



Newsletter

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Superintendent's Letter

Priority Area #1 (Teaching/Learning)

During E time on November 9th and 16th, the following presentations took place:

- Marcy Johnson presented how to make graphics and worksheets using Canva.
- Caleb Sconce presented on EdPuzzles, an interactive educational platform that allows teachers to enhance video-based lessons and engage students in a more dynamic way.
- Sean Lovelace presented on MagicSchool.ai, which is a platform that helps educators save time with tools.
- Madison Ponder presented on Flocabulary which cultivates literacy across the curriculum with standard-aligned, video-based lessons and activities that leverage the power of hip-hop, storytelling, and emotional connections.

These presentations were wonderful ideas which were facilitated by our PLC leadership team! One of the best resources we have is each other. This collaborative approach is a small part of what I feel makes our district stand out.

Priority Area #2 (Collaborative Culture/Staffing)

November Exhibiting Excellence Award Winners

Our district's mission is to expect excellence every day. Excellence is the quality of being outstanding or extremely good. If you witness a staff member exhibiting excellent work, please take 5 minutes and fill out the form. The google form is attached here: <https://forms.gle/8ASdPpGVYHPp6qFt8>. The google form is also located on our school website.

- Carol Koestner had 5 nominations from 5 different staff members this month!!! The following were their comments:
 - Carol knows it all! She is always willing to help and takes care of all of her teachers! We are so lucky to have her watching over not only us, but the kids too!
 - Always going above and beyond to take care of our kids. No matter how busy or hectic her day is, she always has time for them. Pulled in many different directions and keeps smiling.
 - Always willing to help out no matter what it is.
 - Always there for everyone. Always makes time to help figure out things with the new system. She is the go-to person!!!
 - Cares so much for our kiddos and always tries to get them what they need. Always there when you need her.
- Lori Clark and Tina Kauffman are pulled in 1,000 different directions at every minute of every day, but they do it with a smile on their faces. They are ALWAYS willing to help - no matter the issue. We are so extraordinarily lucky to have them leading our team!
- Tina Kauffman has bent over backwards to get the new playground completed for our students.
- Coach Branson has been there to support any and every student, staff member, and guardian. He is such a team player and a fantastic role model.
- Ms. Crider, the Veterans Day assembly was beyond successful. Even though I know students led the assembly, I know that you were in the background of it all. Every detail was carefully thought out and executed.
- The band sounded so good at the Veterans Day Assembly. I am extremely proud of the hard work and dedication these students and Mr. Baur display.

Staffing Updates

We are pleased to introduce to you our new staff members. Please welcome the following individuals to our district! Bruce Gibson—substitute teacher; Nick Payne—substitute driver; Cheryl Cotten—substitute cook; Clint Barnett—assistant archery coach; Stephanie Wingate—cook

District Media Promotion

We had 63 total Facebook posts for the month of October as we continue to showcase all the wonderful things happening in our District

Priority Area #3 (Funding/Facilities)**Grants Update**

Our Board of Education chose the following purchases for our recently awarded \$100,000 safety grant:

- All new District phones with Intercom/Voice over (IP) capabilities through Secure Voice Corporation
- Paging/Intercom system at the Elementary Building through Tech Electronics
- Control Access at High School front interior doors through Beishir Lock and Security
- District (Bleed control) trauma kits through North American Rescue
- 3 AED Defibrillators through General Medical Devices Inc.
- District portable radios (walkie-talkie) through Wireless USA

The \$20,000 Energy Audit Reimbursement Grant, WIIN Grant, and the \$500,000 DNR Grant have been submitted. We will now begin working on the following grants:

- \$500,000 COPS School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)- Deadline May 2024
- State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)- Deadline May 2024
- Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)- Deadline May 2024
- Get the Lead Out Grant- Deadline January 2024

Senate Bill 681 "Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act"

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is now accepting applications for Missouri's public schools to request reimbursement for costs associated with reducing lead in drinking water. During the 2022 legislative session, Missouri's legislature passed and Governor Parson signed Senate Bill 681, establishing the "Get the Lead Out of School Drinking Water Act" effective August 28, 2022. Additionally, the 2023 state fiscal budget included \$27 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to assist schools with this process. The Act requires schools, Pre-K-12, to test drinking water for lead contamination and to take corrective action when the lead content meets or exceeds the established action level of 5 parts per billion of lead. The application window for reimbursements is open from September 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Jennewein

Board Minutes

Board meeting minutes are posted to the district's website at coler1indians.socs.net under the Board of Education tab. Agendas and meeting minutes for previous school years may be found under Archived Agendas in the Board of Education tab.

Student News



Veterans' Day Assembly

During the Veterans' Assembly, Operation Bugle Boy recognized the following with certificates of recognition for the letters of appreciation entered in the "I'm Writing You This Letter" writing contest. The certificate winners read excerpts of their letters.

Category V were letters from grades 11 and 12.

Maria Brown (left) wrote to her father, Alan Brown, veteran of the Air Force and the Army National Guard.

Kate Oligschlaeger wrote to her Grandpa Tom Wise, who served in the Navy Seabees during the Vietnam War.

Allie Steenbergen wrote to Grandpa Dale Steenbergen, who served in the Army during the Cold War.

Joe Stillfield wrote to his great-grandfather Marvin Stillfield, who was in the Navy during World War 2,

Category IV were letters from grades 9 and 10.

Hannah Sapp wrote to her uncle Mickey Burch, who retired from the Air Force and served in the Vietnam War.



"Remembering Missouri's Fallen" Display

Thanks to the generosity of the community, the Remembering Missouri's Fallen display was brought to the high school. The display honors those soldiers from Missouri who gave their lives during the War on Terror. The display was open to the school and community.

Student News



American Legion Auxiliary

Georgia Ehrhardt won first place in the state in the 2023 American Legion Auxiliary essay contest “What Does Patriotism Mean to You?”. Her brother James (left) accepted the award for her and read the essay during the Veterans’ Day assembly. Adriana Crews won first in the state in the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Poster contest.

Operation Bugle Boy Veterans Appreciation Night

On Thursday, November 9, students from Russellville High School joined with other students from the community to honor and serve approximately 400 veterans and guests at Operation Bugle Boy’s Veterans Appreciation Night.



Volunteer Tanner Trinklein with World War II POW survivor Ralph Kalberloh and wife Barb Kalberloh.



Operation Bugle Boy volunteers:
Caden Farris, Tanner Trinklein, Marshal Schroeder, Lawson Sullivan

Student News



Russellville Seniors Participate in Area Veterans' Day Presentation

Heisinger Bluffs hosted a community-wide Veterans Day celebration which honored staff and residents who have served in the armed forces. Seniors Jillian Schmidt and Hallee Stewart were invited to the celebration to award certificates and partake in the festivities.



FACS Club

The Russellville FACS Club had a great fiesta at their second meeting, and made some tasty treats!



Meet Audrey Klatt, a senior at Russellville High School and a true role model who exemplifies the values of dedication, responsibility, and a substance-free lifestyle.

Audrey has consistently shown her commitment to leading a healthy and substance-free life, serving as an inspiring example to their peers. Her dedication to making responsible choices and prioritizing her well-being is truly commendable.

Not only does Audrey excel in her academic pursuits, but she also actively contributes to her school community by participating in various extracurricular activities like Track, Cross Country, National Honor Society, FBLA, FCA, and Yearbook. Let's celebrate Audrey for her outstanding achievements and for being a shining example of a substance-free lifestyle.

~Council for Drug Free Youth

CDFY
Student of the Month

November 2023



Meet **AUDREY**

I choose to remain drug and alcohol free because I have always been a big goal setter, and I continue to set many goals set for myself. In the eighth grade, I stuck sticky notes to my wall with the dates of each basketball game I had that season. My goal was to score double digits in each game; I worked toward that goal each game and achieved it. Freshman year of high school, I set the goal to keep up with the seniors at cross country practice. By achieving that goal, I qualified for the State Cross Country meet at 14 years old. Sophomore year, my goal was to run every long distance event in a single track meet. I achieved this goal at the Show-Me-Conference Meet and was named All-Conference in two of my four events. My goal for junior year was to take as many college classes I could before I graduated high school. I have now completed 27 credits of college classes. None of these goals would have been possible if I were distracted by the effects of drugs and alcohol.



CDFY
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Meet **HALLEE**

"Many things drive people to drugs. It could be a world disaster, their home life, trends, friends, popularity, etc. It is easy to start and hard to stop. My not being a user of drugs or alcohol does not mean I have not been offered. I am proud to say it has been easy to resist, and I have not "taken a hit" or gotten involved with any type of drug or alcohol. The people and activities I surround myself with have a major influence in my decisions. I am an athlete of two sports: volleyball and basketball. I am president of our school's Beta Club and Future Business Leaders of America, the vice president of National Honor Society, and a participating member of Future Farmers of America and Student Council. I also maintain a straight A average. I understand that a lot of kids are not able to do these certain things or have the capability or want, and that is because everyone is different. Everyone is blessed with different talents and skill sets. God has a great plan in store for everyone, and I am sure it has nothing to do with withering your life away on drugs or alcohol. Speed bumps and detours may be along your road, but these are supposed to make you stronger. Also along this road, doors will open to opportunities. We need to seize these opportunities and shut the door on drugs and alcohol!"



www.jccdfy.org



2023 - 2024 WINTER ATHLETIC ENHANCEMENT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 26 PHASE 1	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30	December 1	2
	4 W.A.E. #3 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room	5 W.A.E. #1 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room	6 W.A.E. #2 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room	7 W.A.E. #4 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room	8	9
3						
10	11 W.A.E. #5 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room	12	13 W.A.E. #6 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room	14	15	16
17	18 W.A.E. #7 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room	19 - Christmas Lift W.A.E. #8 3:30p - 5:00p -Wear Best Christmas Lifting Outfit -Meet in Weight Room	20 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	21	22	23

DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

We are excited to begin our first phase of Winter Athletic Enhancement. This month's opportunity is for all JR, HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL non-Winter sport athletes who would like to improve their athletic ability and/or prepare for their Spring sport. Russellville coaches will be designing and implementing these workouts with the athletes. The more an athlete attends these workout sessions the more positive results they will see. Please contact Coach Rulo if you have any questions (trulio@coler1indians.org).

Phase 2 of our Winter Athletic Enhancement will start on January 8th.

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<http://goo.gl/tWEzE>

FREE BOOKS!!!

All Missouri children under five years old are now able to register for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. There is no deadline to register. The Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by providing age-appropriate books each month to children free of charge. In order to receive books, a parent or guardian must register their child on the Imagination Library national website at <https://imaginationlibrary.com/>. Books will be mailed directly to the homes of registered children every month.

Jake Brockman
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Book Fair

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Book Fair this year. We had another AMAZING year and I was able to purchase about 200 books for the library and classrooms! I appreciate your generosity and support of our school and reading programs. I am already looking forward to next year!

~~Mrs. Pavely

Important Dates

December 20—Early Dismissal—12:30pm

December 21-January 2—Christmas Break

NO SCHOOL

January 2—PD Day—NO SCHOOL

January 3—2nd Semester begins

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Sub bus drivers needed—Please contact Tina Weber at 573-690-3256.

Substitute Teachers—The Cole County R-1 School District is in need of Substitute Teachers. Must have Substitute Certification from DESE. The pay is \$100 per day. The Cole County R-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Download and print the Classified application from our website (coler1indians.socs.net), or you may pick up an application at the Superintendent's office. Any questions, please contact Rachel Brizendine at 573-782-3534.