

**Cole County R-1 Schools****Russellville**

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we welcome the month of October, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the progress of our Comprehensive School Improvement Plan as we approach the end of 1st quarter. The start of the academic year is always a time of excitement and renewed energy, and I am pleased to report on several key developments.

Priority Area 1: Teaching and Learning Updates**Special recognition and thank you for this PRE-K Opportunity**

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following businesses, groups and individuals for their tireless efforts and generous donations of time, resources and expertise over the past weeks. We are amazed by the transformation of our maintenance and transportation office building as they have cleaned, painted, installed new fixtures and floors and so much more, all in an effort to return our former preschool building back to the service and use of our youngest generation.

- Bethany Weber
- Sarah Stillfield
- Anne Rulo
- Casey Marsch
- Nick Thompson
- Michael Keeran
- Rick Clark and Kaiser Electric
- Pat Kauffman
- Tim Kauffman
- Howell's Flooring
- Mike Bungart and GBH
- Scruggs Lumber
- Nathan Strobel and his Ag Mechanics class
- David Coplin and his custodial team
- Ginger Grellner

Last but not least, I would like to recognize and give special thanks to Tina Kauffman and Lori Clark. When I informed them on August 16th that we received this opportunity, they eagerly accepted the challenge of reopening our preschool program, searching for teachers, and repurposing an entire building in just 4 weeks. They truly made the plan come to life! They consistently go above and beyond to make our school and community a better place! This opportunity would not have been possible without their hard work and dedication, and that of so many others. THANK YOU!

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2024 Performance Level Metrics

Linked here: [Performance Level Metrics](#) is our District's Performance Level Metrics for SY 2021-2022, SY 2022-2023, and SY 2023-2024. The disaggregated or dissected data from our performance level metrics is linked here: [Performance Level Detail Reports](#).

The Performance Level Metrics contains the Map Performance Index (MPI) calculation for all MAP and EOC test scores. [2024 MSIP Comprehensive Guide v9 4.18.24 \(1\).pdf](#) (linked here on pages 19-23) explains how MPI is calculated. The Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) report, graduation rate (4 year), percentage of college and career assessments, percentage of college and career advanced credit, graduate follow up, and proportional attendance rate. The [2024 MSIP Comprehensive Guide v9 4.18.24 \(1\).pdf](#) (linked here on pages 37 -42) explains how these metrics are calculated.

Annual Performance Review (APR)

An Annual Performance Review (APR) score is issued from DESE to each public school in the state of Missouri each year. Approximately 70% of our APR is based on our performance level metrics. According to our Perpetual Calendar, we will be prepared to present our APR during the February Board of Education meeting.

MAP and EOC Student Test Scores

Each Spring our District administers the EOC and MAP tests. The MAP test is administered to all students in grades 3 through 8 in the subjects of mathematics and English. A science MAP test is administered to all students in grades 5 and 8. The EOC test is administered to all students in Algebra I, English II, Government, and Biology and select students in Algebra II and Geometry.

According to our Performance Level Metrics, our District's MPI scores were the following for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Mathematics – 382.8, which is a 0.028% decrease from the previous school year.
- English – 382.4, which is a 0.004% decrease from the previous school year.
- Social Studies – 374.3, which is a 0.035% decrease from the previous school year.
- Science – 377.7, which is a 0.074% decrease from the previous school year.

Success Ready Scores

According to our Performance Level Metrics, our District's Success Ready Scores were the following for the 2023-2024 school year:

- ICAP report rate – 91.80%, which is a 3% decrease from the previous school year
- 4 year graduation rate – 95.60%, which is a 0% change from the previous school year
- Percentage of College and Career Assessments – 63%, which is a 10% decrease from the previous school year
- Percentage of College and Career Advanced Credit Courses – 15%, which is a 25% decrease from the previous school year
- Graduate Follow Up – 97.80%, which was a 2% decrease from the previous school year.
- Proportional Attendance Rate – 89.40%, which was a 2% increase from the previous school year

Courage2Report Message About Social Media Threats

Courage2Report (C2R) and the Missouri Highway Patrol have been made aware of multiple generalized school shooting threats circulating the country on social media platforms. There has been a marked increase of reports to C2R in the days since the school shooting took place in Georgia on September 4.

C2R would like to remind LEAs and families of the importance of reporting threats and not reposting or sharing threats on social media. If you become aware of any social media threat, please report it to [Courage2Report](#) and your local law enforcement. Reporting allows C2R staff to see the trends occurring in the state and the country. As a reminder, treat all threats as real until they are fully investigated and vetted.

Priority Area 2: Collaborative Culture and Staffing Updates

We would like to welcome the following individuals to our team for the 2024-2025 school year:

1. Becca Edwards – Pre-K teacher
2. Aiden Keeven – seasonal custodian
3. Barbie Green – Substitute paraprofessional
4. Hayleigh Henderson – Pre K paraprofessional
5. Patricia Stegemann – part time cook
6. Evelyn Price – part time cook
7. Peggy Volkart – full time cook

September Board of Education Agenda

Attached below is the September 10th Board of Education Special Meeting agenda and the September 19th Board of Education regular meeting agenda. According to our perpetual calendar, the following are the tentative items for the October 17th BOE regular meeting starting at 5:30pm:

- PWA Architect/Engineer Services Proposal for Phase 2 Construction Project
- EGS School Policy Services Presentation
- SY 2024-2025 Inclement Weather Plan Proposal
- SY 2024-2025 Bus Routes Proposal

School Board Elections

The Cole R-1 School District encourages qualified persons interested in running for a position on the School Board to file to be a candidate in the April 8th, 2025 election. Interested persons may file at the central office located at 13600 Route C, Russellville, MO 65074. For more information contact Dr. Jeff Jennewein or Mrs. Rachel Brizendine at 573-782-3534.

Filing will begin on December 10th, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. and will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Except for the first and last days of filing, filing will not occur on days that the school district's central offices are closed due to inclement weather. Filing will also not occur on the following holidays and breaks when the school district's central offices are closed: December 25th. Filing will end on December 31st, 2024, at 5:00 pm. There are 2 positions available with three year terms.

Priority Area 3: Funding and Facilities Updates**Property Purchased**

On 9/23/24, the District purchased a parcel of land next to the elementary building. A screenshot is attached here: [Plot of land.png](#). The decision on what to do with the piece of property will be made at a later date.

Awarded the Scrap Tire Grant

We were notified on September 11th that the district was awarded \$40,000 for the Scrap Tire Grant. The design of the grant is to renovate the lower playground at the elementary school.

Elementary Lower Playground Renovation

We will purchase the materials and services from the quote attached here: [Cole County PIP & Equipment S&PA 9-18-2024.pdf](#), and utilize our recently acquired scrap tire grant and a portion of the MOQPK grant to fund this project.

Finally, September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Simply listening and providing support can make a significant – and even lifesaving – difference in the life of a child, adolescent, or adult. Schools and school personnel can promote suicide awareness and prevention during National Suicide Prevention Month and beyond in a variety of ways, such as:

- Using resources available through the [Suicide Prevention & 988 Guide for Schools](#) to support prevention, intervention/crisis response, and postvention services.
- Sharing 988 as a resource on social media and in school newsletters, resource listings, etc. Graphics, messaging, and print materials such as [brochures and other 988 information](#) to share with school staff, parents and guardians can be found in the [Missouri 988 Toolkit](#).

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can make this school year a remarkable one for our students.

Warm regards,

Dr. 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.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Britney Fisher is the new Parent Educator for the Parents As Teachers (PAT) program for the Cole County R-1 School District! A meet & greet event was held on September 26 in the PAT Play Center and visits and assessments have already begun. All PAT families are encouraged to use the Remind app for PAT communication. Please use the following link to join the PAT class through Remind.

<https://www.remind.com/join/dha6ad> The Remind class code is dha6ad.

The Parents As Teachers program is available to families with children from birth to age five, including those who are prenatal. If you are interested in enrolling in the PAT program, please contact Britney Fisher at bfisher@coler1indians.org, or (573) 782-3298.

**Cole R-I School District
Special Education
PUBLIC NOTICE**

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate, and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, children who live outside the district but are attending a private school within the district, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, children who are wards of the state, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The Cole R-I School District assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness and young child with a developmental delay.

The Cole R-I School District assures that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri First Steps program.

The Cole R-I School District assures that personally identifiable information collected, used, or maintained by the agency for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the district to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Cole R-I School District has developed a Local Compliance Plan for the implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA). This plan may be reviewed at the Cole R-I Special Services office during regular school hours.

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

Cole R-I School District
Office of Special Services
13111 Park Street
Russellville, MO 65074
PH: 573-782-3325 FAX: 573-782-3035

May 2017

Cole R-I School District
504
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cole R-I School District, as a recipient of federal financial assistance from the United States Department of Education and operates a public elementary or secondary education program and/or activity, is required to undertake to identify and locate every qualified person residing in the District who is not receiving a public education; and take appropriate steps to notify disabled persons and their parents or guardians of the District's duty.

The Cole R-I School District assures that it will provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to each qualified disabled person in the District's jurisdiction regardless of the nature or severity of the person's disability. For purposes of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the provision of an appropriate education is the provision of regular or special and related aids and services that (i) are designed to meet individual educational needs of disabled persons as adequately as the needs of nondisabled persons are met and (ii) are based on adherence to procedures that satisfy the requirements of the 504 federal regulations.

The Cole R-I School District has developed a 504 Procedures Manual for the implementation of federal regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Subpart D. This Procedures Manual may be reviewed at the Cole R-I Special Services office during regular school hours.

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May 2017

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, October 24, 2024

1:00-4:00 and 4:30-7:00pm

Parents/Guardians of junior high/high school students may sign up using the jot form.

<https://form.jotform.com/232907967434164>

BOOK Fair

October 21-24, 2024



Monday - Thursday
8am - 7pm
Elementary Library

A Hollywood Homecoming!

September 30th - October 4th

**MONDAY- SPACE JAM! WEAR YOUR TUNE SQUAD
JERSEYS!**

**TUESDAY- TOY STORY! DRESS UP AS ONE OF ANDY'S
TOYS!**

WEDNESDAY- INSIDE OUT! BE ONE OF YOUR EMOTIONS!

**THURSDAY- DESPICABLE ME! DRESS UP LIKE YOU ARE A
PART OF GRU'S GANG!**

**FRIDAY- SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AND WEAR BLUE &
WHITE!!**

HOMECOMING PARADE

***“WHOOPI’N’ THE
WILDCATS “***

FRIDAY

**OCTOBER 4TH 2:00 P.M
ALL FLOATS MUST REGISTER**

REGISTER NOW!



Text your
registration to:

573-291-1338

***WINNING FLOAT WILL
RECEIVE A PIZZA PARTY***





Introducing Russellville High School's 2024 Homecoming King and Queen Candidates!

Standing, left to right: Joe Stillfield, Ryan Brown, Tanner Trinklein, Keaton Schrimpf, and Brayden Paull

Seated, left to right: Meredith Benne, Maria Brown, Kate Oligschlaeger, Jenna Schulte and Lydia Eickhorst

Russellville Homecoming

Friday, October 4, 2024
Kickoff 7:00pm

Russellville vs. Linn

Coronation during halftime

COLE COUNTY R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

13600 Route C
Russellville, MO 65074

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<http://goo.gl/tWEzE>

Important Dates

September 30-October 4—
HOMECOMING WEEK

October 4—Early release at 12:30pm

October 14—NO SCHOOL—Teacher
workday

October 18—End of 1st Quarter

October 24—Parent/Teacher Confer-
ences—Early release @ 12:30pm

October 25—NO SCHOOL

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Sub bus drivers needed—Please contact Tina We-
ber 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 appli-
cation at the Superintendent's office. Any questions,
please contact Rachel Brizendine at 573-782-3534.