



What is *The Leader in Me*?

Hey new Lindbergh parents! *The Leader in Me* is a positive school-wide program that empowers every child to be a leader. It teaches leadership and life skills to your child through 7 Habits that we will learn and build upon throughout the year. The program motivates students to work together using their various talents and gifts, and encourages responsibility, self-confidence and initiative. All of our Lindbergh Flyers can be leaders in their own way!

How can parents get involved?

You can start at home by making a **Family Mission Statement**. The students have been working hard creating mission statements with their classes (part of Habit 2). All successful organizations and businesses have goals and objectives – why shouldn't families? We encourage you to make a mission statement together to identify what values are important for your family.

Learn more at our PTA Meetings!

At the PTA meeting on Tues. Oct. 2nd, Mrs. Ruselink gave an introduction to *The Leader in Me* program. Our goal is to educate parents about the program and the habits, and to help you use the same language at home that your children are practicing at school. Join us at the next PTA meeting **Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7pm** for Habit 1 and 2. We hope you'll get on board and fly with us!

Tips for your Family Mission Statement:

- Ask your family questions like:
"What are the things most important to you?"
"What goals do we have as a family?"
"What opportunities do we want to have?"
- Compare answers and pick the most important values.
- Keep it simple so you can remember it.
- Write it down and put it where all can see it.
- Let every family member contribute – little ones can draw pictures.
- When you get off track – refer back to it as the goal you're striving for.

Share your stories, successes and ideas with us! Email them to Mrs. Ackerman for our blog at ackermm@dearbornschools.org

*"Principles are timeless, universal, natural laws or fundamental truths like **kindness, respect, honesty**, etc. Values are the worth or priority we place on people, things, ideas or principles." – Stephen R. Covey*
