check out these students getting some extra Math practice on a Thursday morning before school with Mr. Roark! 🍌



Our first official Lunch Lottery winners for the year are coming at you from 6th grade! These three were nominated for standing out among their peers these first few weeks of school. What a great start to their RMS career! All three got some Wendy's for lunch in Mrs. Shivel's office courtesy of the Russell Wendy's.

Jericho Manis: Nominated by the Social Studies department

Quinn Price: Nominated by the English department

Braxton Childers: Nominated by the Social Studies department



Congratulations to our Lady Devils on their win over Raceland. RMS cheerleaders had a great time cheering them on tonight! [#skodevils](#)



Way to go Lady Devils!!! 7th and 8th grade
played and defeated Lewis Co on Thursday!! 🏀



Russell High School (From the desk of Mr. Caniff)
Our Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams are having great success!





- Besides being a gifted and hard-working student, Kennedy gives of herself to better the school. Kennedy volunteered to work several hours during the freshman distribution of schedules, handing out iPads and sharing her experiences with incoming students and their families. Representing what makes a Russell Red Devil, Kennedy embodies the character as well as the academic excellence we strive to achieve.

♥ Congratulations to our very own, Carynn Ratliff!

Miss Greenup County Fair 2025 🌿👑

We are so proud of you! 🥰



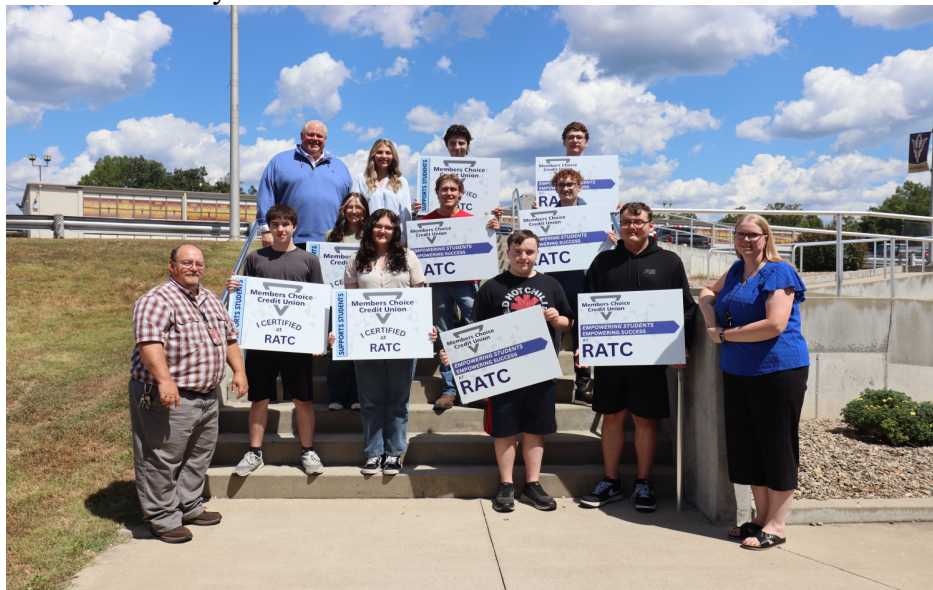


- First Friday Night Football Game Student Section



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

- RATC appreciates Members Choice Credit Union recognizing our students who earn their industry certifications as students at RATC.





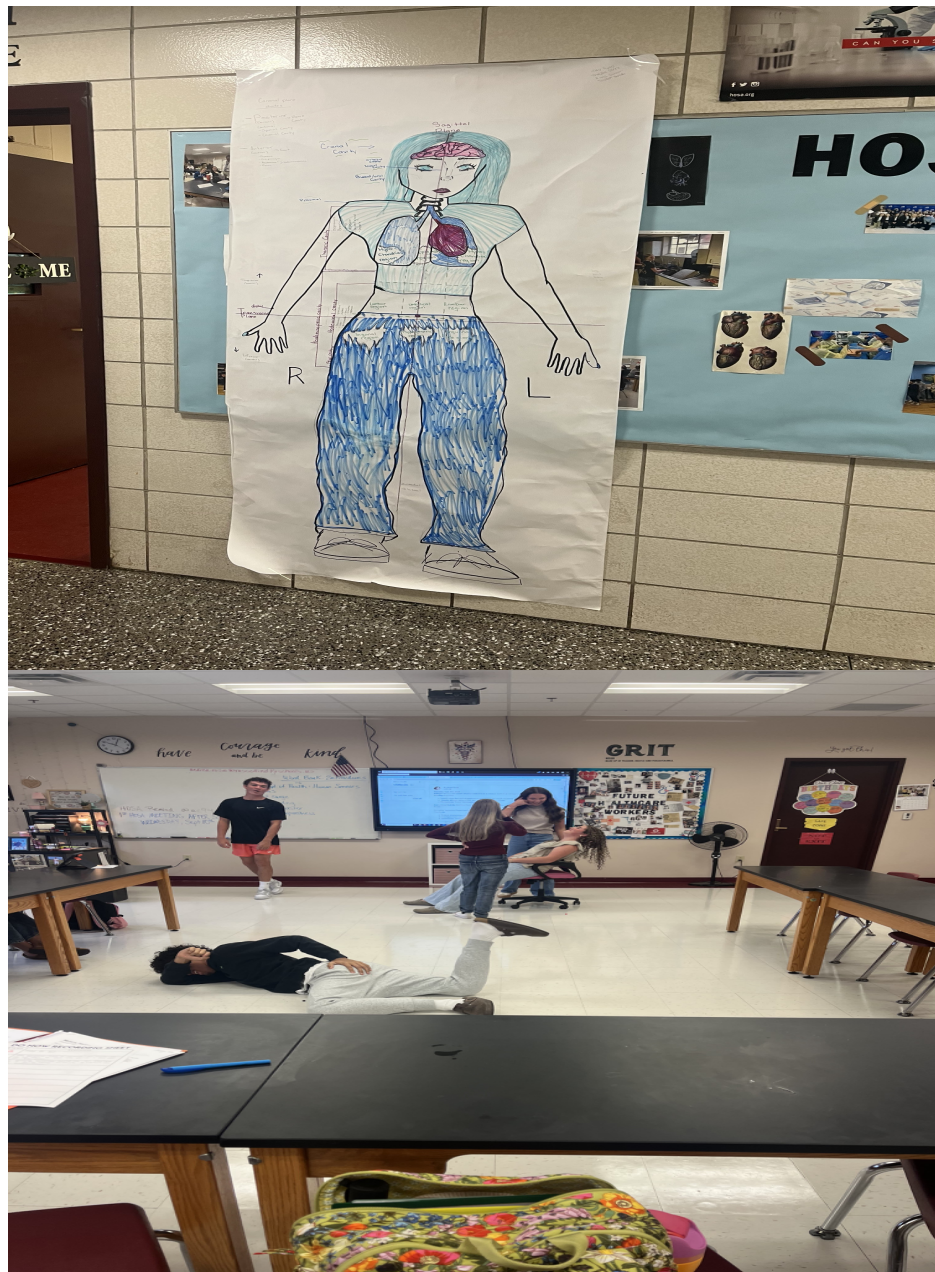
- Mr. Woolum and Welding Students Visited the Kentucky Welding Institute.



- Mr. Parsons Introduction to 3D Printing Course began engineering models.



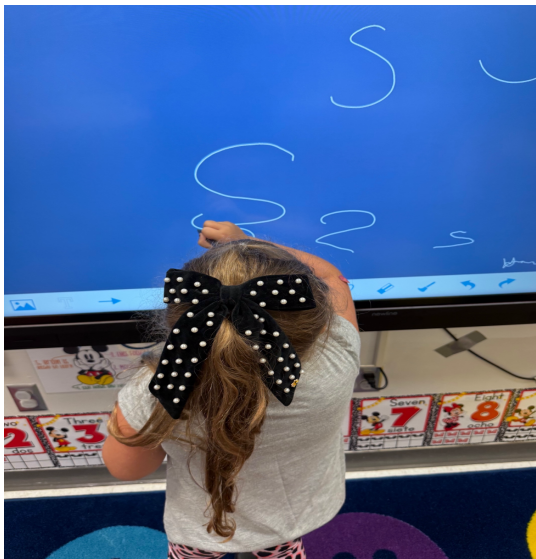
- Mrs. Layne and Mrs. Rose Allied Health students tapped into their creative side. Students drew and labeled body structures and performed emergency medical dramas.



Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. McGuire)

PreK has been super busy welcoming all of our Littlest Devils back to school! Teachers and students have been working hard on learning all the school and classroom procedures, but we have had plenty of fun as well!

- Students have been learning about the 5 senses! In doing so, they have used their sense of sight to find their names, their sense of touch to find objects, and explored with painting. Some students went on a "listening walk" to learn about their sense of hearing and used lots of different things in the environment to explore their sense of smell. Best of all was exploring their sense of taste with lots of sweets, salties, and sour.
- Students learned about the letter Ss and read many books about their senses!



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

- **BOE Meeting—September 22, 2025--All are welcome to attend. Begins at 6:00 PM.**