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### Superintendent's Letter

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we welcome the arrival of spring and WARMER WEATHER, I am pleased to share some exciting updates and important information with you. Along with the warm weather, I am excited for the opportunity to attend the PLC conference with our administration team on April 4th and 5th! I look forward to spending time with our administrators learning and reflecting!

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Tech Electronics for their generous donation of the 65' Yealink meeting board! I am very excited to utilize this in our monthly Board of Education meetings and hopefully teachers can find them as a valuable tool in their classrooms. The following are a few updates in our Comprehensive School Improvement Plan:

### Priority Area #1 (Teaching/Learning)

#### 2024 Summer School Information

Dates: May 15th- May 31st (No school on Monday, May 27th-Memorial Day)

Hours: 8:00am-3:00pm

Grades: Entering Kindergarten-6th grade

- STEM Centered Activities
- Daily Specials Classes (Art, PE)
- Reading Interventions
- Field Trip on last day
- After School Care Program
- Limited Bus Routes

The High School will provide credit recovery opportunities. Information and registration for elementary summer school will be sent out soon!

### Priority Area #2 (Collaborative Culture/Staffing)

#### Staff Shout-outs:

**Sydney Neuner** always goes above and beyond for her students. She tries so hard to help each and every one! They are so lucky to have her!

**Christie Murphy** and **Ginger Grellner** – Both of these ladies always do anything that's needed, and do it with a smile!

**Sheri Koestner** – Sheri has a vision and she ensures that happens in a professional manner. She has helped implement the FACS Club. Anytime she is asked for something she does it with 100% commitment. She is an essential part of our Junior High team.

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**Marcy Johnson** – Marcy's purpose as an educator is clear. She does what is best for students every single day. She has implemented a FACS club and collaborated with co-workers and administration every single day to ensure she is doing the RIGHT thing.

**Kayleigh Campbell** – Kayleigh steps in anywhere she is needed and has students' best interest at heart. Russellville is so extremely lucky to have you.

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 let us know. The google form is attached here: <https://forms.gle/8ASdPpGVYHPp6qFt8>. The google form is also located on our school website.

**Staffing Updates:**

We would like to welcome to the district several new staff members for the 2024-2025 school year, and introduce the staff who will be supporting our students in new positions.

- Lucas Branson, Dean of Students, 2024-2025 school year
- Jordan Green, Head Boys Basketball Coach, 2024-2025 school year
- Jordan Shortt, Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach, 2024-2025 school year
- Raymond Eickmeyer, Head Boys Basketball Coach, 2024-2025 school year
- Abby Kempker, Head JH Volleyball Coach, 2024-2025 school year
- Tim Rulo, Head Track Coach, 2024-2025 school year
- Elizabeth Kauffman, Special Education Teacher, 2024-2025 school year
- Cheryl Cotten, full time cook, 2023-2024 school year
- Chance Ahrens, full-time custodian, 2023-2024 school year
- John King, part-time seasonal custodian, 2023-2024 school year

The **District Staff Health Fair** is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, at Russellville High School. The following partners are scheduled to attend the health fair: Sam B. Cook HealthPlex, Natural Grocers Nutritional Health Services, Supplement Superstores, Merrell University, Blend Massage Therapy, Genesis Medspa, Catalpa Wellness, JCMG, Limitless Yoga, Holland Chiropractic, Steffen Med Spa, and the Health, Wellness, and Nutrition Center. We are very grateful for the generous donation of their time and resources.

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

**Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Expenditure Budget amended to \$12,097,137.68.** \$211,983.70 less from preliminary budget.

- Superintendent's Goal: between -2% to +2% of actuals. According to SISFIN, as of 3/23/2024, we are projected to be over the amended budget by \$805,969. However, this is due to unusually high spending in our 6500s because of our bond project. We are projected to spend \$362,834 under budget (excluding 6500s). I believe this is a more accurate projection.
- Salaries (6100's)- \$60,000 under the preliminary budget. Highlighted reasons: Unanticipated full-time employee changes throughout the year.
- Benefits (6200's)- \$5,000 under the preliminary budget. Highlighted reasons: Unanticipated full-time employee changes throughout the year.
- Purchase Services (6300's)- \$2,832.50 over the preliminary budget. Highlighted reasons: Energy audit
- Supplies (6400's)- \$84,182.00 over the preliminary budget. Highlighted reasons: Portion of safety grant, football uniforms, 1411s historical spending.
- Capital Projects (6500's)- \$233,998.20 under the preliminary budget. Highlighted reasons: We spent \$190,998.20 on our bond project last fiscal year.

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**Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Revenue budget amended to \$9,100,043.58.** \$157,895.30 more from preliminary budget

- Superintendent's Goal: between -2% to +2% of actuals. According to SISFIN, as of 3/23/2024, it is projected to be \$571,325 under the amended budget. I believe this is because we still have several grants that we have been approved for but have not yet been awarded.
- Local Revenue (5100's)- \$12,118.72 over the preliminary budget. Highlighted reasons: student activity accounts historical data
- County Revenue (5200's)- \$1,000 under the preliminary budget- Highlighted reasons: Historical data
- State Revenue (5300's)- \$70,401 over the preliminary budget. Highlighted reasons: safety grant, historical data.
- Federal Revenue (5400's)- \$51,375 over the preliminary budget. Highlighted reasons: energy audit grant, historical data

**Potential District Grant Writing Team:**

Susie Epperson, founder of Grants 4 Schools Network, has agreed to do a 6-hour workshop for our district. I attended her Grants 4 Schools Conference a few months ago. It was very informative on ways to secure funding for schools. We will have applied for over 1 million dollars of additional grant funding by the end of this school year. I believe we can increase this amount for next year and feel there is a need for additional resources for our staff and students. This service would cost the district \$2,250. This workshop would be available for anyone who is interested in helping our district secure additional funding. If you are interested, please submit your name and contact information on the Google form attachment located here: [Grant Writing Professional Development Sign up form.](#)

**Temporary Construction Easement with the City**

A temporary easement will be in effect during the time of construction of an updated drainage system, and related improvements along the sides of the easement area, and for the following purposes: the right to enter upon, and permanently re-grade and re-slope the easement area; resurface the easement area, and any other construction required for the purpose of improving the drainage quality throughout and around the easement area; and to store materials, operate and park equipment on, over and across the easement drainage area on the southwest side of the basketball court. The basketball court is located southwest of the softball field, which is located southwest of Russellville Elementary School.

**Elementary softball field 1-year lease with the City**

The Premises shall be used for all such purposes reasonably related to use by the Lessee's baseball, softball, and archery programs, including, but not limited to, practices and competitions. As such, the Parties agree that the Premises shall be accessible to Lessee's staff, students, parents, and others in connection with baseball, softball, and archery practices and competitions.

**High School Addition Bond Construction Project Update:**

The following are notes from construction meeting on 3/8/24:

- The masons have installed the brick veneer, window stone sills and washed down the brick. The masons will need to come back and address several locations on the brick veneer. The painters have installed two finish coats on the walls, and they will need to come back and paint the sprinkler room and the hollow metal door frames. The ceiling grid is installed in the classrooms and roughly 90% in the hallways. The electricians have installed the classroom and hallway lights. The flooring is installed in the classrooms.

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- Mid States Energy has started on the existing exterior lighting and they have installed the 3 exterior lighting contactors.
- Summit Mechanical installed the sprinkler drops in the ceiling grid.
- Clearview Mechanical installed the CO2 sensors earlier this week.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Jennewein

**Board Minutes**

Board meeting minutes are posted to the district's website at [coler1indians.socs.net](http://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 High School Graduation

Baccalaureate—Sunday, April 28, 2024—6:30pm—High School Gym

Graduation—Friday, May 3, 2024—7:00pm—Football field

(In the event of poor weather, graduation will be held in the gym.)

## Junior High and High School Summer School

Junior High remediation during summer school will be by invitation only. High School students who have a 50% or higher in a course will be invited to participate in summer school for credit recovery.

Letters will be sent to parents/guardians of qualifying students with further information.

**Student News****Elementary Knowledge Bowl**

A group of elementary students competed at the 24th Annual Show-Me Conference Knowledge Bowl on March 13th. There were 7 schools that competed and Russellville took home 3 metals. The 3rd grade team received 3rd place, the 5th grade team received 1st place, and the 6th grade team received 2nd place. Overall, the Russellville teams placed 2nd place for total points with 1,740 points.



## National Junior Honor Society Induction

On March 7, 2024 the following 12 seventh grade students were inducted into the Russellville Middle School National Junior Honor Society: Denee Crews, Tori Bunch, Lyla Blackwell, Lydia Sullivan, Karsyn Duncan, Andrew Eickhoff, Brady Seaver, Caleb Knoche, Cole Mack, Kent Sayers, Lucas Stillfield, and Max Weber. These students have at least a 3.33 GPA and display the qualities of service, leadership, and character. Congratulations to these students on all of their accomplishments.



“Coach! I got a PR!” Coach Rulo and the weightlifting staff hear this so many times from students during the in-house power meet on March 8. These students have been working hard this year and all of the new PRs were proof of that! We are so proud of these kids!



Russellville FFA

Greenhouse Sale

Saturday, April 13, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bedding plants, hanging baskets,  
planters, and more!



Located at High School Greenhouse  
Behind School

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### Important Dates

**April 10**—Mid Quarter

**April 28**— Baccalaureate—

6:30pm—HS Gym

**May 3**—Graduation—7:00pm at  
Football field (weather permitting)

**May 9**—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—  
Dismiss at 12:30pm

### 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](http://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.