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**Cole County R-1 Schools** 

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# Newsletter

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#### **Superintendent's Letter**

I hope this letter finds you well and excited to spend the upcoming holidays with friends and family. Tate, Trae, Brooke and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We also want to thank each of you for making us feel welcome – as you have truly made Russellville a tremendous working and family experience and we appreciate your continued support and generosity. Thank you for allowing me to serve as Superintendent of Cole County R-I. I continue to tell everyone I have the best job and my kids go to the best school! I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the progress on our Comprehensive School Improvement Plan:

**Priority Area #1 (Teaching and Learning):** On December 14th, the PLC leader ship team presented the power standards our teachers have been working on to our Board of Education. The power standards are what we want our students to know and be able to do. The power standards are not everything we teach, rather they represent the minimum a student must learn to reach high levels of learning. Once the December agenda notes are approved, we will begin to roll out our power standards on our school website and district facebook page.

Priority Area #2 (Collaborative Culture/Staffing): Compared to November 2021, our elementary building saw a 1,150% increase in Facebook posts for the month of November, our JH/HS building saw a 750% increase, and our central office saw a 40% increase. Our District S.M.A.R.T goal for the 2022-2023 school year is to show a 5% increase (228 total) in total Facebook posts from the last school year. As of December 1st, we are at 377 total Facebook posts and have met our 2022-2023 Priority Area #2 district S.M.A.R.T goal! Kristen Heidbreder, Amy Scroggins, Lucas Branson, and Larissa Mehmert have been nothing but rock-stars in leading this district initiative! They have done a wonderful job of capturing many of the great things our district is doing and showcasing for all to see.

**Priority Area #3 (Funding/Facilities)**: Since the bond passed, the hard work has begun. The following is an update on upcoming facility projects:

- PWArchitects are working towards the final review docs. Pending completion in mid February, we will be ready to put out to bid in March.
- We will start working closely with Nick and the Septagon team in late February or early March for the bidding process.
- Verslues began working on the connector between the JH/HS building and the ag building a couple of weeks ago. Staat Inc. Tuckpoint and Waterproofing began working on the gymnasium at the JH/HS building last week and are ahead of schedule.
- The new fire alarm system at the elementary school is currently scheduled to be installed from 12/19/22 3/2/23. This will coincide with the start of our winter break so they can get started with a lot of the messy and noisy demolition when students and teachers are not present. Depending on lead times of the materials, there could be some variation on this schedule.
- The concrete work for sidewalk and stair replacement at the courtyard of our elementary school is currently scheduled from 2/13/23 3/2/23.

Respectfully Submitted By, Dr. Jeff Jennewein

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#### Archery

Archery practices are in full swing. The first practice was November 21st. There are over 110 fourth through 12th graders participating this season. We will host our first tournament on January 6-7th welcoming over 300 archers from all over mid-Missouri. We would like to thank Whitetails Unlimited for their \$536 donation to purchase more arrows and a curtain for the high school and junior high PE classes. As a part of NASP (National Archery in School Program, at least 10 hours of archery must be provided during the school day each year. The archery program would like to thank Coach Volkart, Coach Lebel, and Coach Ferri for getting certified in order to provide this opportunity for our students.

Submitted by Stacie Strobel

#### Winter Sports Enhancement

No more lying around for these turkeys! Kudos to these incredible student-athletes who are hitting the weight room hard after Thanksgiving break. For non-winter sports athletes, this is an important opportunity to maintain and gain strength and speed over the winter, prepare for spring sports, and spend time with classmates, teammates, and coaches. Back at it again today and following Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.









### RUSSellville High School



# Saturday March 18, 2023

All are welcome for a fun filled afternoon of competition amongst your fellow alumni and friends.

(You do not have to be an alumni to join us)

Sign-in: 2:30-3:30

All-Alumni Picture: 3:30

Events begin at: 4:00

Events:

Shot Put, Discus, High Jump, Long Jump, Pole Vault, 4x800 Relay, 100/110m Hurdles, 100m dash, 1600m Run, 4x100m Relay, 400m dash, 3200m Run, & 4x400m Relay

Cost: \$30 for unlimited number of events.

T-shirts: Available for the first 50 entries.

Questions:

Contact Sean Lovelace 573-645-1212 or slovelace@coler1indians.org

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## Senior Scholarships and Information

Sign Up For Remind Updates! www.remind.com/join/ekec87h

Or text @ekec87h to 81010

#### **Important Dates**

January 4 — Spring semester begins

February 3 — Courtwarming — JV/Varsity Boys vs. Tuscumbia at 6:00pm

February 9 — Early Release — Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 10—NO SCHOOL

### SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

**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.