



BETSIE VALLEY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back Husky Students and Families! We are so excited to see all your smiling faces!

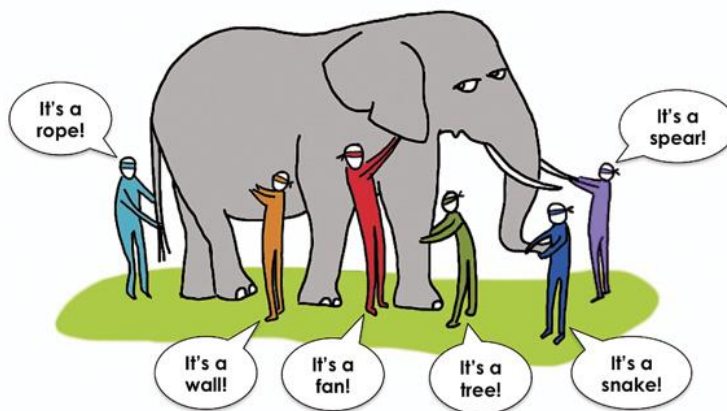
This school year, we will be exploring and developing habits that support leadership qualities in all our students. Rather than seeing children through the lens of a normal bell curve, where some children are naturally gifted in an area and others are not, this way of seeing views every child as capable, every child as a leader. Viewing children in this way changes the way they see themselves. When children change the way they see themselves, the way they see everything changes.

Through the course of the school year, we will be discovering 7 habits and create a culture that inspires growth and development based on the idea that every child can be a leader.

- Habits 1-3 help each student become the best version of themselves; being in charge of themselves, making a plan for success, and prioritizing.
- Habits 4-6 emphasize habits that address working well with others – considering the needs of others, understanding others, and the power of working together.
- Habit 7 – makes sure we take time to take care of ourselves so that we bring our best selves to everything we do.

As with building every strong and stable structure, laying a solid foundation comes first. During September we will be setting that foundation by discovering and developing habits, principles, and paradigms.

- Habits – a habit is something we do so often that we don't even have to think about it. Habits are an important part of taking care of ourselves.
 - Some helpful habits at school – raising hands, turning in papers, bathroom procedures, working in groups, fire drills, and hallway and cafeteria behavior.
 - Some helpful habits at home – cleaning our own mess, brushing our teeth, saying please and thank you, and packing our own backpack.
- Paradigms – a paradigm is the way you see something. It is your point of view. Think of an elephant as experienced by six blindfolded people each approaching it from a different direction.



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- Principles – a principle is always there, even though we can't see it. Gravity is a principle. Honesty is a principle too.
 - Some examples of important personal principles include honesty, grit, determination, teamwork, respect, responsibility, and kindness.

The 7 Habits[®] Tree

AND REMEMBER TO
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Habit 7

SHARPEN THE SAW[®]
Balance Feels Best

THEN PLAY WELL
WITH OTHERS

Habit 6

SYNERGIZE[®]
Together Is Better

Habit 5

SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND,
THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD[®]
Listen Before You Talk

Habit 4

THINK WIN-WIN[®]
Everyone Can Win

START WITH YOU

Habit 3

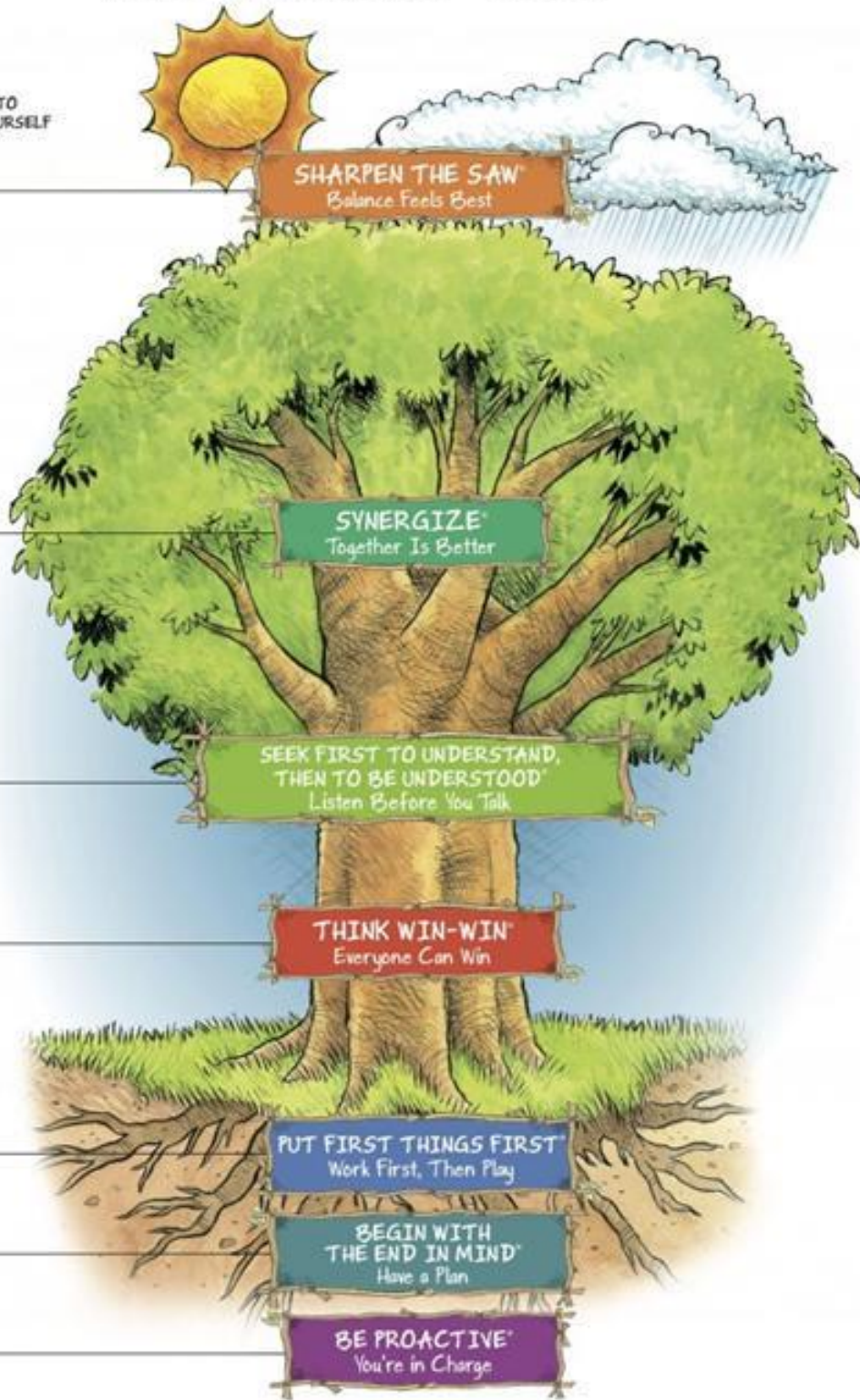
PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST[®]
Work First, Then Play

Habit 2

BEGIN WITH
THE END IN MIND[®]
Have a Plan

Habit 1

BE PROACTIVE[®]
You're in Charge





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September 2021

** Happy Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 ** Jessica Reed	3	4
5	6 ** Evangeline Demars	7 1 st day of school!	8	9	10 ** Jessie Noland, Blaise Ward Coffee and Conversation 9-9:30 am	11** Jaydon Soto
12 ** Wyatt Panzgrau	13 ** Brandon Smith Fall testing window opens	14 ** Connor Meachum	15 ** Gage Sievert	16	17 Coffee and Conversation 9-9:30 am call for a reservation	18 ** Daniel Preston
19	20 PTS meeting 4:15	21** Olivia Brown, Elise Weber	22 ** Trever Frieholtz	23 Fire Drill am	24 -Coffee and Conversation 9-9:30 am -Early Release 11:50 am BVCC family event-5:30 dinner, 6:00 Cognition and science based stations	25
26** Alison and Will Campana	27 Little Caesars fundraiser begins Fall Picture Day!	28	29	30 ** Autumn Stonerook Fall testing window closes	-Coffee and Conversation 9-9:30 am -Bake Sale during lunch -Webber Coat Drive forms due.	