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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** – We now have only 5 school days until KPREP state testing, SCMS is **BEING PROACTIVE**, all parents are invited to help teachers and students decorate the school prior to testing on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, and our Kickoff to KPREP guest speaker, UofL Head Men's Soccer Coach, Ken Lolla, will speak to students on May 12.

**Habit 2** – All parents/students can **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND**; KPREP State testing for all SCMS students will be May 13-19. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit – May 22, Final Exams - May 22, Belle Field Trip - May 26, Graduation practice - May 27, Graduation and Awards - May 28, 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards day - May 26.

**Habit 3** – The Grizzly Arts Department will **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST** – Grizzly Choir's Spring Concert was a tremendous success on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the Drama department will be performing "Fiddler on the Roof" on May 14-17 in the auditorium.

**Habit 4** – Ms. Karen Leff is **THINKING WIN-WIN** by extending our Grizzlies Beyond the Bell program through May 14. GBB is Monday through Thursday each week from 3-5pm, and consists of homework help daily and more than twenty clubs and organizations.

**Habit 5** – At Spencer Middle, our goal is to become an elite middle school in Kentucky, we are **SEEKING FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** by providing all parents and community members an anonymous school survey to gain valuable feedback. Please complete the attached survey and return to [erin.demyan@spencer.kyschools.us](mailto:erin.demyan@spencer.kyschools.us)!

**Habit 6** – Thanks to everyone who came out to **SYNERGIZE** with PTSO over the past few weeks. Congratulations, to our newly elected PTSO President, Ms. Amanda Grubb. Also, our 2015-2016 SBDM Parent Reps have been selected; we appreciate Mr. Roy Bell & Ms. Amanda Grubb for serving.

**Habit 7** – SCMS **SHARPENED THE SAW** on May 1 with SCES for Relay for Life. Our school raised 1466 cans of food, and over FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, with \$3600 coming from the seventh grade alone. Thanks to Ms. Vincent and everyone for your contributions to this great cause!

Respectfully,

*Matt Mercer*