The Leader in Me – Taking the Lead in Middle School

The Leader in Me – Taking the Lead in Middle Schools is a program based on the principles of Stephen Covey’s book, The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. This initiative will empower students to develop individual talents and leadership skills necessary for lifelong success, including goal planning, taking responsibility of their learning and teamwork.

Through Leader In Me (LIM), Wilkes County Schools will target 2,251 middle school students who will become leaders within their schools, having been provided the soft skills needed for those important roles in our schools, home, workforce and community. Skills such as personal responsibility, accountability, goal-setting, self-esteem, time management, empathetic listening, conflict resolution, teamwork and respect will be acquired as students work through the program. Wilkes County Schools is seeking financial assistance to offer the Leader In Me Program in our four middle schools.

"I am so excited about The Leader in Me at North Wilkes Middle School (NWMS). Our students are showing great leadership skills every day, and we are so proud of them. One fine example is our Reader Leaders. They represented Habits 1, 2, and 3 by being proactive, beginning with the end in mind, and putting first things first in setting, meeting, and surpassing their first quarter reading goals. They earned a trip back to their elementary schools to read to the younger students to show them the importance of reading and leadership. We have set high expectations for our students. We want them to be leaders at school and outside of school. They see what it takes to be successful in school and life, and we are all working together to help them succeed!" -- Cyndi Fowler, 6th grade teacher, NWMS

Wilkes County Schools need your help! The Leader in Me – Taking the Lead in Middle Schools

Support the whole-school transformation process that offers a holistic, school wide experience for staff, students and parents. The Leader in Me (LIM) Leadership improvement program creates a common language and culture within the school. The leadership principles and lessons are incorporated into coursework, traditions, systems and culture. LIM is designed to empower students with the life skills they need for the 21st century. Opportunity to support include: Sponsor 4 students, $ 100; Sponsor Classroom, $625-$750; Sponsor Grade $ 1,100-$ 1,600; Sponsor School $3,333-$5,000. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Wilkes County Schools’ federal identification number is 56-6001133. Checks can be made to: Wilkes County Schools, Attn: Dennis Huggins- Ref: Leader in Me, 613 Cherry Street, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659. For additional questions or naming opportunities, please contact: Dennis Huggins; 336-651-7029; hugginsd@wilkes.k12.nc.us.