



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...

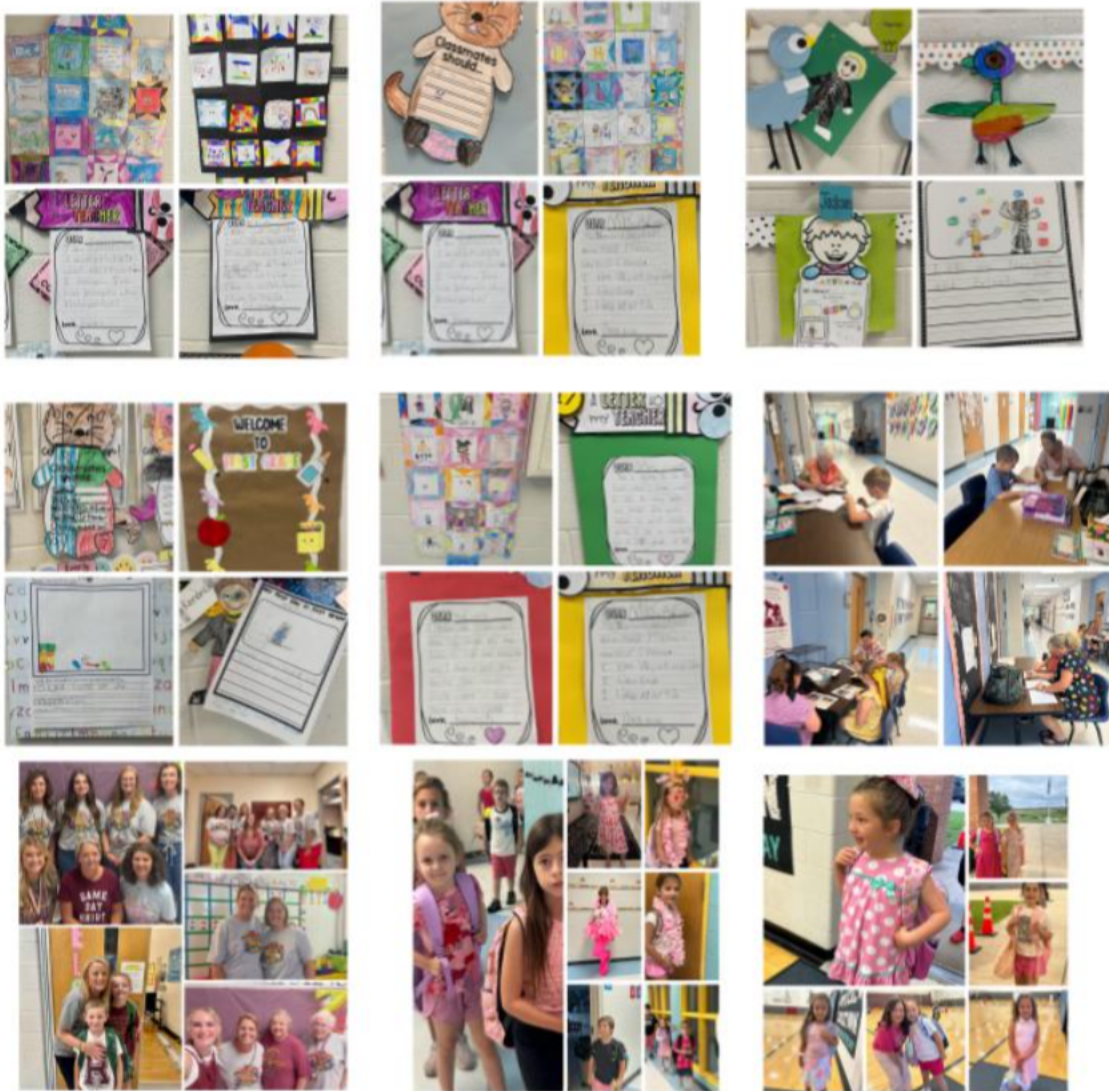
1. My **ATTITUDE**
2. My **EFFORT**
3. My **BEHAVIOR**
4. My **ACTIONS** to be a Great Team Member

***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)

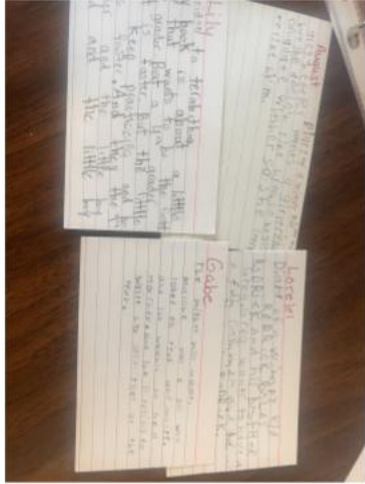
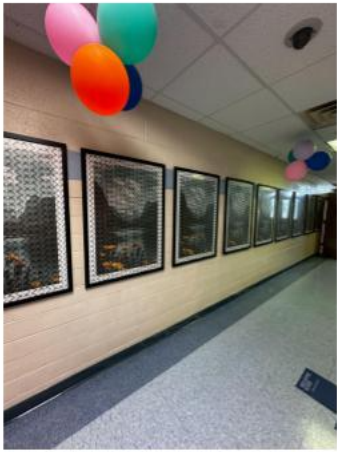
We have had a great first 8 days of the school year. We “ARRR” Ready to Learn! The students are getting to know their classmates and staff. Our staff members are also learning new facts about all the students. We had a great day wearing our pink and flamingos to honor the contribution Ms. Hicks-Morrison made to RPS and RIS. The students did an amazing job practicing all their beginning-of-the-year drills. The students, as individuals and working together as a classroom, have started to earn STARS for all their hard work and effort at following routines and procedures. We are off to an amazing start!



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

Ms. Sparks - All my students have a chapter book and have started reading. They have also begun writing book summaries and creating reading goals.

- Mrs. Arbogast - Major shoutout to Bridgette for hanging our new frames!! Student work will be preserved and professional in these frames and we are SO excited!
- Thank you to everyone who wore pink/flamingos to honor Monica!
- Welcome, Mrs. Tori Jackson to our R-MIS 3rd Grade Team!!
- We have had a wonderful first full week at R-MIS!!





Tori Jackson

3rd Grade Teacher

Hobbies:

Cheering on my kids at their sporting events, traveling to explore new places, & making magical memories at Disney!

Subjects/Grade Levels Taught/Positions Held:
Pre-School Program Assistant,
Substitute

Interesting Fact:
I have a goal to visit all 30 MLB ballparks & I've checked 3 off my list so far!

Years Teaching/Service:
This is my first year as a lead teacher but I bring 5 years of classroom experience

University/College/High School Attended:
University of the Cumberland



Russell Middle School (From the desk of Mrs. Shivel)

Russell Middle School had a great first full week of classes! We started the week practicing all our important drills, getting into a routine, and getting used to "regular" school life after a great Summer break. On Wednesday, we honored Ms. Monica Hicks by wearing pink and on Thursday we had a couple at-home wins for our RMS Girls Basketball Team and RMS Football Team.









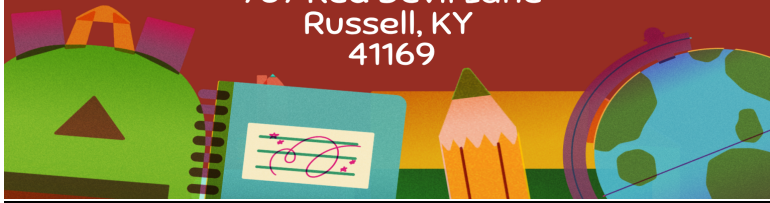
RUSSELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars!

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2026

5:30–7:00 PM
707 Red Devil Lane
Russell, KY
41169



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



RUSSELL SOCCER
RED DEVILS
WIN!
HOME OF THE
RED DEVILS

7 vs. **0**
RUSSELL vs. **ASHLAND**

GOALS
GUNNAR HAT TRICK
BRYLEE 2
GG-7 1
SEBI 1

ASSISTS
BRAX 1
SHAWN 1
GAVIN SKAGGS 1
GG-7 1

SHUTOUT
CADEN
CLEAN SHEET!

R **RED DEVIL PRIDE** **#ALLIN**





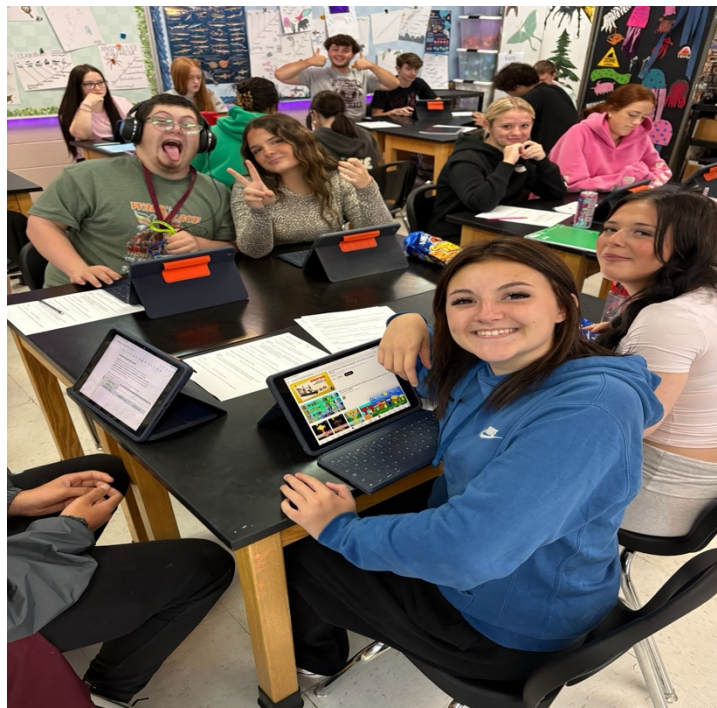
RHS Boys and Girls golf faired well at 2a sectionals today.

Addi Mitchell took second overall in a thrilling playoff, shot 81, and qualified for 2a State championships!

The boys team took runner up overall and Brady Mason and Bryant Stephens qualified for 2a State championships!!

Brady Mason 74
Bryant Stephens 76
Jay Timberlake 78
Sam Runyan 79
Sean Lucas 80





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

- RATC has 578 students attending. This is the highest number of students in over 10 years. This is a testament to the great things the teachers do here each day, and students recognizing the value of RATC to their future.
- RATC conducted our emergency drills this week under the supervision of the Police and Fire Departments. Students and staff performed excellent, recognizing that safety is our priority.
- RATC is preparing for our Open House/ Alumni Night for August 28th.


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RATC ALUMNI *Open House Night*

Come discover how
RATC empowers
students

**AUGUST 28
6:00 PM**

- Reconnect with alumni
- Tour our facilities
- Meet our instructors
- Explore career pathways



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Russell Preschool (From the desk of Mrs. McGuire)

We had a fantastic week in Preschool! Students have been busy learning all about school and classroom expectations and procedures. Our teachers have been helping us make new friends, and we have explored our classrooms and the school.









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

- **TONIGHT!!!! BOE Meeting—August 24, 2026 --All are welcome to attend. Begins at 6:00 PM.**