



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 – We now have only 17 school days until KPREP state testing, SCMS is **BEING PROACTIVE**, by practicing timed assessments in class to hopefully alleviate test anxiety. All parents are invited to help teachers and students decorate the school prior to testing on May 8th and our Kickoff to KPREP guest speaker, UofL Head Men's Soccer Coach, Ken Lolla, will speak to students on May 12.

Habit 2 – All parents/students can **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND**; KPREP State testing for all SCMS students will be May 13-19. Final Exams - May 22, Belle Field Trip - May 26, Graduation practice - May 27, Graduation and Awards - May 28, 6th/7th Grade Awards day - May 26.

Habit 3 – The Grizzly Arts Department will **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST** - April 23rd & 24th, the 8th grade advanced drama class will be presenting their adaptation project performance of *Matilda*. SCMS Choir scored "Proficient" at the KMEA Chorus Festival at the Oldham County Arts Center on April 16. During the week of April 27th student art work will be displayed at 'The Night at the Museum'.

Habit 4 – Ms. Karen Leff is **THINKING WIN-WIN** by extending our Grizzlies Beyond the Bell program through May 14. GBB is Monday through Thursday each week from 3-5pm, and consists of homework help daily and more than twenty clubs and organizations.

Habit 5 – Spencer Middle School will **SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** by hosting our annual fifth grade visit on May 22 for all incoming sixth grade students. Children will meet teachers, visit classrooms, and become more familiar with SCMS as we transition to MS.

Habit 6 – SCMS and SCES continues to **SYNERGIZE** with our "Chromebooks for Kids" initiative. An Angel donor has contributed \$6,000 (\$3,000 to each SCMS and SCES) to the cause, pushing our total to \$12,000. We will also be working together on our May 1st Relay for Life event on both campuses.

Habit 7 – Grizzly Track **SHARPENED THE SAW** last week; Trevor Hutt set a new school record in the 1600m & 3200m. Ben Williams set a new school record in the 300m! Trevor Hutt placed 1st in the long jump, for a new record of 17ft!! Alex Wright - 4th 100m & 200m dash, Lucas Hornback - 2nd 1600m run, Alex Wright, Ben Williams, Lucas Hornback, Trevor Hutt - 1st 4x100m relay, McKenzie Bell - 1st 400m & 800m run, Lindsey Bush - 2nd 800m & 4th 1600m.

Respectfully,

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