

# Walnut Springs Elementary School

## A Leader In Me School

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Dear Parents,

Walnut Springs Elementary is thrilled to be a Leader In Me School. As part of being a Leader In Me School, the children will be developing individual data binders that express their academic as well as social/emotional goals and how they are keeping the end in mind (Habit #2) as they progress through the school year. The children will be sharing their progress with their parents during Student Led Conferences which will be held in **March 2017 – May 2017**. Each student will present their growth to their parent, while the teacher acts as a facilitator. We wanted to share the dates with you at this time, so that you could be sure to mark your calendars for this very important event.

**During the Fall Semester**, the children will lead their parent conference. Traditional parent/teacher conferences *are available* for any parent who wishes to meet with the teachers in that format. Traditional parent/teacher conferences are being held during **February 2017 – April 2017**. Please contact your teacher if you would like to set up a traditional conference.

### All Student Led Conferences will begin at 8:00 am

Pre-Kindergarten: March 30	Second Grade: April 11
Kindergarten: March 27	Third Grade: March 9
First Grade: March 8	Fourth Grade: April 6
Fifth Grade: May 31 (also date for 5 <sup>th</sup> grade awards, celebration and march through the halls)	

**The 7 Habits of Happy Kids**

**Habit 1- Be Proactive: I'm in charge!**  
I am responsible for myself.  
I take initiative and have a "can-do" attitude.  
I choose how I act, how I feel and what I do.  
I do what is right without being asked, even when no one is looking.

**Habit 2- Begin with the End in Mind: I have a plan!**  
I set goals for myself.  
I have a plan for how I will accomplish my goals.  
I think about what I want to be when I grow up and how I will get there.

**Habit 3- Put First Things First: I will do my work first, then play!**  
I do my work before I play.  
I know what my responsibilities are, and I do them based on what is most important.  
I practice self-control.

**Habit 4- Think Win-Win: I believe we can all win!**  
I want everyone to be a success.  
I don't have to put others down to get what I want.  
When there is a conflict, I look for solutions that will make everyone feel good.

**Habit 5- Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood: I will listen to others before I talk!**  
I am a good listener.  
I try to understand other peoples' points of view especially when their opinion is different than mine.  
I am comfortable sharing my opinions and ideas.

**Habit 6- Synergize: I know that together is better!**  
I know that everyone is good at something.  
Everyone needs to get better at something.  
I believe that we can all learn something from each other.  
I know that working in groups helps to create better ideas than what one person can do alone.

**Habit 7- Sharpen the Saw: I have balance in my life!**  
I keep my body healthy when I exercise, eat healthy foods and get enough sleep.  
I enjoy learning new things.  
I know that it is important to spend time with people that I care about.