



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 – The Spencer County Crisis Management Team allowed us to **BE PROACTIVE** on Friday, as a random senseless bomb threat on a bathroom stall, led to all classes being moved to a safe remote location (Spencer Elementary). Protocol was followed; all classrooms were strategically assigned a room at SCES, learning then continued and both schools were dismissed on regular schedule.

Habit 2 – Parents and students can **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND** as report cards come home this Thursday, October 16th. If you are interested in emailing one of our teachers to discuss how 1st Quarter grades may effect Final Grades, [click here](#).

Habit 3 – SCMS **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST** when recognizing August and September “Grizzly Heroes”: Makala Adkins, Jasmine Jenkins, Diamond Nelson, Moni McCoy, Chloe King, Felicity McDonald, Chelsea Bruner, Connor Strothman, Dakota Hoskins, Seth Caudill, Daniel Jett, Will Moon, Brent Muddell, Tristin Lewis, Malik Taylor, Dalton King. Congrats to all these superb students!

Habit 4 – Spencer County School District is **THINKING WIN-WIN** in recognizing all Proficient and Distinguished students at SCHS on Dec. 4. These students have catapulted Spencer Co. Schools to “High Proficient” status; the highest state assessment scores in school district history!

Habit 5 – School Health Nurse, Kathy Dippel RN, will **SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD** on Thursday, October 16th when meeting with ALL 7th grade girls to discuss Health, Hygiene & Puberty, utilizing *The Being Girl Program*. Nurse Dippel will also meet with ALL 8th grade girls to discuss the importance of BSE (breast self-exam) in recognition of National Breast Health Awareness Month, utilizing *The Get in Touch Program*. Mr. Hume will be educating all 7th and 8th grade boys on proper hygiene.

Habit 6 –**SYNERGIZE** with me on Twitter to stay current on school happenings. [Follow Me!](#)

Habit 7 – Four days until Fall Break; **SHARPEN THE SAW** and reflect on a great 1st Nine Weeks!

Respectfully,

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