



The
Leader in Me™

To: All SCMS Stakeholders

We are now living The Leader in Me's, *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*. To practice what we teach, my weekly correspondence follows the 7 Habits theme:

Habit 1 – Parents can **BE PROACTIVE**, with the free Infinite Campus App, which sends push notifications every time a teacher enters a grade for your son or daughter. Follow the four simple steps seen here: <http://publicschools.spencercounty.ky.gov/parents/icportal/>. For more information email teresa.arnold@spencer.kyschools.us.

Habit 2 – Please encourage students to **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND** in completing and turning in assignments as mid-term reports will be sent home on September 17. The 1st nine weeks ends October 8 and report cards will be sent home October 15.

Habit 3 – **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST**, as next Wednesday (August 26) is fall picture day, every child will receive proofs; no prepay!

Habit 4 – Just a friendly reminder that students can **THINK WIN-WIN** by following the rules! Transportation notes can be turned in each day prior to 1:45pm. Electronic device policy is, “Not out, not on” while in the building without teacher permission. Dress code highlights include but not limited to: no holes above the knee, no patches, no short shorts, no spaghetti straps, & no spandex.

Habit 5 – We **SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** by administering the MAP Assessment three times per year. This allows us to individualize instruction to teach students exactly where they are. The first Assessment window is Aug 31 to Oct. 2. Attached is the most current MAP Norms, this will assist you in determining if your son/daughter is at or above grade level.

Habit 6 – We had a great first week of **SYNERGY** at SCMS. Congratulations to Grizzly Football on a win over Bardstown and the Lady Bballers on wins over St. Joe and St. Charles. Also, last week's Grizzly Heroes were: Brandt Muddell and Jessie Smith.

Habit 7 – Students can **SHARPEN THE SAW** at 'Grizzlies Beyond the Bell' beginning Aug 31. BYB offers homework help and dozens of clubs and organizations to every SCMS student daily (Monday – Thursday), from 2:30 to 5:30. Transportation is provided! Email Karen.Leff@spencer.kyschools.us

Respectfully,

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