



# Newsletter

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**Superintendent's Letter**

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we welcome the beautiful month of May, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and dedication to our schools. This month, we celebrate the achievements of our students, teachers, and staff as we approach the end of another successful academic year.

In addition, as we look forward to summer break, I want to express my appreciation for the hard work and commitment of our educators and staff. Their dedication to providing a nurturing and enriching learning environment for our students is truly commendable.

The following is an update on how we are doing with our Comprehensive School Improvement Plan:

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

**2024-2025 School Calendar**

- The Board of Education approved the 2024-2025 calendar that was presented by our calendar committee during the April 9th Board of Education meeting. The approved calendar is attached here: [24-25 Final Calendar - Sheet1 \(1\).pdf](#)

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

**Board of Education Reorganization**

- Adam Weber, President
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- Elaine Buschjost, Board Member
- Ritchie Jenkins, Board Member
- Stephen Schnieders, Board Member

**Staffing Updates:**

We would like to welcome to the district several new staff members for the 2024-2025 school year.

1. Sarah Earls, Elementary Teacher
2. Aaron Young, High School Teacher
3. Aaron Young, Girls' head basketball coach

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**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)**

#### **Russellville School Foundation Grant Award Winners**

- Brice Falls, awarded up to \$1,000
- Jessie Wolfrum, awarded up to \$150.00
- Elizabeth Kauffman and Olivia Gilpin, awarded up to \$1,000

#### **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](#).

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

The following are notes from construction meeting on 4/12/24:

- The iron workers have completed the existing bar joist beef-up. The concrete sidewalks are completed. The old existing door entrances have been removed and the new tie-in has started. The electricians have completed the replacement of the exterior light fixture on the high school building. The temporary electric heaters have been removed. GBH installed the top of the CMU wall sound installation, classroom cabinets, counter tops, window sills and window blinds.
- Mid States Energy is currently working on the new addition fire alarm system. Mid States was also asked to replace the exterior light fixtures on the baseball field concession stand, two exterior lights on the south side of the elementary building, and one exterior light on the elementary playground.
- Summit Mechanical will need the sprinkler riser flushed before they can complete the sprinkler system. We are hopeful that the water line will get flushed by the middle part of next week.
- Clearview Mechanical still has a few locations where the flex ductwork is resting and/or contacting the sprinkler pipe. These locations will need to be addressed. The gas piping work should be completed next week.
- GBH has color samples for the architect for the interior and exterior expansion joint materials.
- The parking lot is scheduled to be asphalted next 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.



Student News



Spanish and Cultures Classes

Señora Crews' Spanish and Cultures classes studied the history behind the cultural idea of the cascarón and students had a fun class activity with their paper confetti filled cascarónes that they made.



## Junior High and High School Conference Art

We have some talented artists at Russellville, with several of them placing very well in the Show-Me Art Conference! Congratulations to the following students:

### High School

- Jaden Jenkins—1st place, Mixed Media
- Lexi Plochberger—2nd place, Mixed Media
- Chase Wilbers—3rd place, Other/Mosaic

### Junior High

- Jaidyn Strong—1st place, Pencil Drawing
- Kent Sayers—1st place, Other/Mosaic
- Colton Oliver—2nd place, Other/Mosaic





## Elementary Athletic Enhancement

Wow! We've had approximately 60 students in grades 3-6 participating in the spring athletic enhancement this year and they're having a great time!

This is one of our football coaching team's favorite opportunities all year to help some of our youngest kiddos learn how to run, jump, skip, do bodyweight exercises, and all sorts of other things to help them move more athletically and have fun with their friends.







**RUSSELLVILLE INDIAN STRENGTH & CONDITIONING**

Timothy Rulo ~ Head Strength Coach ~ trulo@coler1indians.org ~ (314) 210 – 0209

**2024 Summer Athletic Enhancement Schedule**

DATE(S)	ACTIVITY	DAY(S)	TIMES
Week of 5/13	7th - 12th Grade Optional Weightlifting	M, T, W, Th	8:00a - 9:00a 5:30p - 6:30p
Week of 5/20	Athletic Enhancement	M, T, W, Th	6:00-7:30a (High School Boys & Girls) 7:30-9:00a (High School Boys & Girls) 9:00-10:00a (4th-8th Grade Boys & Girls) 5:30-6:45p (4th-12th Grade Boys & Girls)
Week of 5/27	Athletic Enhancement	T, W, Th	6:00-7:30a (High School Boys & Girls) 7:30-9:00a (High School Boys & Girls) 9:00-10:00a (4th-8th Grade Boys & Girls) 5:30-6:45p (4th-12th Grade Boys & Girls)
Week of 6/3	Athletic Enhancement	M, T, W, Th	6:00-7:30a (High School Boys & Girls) 7:30-9:00a (High School Boys & Girls) 9:00-10:00a (4th-8th Grade Boys & Girls) 5:30-6:45p (4th-12th Grade Boys & Girls)
Week of 6/10	Athletic Enhancement	M, T, W, Th	6:00-7:30a (High School Boys & Girls) 7:30-9:00a (High School Boys & Girls) 9:00-10:00a (4th-8th Grade Boys & Girls) 5:30-6:45p (4th-12th Grade Boys & Girls)
Week of 6/17	Athletic Enhancement	M, T, W, Th	6:00-7:30a (High School Boys & Girls) 7:30-9:00a (High School Boys & Girls) 9:00-10:00a (4th-8th Grade Boys & Girls) 5:30-6:45p (4th-12th Grade Boys & Girls)
Week of 6/24	Athletic Enhancement	M, T, W, Th	6:00-7:30a (High School Boys & Girls) 7:30-9:00a (High School Boys & Girls) 9:00-10:00a (4th-8th Grade Boys & Girls) 5:30-6:45p (4th-12th Grade Boys & Girls)
Week of 7/1	Russellville Dead Period (June 28th – July 7th) There will be NO weightlifting activities during this time!		
Week of 7/8	Athletic Enhancement	M, T, W, Th	6:00-7:30a (High School Boys & Girls) 7:30-9:00a (High School Boys & Girls) 9:00-10:00a (4th-8th Grade Boys & Girls) 5:30-6:45p (4th-12th Grade Boys & Girls)
Week of 7/15	Athletic Enhancement	M, T, W, Th	6:00-7:30a (High School Boys & Girls) 7:30-9:00a (High School Boys & Girls) 9:00-10:00a (4th-8th Grade Boys & Girls) 5:30-6:45p (4th-12th Grade Boys & Girls)
Week of 7/22	Athletic Enhancement	M, T, W	6:00-7:30a (High School Boys & Girls) 7:30-9:00a (High School Boys & Girls) 9:00-10:00a (4th-8th Grade Boys & Girls) 5:30-6:45p (4th-12th Grade Boys & Girls)

**OTHER NOTES:**

· If these times do not work, please contact Coach Rulo. We can make something work!

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS from the Nurse** *Christie Murphy, RN*

Following are some reminders for the 2024-2025 school year affecting certain grade levels and all students due to current Missouri state laws.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tdap and MCV4 Vaccinations: Tdap (tetanus booster with pertussis) and MCV4 (Meningococcal in the form of Menactra or Menveo) vaccines are required for students enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **The deadline to submit proof of Tdap and MCV4 vaccines is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school in August.** If your child needs this immunization, contact your physician or clinic. Once he/she receives the Tdap and MCV4, please forward a copy of the official record from your health care provider to the school office. The vaccines may also be received at the Cole County Health Department. Bring your child's immunization record with you. For more information, their phone number is 573-636-2181.

12th Grade: MCV4 vaccinations (2 doses): Two doses of MCV4 (Meningococcal in the form of Menactra or Menveo) are required for students enrolled in 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If the first dose was administered at age 16 years or older, then only one dose is required. **The deadline to submit proof of MCV4 vaccines is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school in August.**

Kindergarten Immunizations: A current and updated immunization record must be provided to the school before they can attend. The final set of vaccinations that Kindergarten enrollees must receive after their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and before entering Kindergarten include: another Dtap, polio, a 2<sup>nd</sup> MMR, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. If the child has had chickenpox disease, proof of disease must be provided in the form of a written statement signed by a physician documenting the month and year the child had chickenpox. Parental verification is not accepted. Immunizations can be obtained through the child's physician or by appt. at the Cole Co. Health Dept. For more information, call 573-636-2181.

District-wide Medication policy reminder for all grades: Medication must be delivered to and picked up from school by a parent/guardian or designated adult. Long-term daily prescription medications given during school hours require a written physician authorization as well as pharmacy-labeled container. **New authorization is required for the new school year even if there was no change to your child's prescription.** If the dosage changes during the school year, an updated authorization is also required. Additional rules to the medication policy are in the school handbooks. For clarification, call Christie Murphy at 782-4814.

Student health history forms: In August, your child will bring home a new Student Health Information form. All students **must** return this form each school year. Please ensure that the pain reliever and cough drop permission line is marked according to your preference for such medications to be administered to your child as needed from the nurse's supply.

Food substitutions: If your child will require food substitutions due to a medically diagnosed condition, a specific form entitled "**Medical Statement for Student Requiring Special Meals**" will need to be completed by their physician. Copies of the form are available in the school nurse's office or on the school website. Note: \*This form must be in place before dietary accommodations can be made.

Nurse's section website: Check out the **Nurse and Wellness** link on the school district website home page to find medication forms, health condition forms, and the food substitution form.

Have a safe and active summer!

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# 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.)

## Annual Proportionate Share Meeting for Homeschooled Families

Thursday, May 30, 2024 — 8:00am

Special Services Office (Elementary Building)

Contact Lori Clark, Director of Special Services, at [lclark@coler1indians.org](mailto:lclark@coler1indians.org) or 573-782-3325

## Important Dates

**April 29**—Top 20% and Senior Awards—  
6:30pm—High School Gym

**May 9**— Junior High Awards—8:00am-  
9:30am—High School Gym

**May 9**—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—Dismiss  
at 12:30pm — NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**May 15-31**—Summer School (except  
Monday, May 27)

## 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.