

Dear students, parents/ guardians, teachers, and staff,

During the week of April 15th, Somerdale Park School will be celebrating ***National Student Leadership Week!*** Student leaders make significant contributions to the climate and culture of their schools and communities, and it's important to celebrate that! ***National Student Leadership Week*** is an annual theme-based week dedicated to recognizing and supporting the vital role of student leaders.

During this week, students will be encouraged to participate in various activities promoting leadership such as dress down days and signing a leadership wall. The schedule of activities is below:

Monday, April 15th: *Dress for Success Day- students and staff are encouraged to dress like leaders such as the president or a teacher!*

Various community leaders will be coming in to speak to our middle school students about leadership.

The Leadership Wall will be displayed outside of the cafeteria for students to write about their acts of leadership.

Sterling's JROTC program will be visiting the 8th grade Phys. Ed. class to give them a taste of what a JROTC Phys. Ed. Class is like and to talk to them about leadership.

Tuesday, April 16th: *College or Career Tee Shirt Day (jeans are permitted)- students and staff are encouraged to wear a college tee shirt, or a tee shirt promoting a business or career!*

Wednesday, April 17th: *H.E.R.O. Day- students and staff are encouraged to wear their favorite hero shirt since all leaders Help Everyone Respect Others!*

Thursday, April 18th (half-day schedule): *Regular Dress Down Day-* since this is the third week of April, students and staff are invited to dress down!

Volunteers from NJHS and various staff members of SPS will be reading stories about leadership to our K-5th grade classes!

**Each day, quotes about leadership will be read over the morning announcements.*

**Our Student of the Month assembly will also be this week. Along with the students that have been nominated for S.O.M., we will also take the time to recognize our student leaders!*

**Posters displaying leadership quotes and pictures will also be posted around the school to inspire students to be great leaders.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Pelkey or Mrs. Gorman.

Thank you so much for your support and participation!

Sincerely,

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