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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**, by attending Parent Involvement Night tonight, March 17 at 5:30pm at SCMS. There will be a seven period rotation, allowing parents to see each of their child's teachers. Topics will be grade relevant (8th grade – HS Scheduling, AP Course Requirements, Scholarships, etc.)

Habit 2 – 8th Grade parents and students can **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND**; Final Exams will be June 1, Belle Field Trip will be on June 2, Graduation practice will be June 3, Graduation and Awards will be June 4 at 10am. Sixth and Seventh Grade Awards day will be June 2 at 12:30.

Habit 3 – It's definitely time to **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST**, as the 3rd quarter ends in only two days on March 19th and Reports Cards go home March 26th. As always, we will be scheduling conferences with parents and students to discuss academic shortcomings.

Habit 4 – Spencer County Schools are **THINKING WIN-WIN**, with yet another tool to address bullying; STOP Tipline. Our new school & district website www.spencer.kyschools.us, has a large STOP sign, where students & parents can anonymously report bullying, violence, & risky behavior.

Habit 5 – SCMS is trying to **SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD**; by listing all events on our new website calendar. Click on <http://www.spencer.kyschools.us/2/Home> and on the right select "View Full Calendar". Here you can search events by school or the entire district. Extra-curricular practice schedules for all activities can be found under "Athletics" and "Gym Schedule"

Habit 6 – Grizzlies Beyond the Bell is **SYNERGIZING** with various community organizations. Our Health Careers Club targets students interested in the medical field. Clubs such as Cooking and Photography are for everyone. If your son/daughter is an athlete, they will stay for homework help on game days. Please complete the attached form, if you have not done previously.

Habit 7 – We encourage everyone to **SHARPEN THE SAW** and volunteer to be a part of the 2015-2016 Parent Teacher Student Organization. Nominations forms for PTSO are attached to this email. Deadline for nominations is March 13. Voting will take place March 17 at Parent Involvement Night.

Respectfully,

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