Supporting *The Leader in Me* Process

As a parent, you can support our school’s leadership initiative. The answer is simple, “Use the 7 Habits language at home.”

As our school year unfolds, the students are going to start to use the language and meaning of the 7 Habits. By hearing the same language at home and at school, you send the students a strong message of what you believe is important and that we are all on the same team—the team that wants to help succeed. When parents and schools support one another, the sky is the limit!

**October—Habit 1: Be Proactive**

Habit 1 is about initiative and responsibility. Help your child determine what he or she will need for the next day. To start, writing a list may be helpful. Next, have your child gather the non-perishable items and put them in his or her school bag.

**November—Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind**

Habit 2 is about visualizing how you would like something to turn out before it happens. If a smooth morning is the goal, brainstorm with your child how that will look and feel like. Your child may actually have time to do something extra in the morning if he or she is organized and you will all have a happy start to the day.

**Important Dates:**

- **October 9**  NO SCHOOL
- **October 17**  NO SCHOOL—Teacher Professional Learning Day
- **October 18**  NO SCHOOL—Teacher Planning Day
- **October 22**  SAC/PTO Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- **October 31**  Family Career Day @ 9:00 AM
- **November 13**  Principal for a Day—Commissioner Donna Fiala
- **November 14**  Grade 3 Concert @ 6:00 PM
- **November 16**  CCPS 5K @ 8:00 AM
- **November 19**  SAC/PTO Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- **November 21**  Family Friendship Feast
- **November 25-29**  NO SCHOOL
**The 7 Habits**

**Habit 1: Be Proactive®**
In this section, students will:
1. Develop motivation; take pride in work.
2. Act responsibly towards self, family, school, community, nation, and the world.
3. Show initiative and entrepreneurialism.
4. Use unique talents and abilities to full potential.
5. Think about choices; be accountable and responsible for actions and results, and understand that choices affect others.

**Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind®**
In this section, students will:
1. Use critical thinking to organize information.
2. Develop the intrapersonal skills of self-confidence and self-management.
3. Use creative and entrepreneurial thinking to solve problems.
4. Develop the ability to set goals and to follow through.
5. Develop strong oral and written communication skills.

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**Family Organization Station**

**Tip:**
Help your child think like a scientist. It is much more important for parents to help their child develop the skills they need to think like scientists than to help them understand complex scientific concepts. Even your youngest child are quite capable of beginning to build these skills.

**Science Activity:**
Encourage observation! Bring out the binoculars, magnifying glass, or the spotting scope and you will be amazed at what your child will find. Show your own excitement to engage, observe, and hypothesize about the world around you and your excitement will rub off on your children.

**Excellent Attendance**
Being in school every day means your child won’t miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours and school days. If your child asks you to stay home “just because,” remind him or her of what they’ll be missing. Explain that he or she can be absent ONLY if they are sick or a family emergency.

**Did You Know?**
Children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school and avoid risky behavior. Eating dinner together is great, but other meals count, too. If you work all night, maybe you could make time for a family breakfast. Or on a weekend, try a picnic lunch.

**Celebrate Progress**
Suggest that your child create a fun reminder of all the things he or she has accomplished. Let him or her cover a box with construction paper and label it “I Did It!” Then, he or she can write each success (“I learned to add fraction”) on a slip of paper and put it in the box. If they’re feeling discouraged, have them read their slips.

**QUOTE**
“The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up!”
*Mark Twain*

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**Just For Fun**

**Question:** Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

**Answer:** Of course, the Empire State Building can’t jump!