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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 – With only 20 school days until KPREP state testing, SCMS is **BEING PROACTIVE**, by administering our KPREP-like 'Learning Check' this Friday, April 17th, to better prepare students for the event. Time restraints are tighter this year, so we hope this will alleviate test anxiety.

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

Habit 4 – Coach Howie is **THINKING WIN-WIN** having 2015-2016 Girls Basketball Tryouts April 23 & 24 immediately following school. A Kentucky MS Sports Physical must be completed for students to participate. Forms can be found on our new SCMS website under "Athletics", or by [clicking here!](#)

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. We will also be working together on our May 1st Relay for Life event hosted on both campuses.

Habit 7 – Grizzly Track **SHARPENED THE SAW** by breaking six school records: Ben Williams 300m Hurdles 51.61, Trevor Hutt Long Jump 14-10, Alex Wright Turbo Jav 67-10.5, Madelynn Hoskins 3200m Run 14:42.96, McKenzie Bell 800m Dash 2:41.54, Alli Manley TurboJav 50-3.

Respectfully,

Matt Mercer