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Beaumont Elementary School Becomes Stephen Covey Leader in Me School

August 26, 2010 Waterford, Mich. – Beaumont Elementary School is proud to be recognized as a Stephen Covey *Leader in Me School*. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 2, 3:30 p.m., prior to the school's Meet and Greet, which runs until 5:30 p.m.

As a *Leader in Me School*, students will discover and practice a set of leadership and life skills from Stephen Covey's book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. *Leader in Me Schools* receive national recognition for its emphasis on developing leadership in young children. Incorporating *Leader in Me* practices within the school's environment and curriculum will help students become ready to succeed in the 21st Century. The school will teach critical characteristics such as: trustworthiness, strong work ethic, motivation, problem-solving skills, goal setting, effective interpersonal skills, a sense of teamwork, and valuing diversity. By developing the whole child; socially, emotionally, and academically, the school community will foster a school climate that promotes greatness!

The habits are:

1. **Be proactive** - take responsibility and initiative.
2. **Begin with the end in mind** – plan and set goals.

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3. **Put first things first** – set priorities and practice discipline.
4. **Think Win-Win** – consider others and seek alternatives to conflict.
5. **Seek first to understand, then to be understood** – listen to others, learn from their views.
6. **Synergize** – value others' strengths and team with others to solve problems.
7. **Sharpen the Saw** – taking care of yourself, learning, and finding meaning outside of school.

Beaumont Elementary staff members spent many hours this summer being trained in the 7 Habits, reading literature around the habits, and participating in improving the physical look of the inside of the building. The staff at Beaumont Elementary has made a strong commitment as a collective group to model and implement the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People in order to provide a nurturing, empowering and inspiring learning environment for all students.

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