What is Leader in Me?

The Leader in Me is an approach to developing a culture of leadership in our schools and is based on The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People® by Stephen Covey. Founded on internationally recognized, universal principles, *The Leader in Me* model emphasizes skills that parents, teachers and business leaders want and that students need to be successful in an ever changing society:

-Leadership -Responsibility Accountability
-Problem Solving -Adaptability -Communication
-Initiative -Self-direction -Creativity
-Teamwork -Cross-cultural Skills

Developing a culture of leadership in our schools is about helping children be leaders of their own lives, it helps them identify their own unique talents and abilities and encourages them to make a positive difference in the world.
The Leader in Me approach has been shown to produce:

-higher academic achievement
-improved school culture
-decreases in disciplinary issues
-increased engagement among teachers and parents
-a common language for teachers, students, and parents
-equips students with self-confidence and essential life skills.

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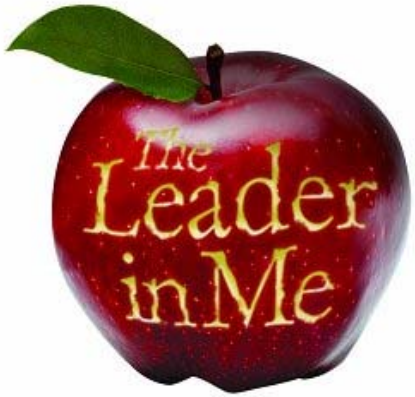

Leadership is communicating people's worth and potential so clearly that they are inspired to see it in themselves.
–Stephen R. Covey

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Our *Leader in Me* Journey

The Leader in Me is not an event and it's not a curriculum. It is an integrated approach to leadership development that will help Wildwood fulfill its mission statement:

It is the mission of Wildwood Elementary to create and maintain an environment that allows each child to make individual growth in social, emotional and academic development as determined by state and national standards. Best practice and research based interventions will be used to assure this outcome.

Wildwood has accomplished:

- Integrated common language of 7 Habits into K -6 classrooms .

-Built an authentic relationship with Franklin-Covey .

-Hosted 7 Habits Parent's Night (March 4th).

-Completed Implementation Training for all Wildwood Staff in 2013.

-Trained Staff "trainers" for long-tern cost savings and sustainability.

-Started a "The Leader in Me" Blog to keep parents and the community informed.

What are The 7 Habits?

Habit One: *Be Proactive*

-I have a "CAN DO" attitude.
-I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I don't blame others. I do the right thing without being asked, even if nobody is looking.

Habit Two: *Begin with the End in Mind*

-I plan ahead and set goals.
-I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

Habit Three: *Put First Things First*

-I spend time on things that are most important.
-This means I say no to things I should not do.
-I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am organized.

Habit Four: *Think Win-Win*

-I want everyone to be a success. I don't have to put others down to get what I want. It makes me happy to see other people happy. I like to do nice things for others. When a conflict arrives, I help brainstorm a solution. We all can win!

Habit Five: *Seek First to Listen, Then to be Understood*

-I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints.
-I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas.

Habit Six: *Synergize*

-I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I see out other people's ideas to solve problems. I know that "two heads are better than one". I am a better person when I let other people into my life and work.

Habit Seven: *Sharpen the Saw*

-I take care of my body by eating right, exercising and getting sleep. I spend time with family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places.

We Invite You To:

-Visit The Leader in Me Website: http://www.theleaderinme.org/

-Read *The Leader in Me* book by Stephen R. Covey.

-Ask your child about their learning goals.

-Ask your child about the 7 Habits.

-Visit A.B. Combs Elementary School's website http://combses.wcpss.net/

-Visit the Sean Covey website for 7 Habits games and activities for kids http://www.seancovey.com/

-Print out the 7 Habits Tree to post on your refrigerator from the Wildwood Website.

-Download a list of suggested books that you can use to reinforce the 7 Habits at home from the Wildwood Website.

-Download The Leader in Me Summary by Franklin Covey on the Wildwood Website.

-Download the Habit tip sheets from the Wildwood Website.