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**Student Leadership-The KEY to
Success**

How it all Began...



Hard Work Pays Off

School combats bullying

Speaker's daughter committed suicide

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REEDS SPRING — While the effects of bullying continue to make national news after a 12-year-old Florida girl took her own life last month after reportedly being bullied, Reeds Spring Middle School has been actively combating the problem over the past year through the Expect Respect program.

On Monday, anti-bullying speaker Tina Meier, of the Megan Meier Foundation, spoke to students from the intermediate and middle school buildings. Tina Meier's 13-

year-old daughter committed suicide Oct. 16, 2006, after being bullied on Myspace, an online social network.

"This was the boom," said Reeds Spring Middle School Assistant Principal Andrea Chavez. "This has been on the top of their priority list since Nov. 6 (2012). For her to get here is like the grand finale but the lasting impression will continue to grow."

Shortly after Meier's daughter, Megan, died, she started touring the country to speak about bullying and cyberbullying to educate, raise awareness and promote positive change

in children, parents and educators.

"I don't travel across the country to speak about Megan's story to try to keep her alive," Meier said. "I know where Megan is at. I use Megan's story as a way to come in and take that wall down and be able to step over in the other side and then get them to really listen to the impact of our words and the way that we behave and act and how it makes us feel, too."

Reeds Spring Middle School staff and student council members first came across Meier at a conference in November 2012, at which Meier gave a similar speech to what was presented Monday.

BULLY — cont. on 2A



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TINA MEIER speaks to Reeds Spring Middle School students about bullying.



Tina Meyer – Inspiration



Taking it on the Road

- ▶ Expect Respect goes to Summer School–2013
- ▶ Continued to meet and mentor with Elementary Student Leadership team during 2013–14 school year
- ▶ Leadership Day at Springfield Cardinals

At Reeds Spring Summer
School–WE EXPECT
RESPECT!!!



Elementary Summer
School 2013–
We Love our Big Kids!!

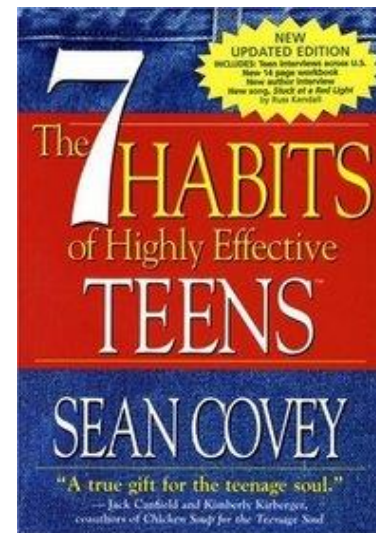
Leaders of the Pack

- ▶ Application Process
 - Application and teacher recommendations
 - Personal interview
 - Students in LOP this year had to re-apply for next year (go through same process)
- ▶ Expansion of Student Council roles
 - Student Committees formed
- ▶ Adult Sponsors oversee student leaders



Leaders of the Pack

- ▶ Year-long Elective Class
- ▶ Leadership Opportunities:
 - In school
 - In community
- ▶ Focus on 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens—Leader In Me Conference
- ▶ Character Lessons
- ▶ Committee Responsibilities
- ▶ Speakers from Community



Student-led Lessons

- ▶ LOP Students taught entire student body and teachers monthly in classrooms
- ▶ Character Lessons Presented During “Team Time” by LOP students
- ▶ Preparation for lessons

CHARACTER
EDUCATION

LOP Takes over at RSMS

It's AMAZING WHAT STUDENT
VOICE CAN DO!!

► Leaders of Pack Committees:

- Spirit
- Character Education
- Dance/Assembly
- Welcome
- Fundraising
- Community Outreach

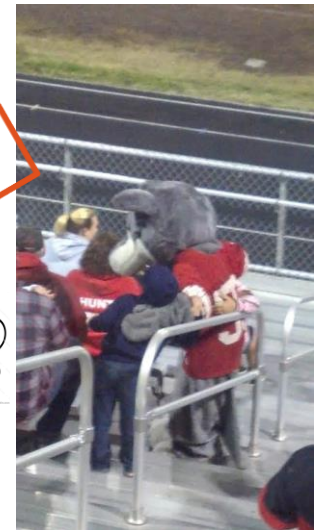


We Got SPIRIT, Yes We Do!!

Spirit Committee Highlights

- ▶ Focused on increasing school spirit
- ▶ Designed & sold t-shirts
- ▶ Various Student Challenges

Wolfie



Character Education Committee



Dance/Assembly Planning

- ▶ School Dances
- ▶ Pep Rallys
- ▶ Tina Meyer Anti-Bullying Assembly
- ▶ Anti-Bullying Concert-OMG!!!



Welcome Committee

- ▶ New Student Orientation
 - Tours, Welcome Wagon,
 - New student luncheon
- ▶ 6th Grade Welcome BBQ
 - Student led Assembly
 - Tour guides for each class
 - BBQ on field and interaction with 7th graders



Fundraising Committee

- ▶ Snack Shack
- ▶ Pie in the Teacher's Face
- ▶ Milk Carton Contest – **\$2500**



Community Outreach

- ▶ Humane Society
 - 5K and Pet Costume Contest
- ▶ Adopt-a-Family
 - Christmas Presents
- ▶ Retirement Village
 - Adopted grandparents
- ▶ Highway Clean-up
- ▶ Veteran's Assembly



Community Support—LOVE THEM!!

- ▶ Walmart Grant
- ▶ Walton Foundation Grant
- ▶ RSSD Foundation Grant
- ▶ Milk Carton Grant
- ▶ Table Rock Lake Rotary Club

Walmart



Rotary



From Adult to Student Control

THEN



NOW



LOP-FUN TIMES



Q & A With our Leaders

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