

The 2022-2023 school year marks the 11th year of the implementation of The Leader in Me at Parris South. This program is a leadership model developed by Franklin Covey and adapted to the school environment by his son, Sean Covey. The model promotes leadership and personal responsibility through the use of The Seven Habits of a Highly Effective Person. Through ownership of these habits, students at Parris South are developing the character and abilities they will need to assume their roles as leaders of our community and nation. Although Parris South strives for academic excellence, we also consider it our responsibility to enable students to become intelligent, well-rounded, respectable citizens when they grow up. Listed below are the Seven Habits of the Leader in Me leadership model that are being used daily by students and adults at Parris South.

Students are Proactive (Habit 1) and Put First Things First (Habit 3) by getting to school on time and being in charge of themselves throughout the school day by their choices and actions. Habit 6, Synergize

students are often reminded to synergize, stating that they can accomplish more together than they can alone, and that we are all one family here at Parris South. We all work together, respect each other, and make positive choices throughout the day. Students are reminded of Habit 2, Begin with the End in Mind, as they are encouraged to strive toward personal and school-wide goals. We encourage students to begin the day with the Win-Win (Habit #4) mentality in order to accomplish the goals they have set each day. Students are energized and ready to learn, and teachers encounter students who are cooperative and ready to actively engage in their own education.

For the 2022-2023 school year, our school-wide theme is Back to the 80's. During Parris South's open house, students enjoyed school decorations that reflected the 80s theme, a meet and greet of his/her teacher, and parents were provided with school information. In conjunction with Leader In Me, school wide goals are established and carried out. This year, Parris South's School Wide Goals will focus on continuing to increase the success of our academic growth and focus on the importance of good attendance each day. Good attendance is extremely important in allowing students to have academic success.

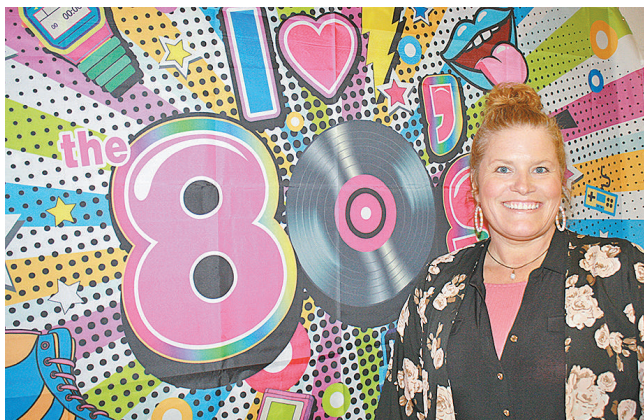
We have been blessed with also having Stacy Weaver here in our building four days a week as our social worker. She has been a great addition to Parris South. She meets and counsels with students, she helps monitor any students that are having truancy issues, she is our child abuse coordinator as well as our foster care contact.

This year we are implementing an intensive academic after school program. This tutoring will occur three days a week for an hour to give students additional support in academic areas that they may be struggling in.

As you can see, Parris South is a happening place! Be sure to keep your eye on what may be happening next as we "Love to Learn, Live to Lead".



**New library assistant Brenda Fowler.**



**New student support staffer and full-time substitute teacher Jill Forbes.**



**Parris South Elementary's 1st graders.**



**Parris South Elementary's 5th graders.**



**New special education instructor Drew Franks.**