



Cole County R-1 Schools

Russellville

Newsletter

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Superintendent's Letter

Dear Cole R-1 Families and Community Members,

As the fall season settles in and our classrooms are filled with learning and activity, I want to take a moment to celebrate recent accomplishments, share important updates, and highlight the many ways our district continues to grow and thrive. The dedication of our staff, students, and community is what makes Cole County R-1 such a special place to learn and lead.

Board of Education Updates

2025–2026 Bus Routes Approved

At the October Board of Education meeting, the Board approved our transportation routes for the 2025–2026 school year. Each year, routes are reviewed to ensure safety, efficiency, and compliance with DESE and audit standards.

This year's updates include:

- 6 Durham routes serving grades K–12
- 1 career education route to Nichols Career Center (added to meet growing demand)
- 1 district-operated Special Education route to KVC in Columbia
- 1 district-operated route to the Early Childhood Center in Jefferson City

We're proud to maintain high standards of safety and accessibility for all students while remaining cost-effective.

District-Wide Security Camera Upgrade

The Board also approved a **new district-wide security camera system** by Sound Solutions. This \$108,070 project—funded within our 2022 bond—will replace all cameras and wiring across the district, improving both coverage and reliability. The system will be installed by January 2026 and include remote monitoring and cybersecurity enhancements.

A special thank you goes to **Denita Jenkins** for leading this important safety project!

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Celebrating Our Team

We're excited to welcome and recognize several staff members in new or expanded roles:

- Jayden Campbell** – Substitute, as needed
- Kevin Ferguson** – Substitute, as needed
- Beth Hale** – JH Girls Basketball Coach
- Austin Anderson** – Assistant JH Girls Basketball Coach
- Jimmy Green** – HS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
- Jason Kimminau** – JH Boys Basketball Assistant Coach

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to our students!

District Highlights & Employee Reminders

Inclement Weather Procedures

As winter approaches, please take a moment to review our updated **2025–2026 Inclement Weather Plan**.

- Notifications will be sent through Infinite Campus, local news outlets, and the district Facebook page.
- AMI (Alternative Methods of Instruction) days will only be used after built-in snow days are exhausted.
- Families are encouraged to ensure contact information is current in Infinite Campus.

Our first weather test notification will be sent **Tuesday, October 28 at 4:00 p.m.** Our second weather test will be sent on **Tuesday, November 4, at 4:00 p.m.** If you do not receive these notifications, or need assistance, please contact your child's building office for assistance.

District Volleyball Tournament

Russellville High School is honored to host the **District Volleyball Tournament** on **October 22, 25, and 28!**

This event is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our facilities, hospitality, and Russellville pride. A big thank you to the many local partners—Tyson Foods, Steve's Family Style Restaurant, Elm Family Restaurant, Humpy's, Bea's Place, Coca-Cola, and our amazing cooks and Patty Smith—for their contributions to the hospitality room and event success.

Thank you to all who helped to make this tournament an event to remember!

Facilities, Safety, and Finance Updates

- Volleyball Standards Project:** Completed! Enhancing safety for student-athletes.
- Security Camera Walk-Throughs:** Completed—installation begins early November.
- MoSeal Parking Lot Work:** On track for completion by the end of October.
- Bullet-Resistant Film Installation:** Completed on October 22.
- District Audit:** Successfully completed on October 8. The auditors praised our preparation and organization. Thank you, **Rachel Brizendine**, for your exceptional work!

Looking Ahead- November BOE Meeting (11/20/25, 5:30 PM)

Key agenda items include:

- BOE Filings and Elections Information
- Surplus Items (if needed)
- Policy Updates (including Policy G-250-P Board Member Qualifications & EGS Board Handbook)
- September Enrollment Report
- Staff Gift Cards
- Early Graduation Applications (Closed Session)
- Superintendent Report & Principal/Activities Director Reports

In Closing

Together, we continue to build a school district that not only meets today's educational goals but also prepares our students for success in college, careers, and life. I'm deeply grateful for the dedication of our staff, the support of our community, and the pride that defines Cole County R-1.

Thank you for all you do to make our district a premier place to learn and grow. Wishing you a wonderful fall season filled with learning, gratitude, and community spirit!

With appreciation,

Jeff Jennewein

Superintendent

Cole County R-1 School District

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.



Russellville FFA Selects Their Junior Officers

Callee Smith

Russellville FFA Reporter: 2025-2026

Russellville FFA Officers held their Junior Officer interviews on September 3, 2025. We elected Braden Schad for President, Brady Kauffman for Vice President, and Brodie Sheperle for Secretary. We are so excited to have these three junior officers as a part of our team. They will be conducting a meeting in January, and they will also be planning all of the games for our annual FFA Ag Olympics.



Russellville FFA Goes to Bradford Field Day

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Russellville FFA Reporter: 2025-2026

On September 9th, the Russellville FFA Ag 1 students went to Bradford Field Day on the University of Missouri's Bradford Research Farm. Bradford Field Day is an awesome experience for first year Agriculture students to get to know more about agriculture. Some of the things they saw there were a planting robot, an electrical boat that helped with endangered species, and they also got the chance to experience research with a fistulized cow. Members had a fun experience and learned more about potential futures in Agriculture.

FACS After School Club

The FACS After School Club's first meeting was on October 1st. The students had a wonderful time making cake mix cookies and learning some valuable baking tips. They discovered the importance of making cookies the same size for even baking and learned not to mix different types of cookies on the same baking sheet.

Additionally, we had a creative session where the students crafted beautiful flowers from cupcake liners, exploring popular flower names and shapes like carnations and roses. Their creativity and patience truly shone through!

We can't wait to share what else we accomplish the rest of the school year.



Veterans' Day Breakfast and Assembly

Join us for the Cole R-1 Veterans' Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, as we take time to honor every Veteran in our community—both those who can join us and those who are unable to be present.

We invite you to be part of our presentation! Please send any photos you'd like to include in our tribute to nhs@coler1indians.org by Friday, November 7th.

Morning Schedule:

Beta Club Sponsored Breakfast: 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM

NHS Assembly Starts: 9:00 AM

We can't wait to celebrate our local heroes with you!





PLEASE JOIN US!

FALL FAMILY NIGHT

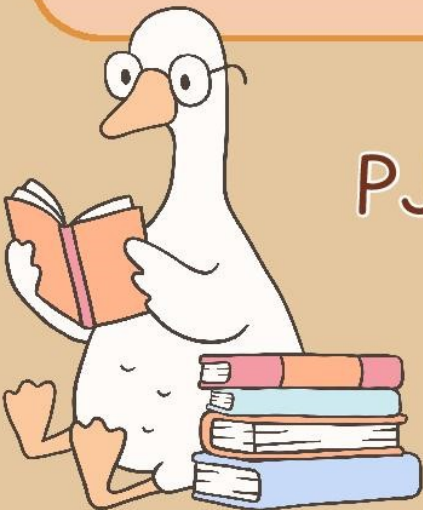
HOSTED BY THE TITLE I TEAM

A cozy evening of stories, snacks,
and the gift of a new forever book!

Thursday, November 6th, 2025

6-7 p.m.

Elementary Cafeteria



PJs and/or blankets
welcome!





Carnival is just around the corner, and we are looking to stock up on treats and fun to make this event magical for all our students.

We are collecting:

- 🍬 Candy
- 🎁 Small Party-Favor Toys
- 🥤 Canned Soda
- 🗑️ 2-Liter Sodas

TRIBES will earn EXTRA POINTS for every donation received — and let me tell you... it is a tight race right now! 🏆🔥

If you are able, please send donations to the JH/HS office anytime between now and December 12th. Every single contribution helps make this event joyful, memorable, and full of smiles.

Save The Date

Carnival

Saturday, December 13, 2025

12-3 pm

Russellville High School

Anyone wishing to donate prizes for games or the raffle can contact Felicia Leslie at fleslie@coler1indians.org for more information.

Proceeds from this event help the Junior class pay for Prom and Project Prom.

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Important Dates

November 11—Veterans' Day Breakfast—8:00am

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November 14—Progress Reports

November 17—Picture Retakes

November 22—FFA Turkey Supper

November 24-28—Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL

December 1—PD Day—NO SCHOOL

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.