



The
Leader in Me™

We are off to an amazing start to the 2014-2015 school year at Spencer County Middle School! SCMS is the newest 'Leader in Me' Middle School in Kentucky. Everything we do is centered on LIM's 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. To practice what we teach, my weekly correspondence will also follow the 7 Habits theme:

Habit 1 – Please encourage students to **BE PROACTIVE** in completing and turning in assignments as mid-term reports will be sent home on September 11.

Habit 2 – As we **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND**, an organizational meeting for our annual 7th grade Washington DC trip will be held September 11 at 5:45 in the SCMS cafeteria.

Habit 3 – **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST**, as this Thursday (September 4) is fall picture day, every child will receive proofs; no prepay!

Habit 4 – Spencer County Schools and PTSO are **THINKING WIN-WIN!** A community walking track will be constructed in October on the SCES/SCMS campus to promote healthy living for all students and parents.

Habit 5 – We **SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** by inviting all parents to attend our Parent Involvement Night at SCMS on September 23. We look forward to fun activities sponsored by our gifted/talented program; along with academic dialogue between parents and teachers.

Habit 6 – SCMS and the University of Louisville are partnering to **SYNERGIZE**; in offering the Health Careers Club to all students interested in health professions such as: medicine, nursing, and dentistry.

Habit 7 – Last week we had over 400 students **SHARPEN THE SAW** in 'Grizzlies Beyond the Bell'. BYB offers homework help and dozens of clubs and organizations to every SCMS student daily (Monday – Thursday), from 2:30 to 5:30. Transportation is provided!

Respectfully,

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