



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 – All students can **BE PROACTIVE**, and report inappropriate behavior on our anonymous tip-line. Just go to spencer.kyschools.us and click on the red stop sign. Safety first at SCMS!

Habit 2 – Please encourage students to **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND** in completing and turning in assignments as mid-term reports will be sent home on September 17. The 1st nine weeks ends October 8 and report cards will be sent home October 15.

Habit 3 – We continue **PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST**, each and every day at Spencer Middle. Writing will continue to be our school-wide focus for the 15-16 school year. We have practiced Extended Response Questions (ERQ's) and On-Demand daily now for over a year. Last week during a 9th grade writing seminar, our students hard work was on display as administrators from across the district conducted our bi-annual Learning Walk at SCHS.

Habit 4 –SCMS is **THINKING WIN-WIN** by hosting our annual Anti-Bullying Rally for students on Sept. 25 at 1pm. This year's assembly will be led by nationally renowned speaker, Joe Washington. Joe is known for his upbeat, high energy presentations, sure to get everyone out of their seats!

Habit 5 – At SCMS, we **SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** by participating in a Safe School Assessment at the end of October. As we are preparing for this team to visit our school, we have been asked to survey all of our students, staff, and parents. Attached to this email is the parent survey. A paper copy of the survey will be sent home with your child this Friday.

Habit 6 – The Library Media Center and the Youth Service Center are **SYNERGIZING** during the month of September as they team up for Food for Fines. Students who have lost a book from the library can replace the cost of the book by donating boxes of individually packaged food items (such as breakfast bars, ravioli, mac & cheese, etc.) to the Youth Service Center's program Backpack Buddies. For each book that is lost, students will need to bring in 3 boxes of items during the month of September in order to have fines forgiven. More information is available at the library and YSC.

Habit 7 – Students can **SHARPEN THE SAW** this Friday at our School Dance, sponsored by the Grizzly Football team. Presale tickets are \$6 at lunch this week and \$8 at the door. Dance is 6-8pm.

Respectfully,

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