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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 – Tomorrow we begin five consecutive days of KPREP state testing and SCMS has been trying to **BE PROACTIVE**. Thanks to our PTSO and everyone who decorated the school Friday. Our Kickoff to KPREP guest speaker, UofL Head Men's Soccer Coach, Ken Lolla, spoke to students this morning.

Habit 2 – All parents/students can **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND**; KPREP State testing for all SCMS students is May 13-19. 5th Grade Visit – May 22, Final Exams - May 22, Belle Dance - 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** – Grizzly Drama will be performing "Fiddler on the Roof" May 14-17 in the auditorium. Congrats to Grizzly Band for finishing 1st place overall this weekend in the Kings Island – Music in the Parks Competition!

Habit 4 – Ms. Tish Kennedy and Ms. Joy Thompson were **THINKING WIN-WIN** last week, taking SCMS and SCES students: Joshua Dunkelberger, Maria Hawley, Sam Cooper, Logan Peters, Paige Tessier, Jack Kennedy, Jackson Baird, and Valerie Pucko, to the State Mock Trial Competition in Richmond, KY.

Habit 5 – On May 21st, we will be **SEEKING FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** with a special presentation by Mrs. Kelly Samples McNew regarding drinking & driving and seatbelt safety. Kelly was the victim of a drunk driver when she was 12 years old and shares her very powerful story - she's also the cousin of our own Miss Madison Goodlett who setting-up this program.

Habit 6 – Spencer Middle will be **SYNERGIZING** with various outside agencies in upcoming weeks. On May 26, 8th grade students will attend our annual end of the year "Belle Dance" on the river. On May 19, all 7th graders will visit the University of Louisville for campus tours and on May 27, all 6th graders will be visiting Bernheim Forest for a fun day of educational explorations.

Habit 7 – SCMS **SHARPENED THE SAW** this week – Grizzly Baseball defeated Anderson County last night and play at home against Bloomfield tomorrow. Spencer Middle School Softball won two games vs St. Dominic yesterday, play Marion County today and Washington Co. tomorrow at home.

Respectfully,

Matt Mercer