



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 – Social Media is a major concern for parents & schools alike. According to a Kaiser Family Foundation study, kids spend over 7 hours a day connected to electronic devices. YOU can **BE PROACTIVE** by monitoring your child's facebook, Instagram, text messages, etc. by [clicking here!](#)

Habit 2 – Parents, students, teachers, please **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND**, this semester. We've started a new nine weeks grading term. Mid-terms will be sent home on Friday, Feb. 6. Report Cards will be sent home on March 18. Work hard now, to see the good grades later!

Habit 3 – Last week we **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST**, when Master Sargent Dunkelberger, surprised his son Josh, during 7th grade lunch. He has been stationed in Japan for months, glad to have you home!

Habit 4 – Our SCMS Academic Team was **THINKING WIN-WIN** over the weekend, finishing 1st place in Quick Recall and 1st Place overall, to bring home the District Championship over Bloomfield MS, Bardstown MS and Mt. Washington MS! Congrats to Mr. Collins, Ms. Parnell, and all team members.

Habit 5 – Spencer County Middle School will **SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** on February 18, by being selected to represent schools across America in administering the National Assessment of Educational Progress to 8th grade students.

Habit 6 – Our Leader in Me – Student Lighthouse Team **SYNERGIZED** recently with Franklin Covey's '7 Habits' Coach Jennifer Williams. Students met with Ms. Williams in the AM, the Teacher Lighthouse Team met in the PM, and all teachers met following school, to discuss LIM next steps!

Habit 7 – All students are invited to **SHARPEN THE SAW** after school every Monday through Thursday at Grizzlies Beyond the Bell. Each day begins with a snack, homework help from our teachers, 25 clubs to choose from, and transportation is provided. All students welcome!

Respectfully,

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