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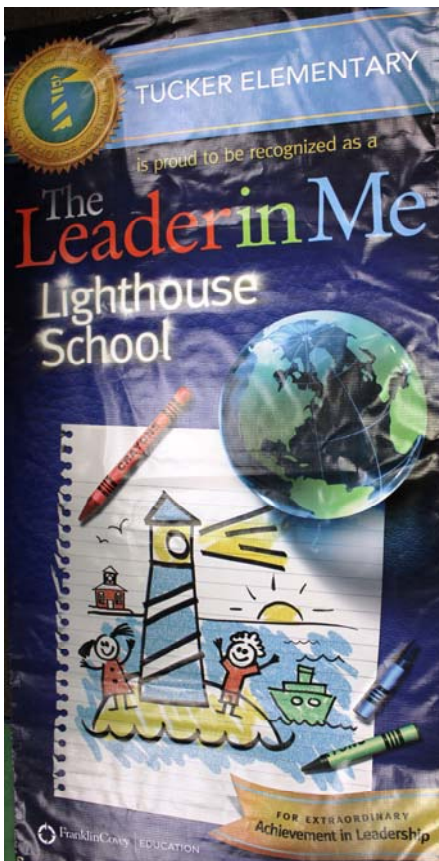
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Tucker Elementary Named Leader in Me Lighthouse School



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Tucker Elementary School was named as a *The Leader in Me Lighthouse School* by Franklin Covey Co. on Jan. 26, 2012. Tucker Elementary is the first school in Georgia to receive this status and the 21st school in the world. The recognition is a result of Tucker’s participation in *The Leader in Me* process, a program to teach leadership at the elementary school level.

Tucker Elementary has worked toward Lighthouse Status and becoming a nationally recognized leadership school for three years. Tucker has focused on developing student leaders using Stephen Covey’s “Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.” As part of the program, the school hosted annual Leadership Days to showcase the student leaders and their work. Community guests had the opportunity to participate in student-led conferences, tour classrooms, hear parent testimonials, view musical productions and provide feedback to the students and staff.

According to *The Leader in Me* Web site, <http://www.theleaderinme.org/how-do-schools-implement/>, “Lighthouse recognition comes because of the results a school is achieving and the impact it is having on staff, students, parents and the greater community. It typically takes two to three years, but can be achieved sooner if schools make it a priority to achieve results sufficient to pass the Lighthouse review. The review evaluates the

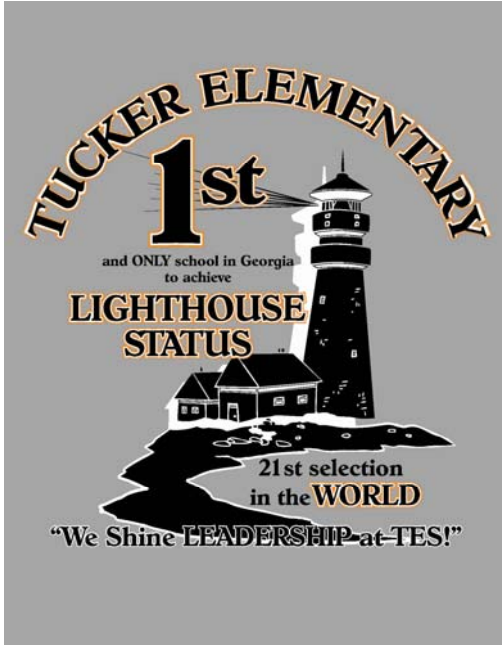
schools performance against nine criteria:

1. A Lighthouse team is in place at the school, meets regularly and oversees school-wide implementation of the leadership model with students, staff, parents and community members.
2. The school campus environment reinforces the model by adding leadership language displays and bulletins to hallways and classrooms that emphasize individual worth and leadership principles.

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3. Teachers integrate leadership language into school curriculum and instruction daily.
4. The staff collaborates and works together to effectively build a culture of leadership in classrooms and throughout the school.
5. The students are provided with meaningful student leadership roles and responsibilities.
6. The parents of students understand *The Leader in Me* model and the *7 Habits* and are involved in activities that support the leadership model.



7. A system is in place for setting and tracking school-wide, classroom, academic and personal goals.
8. The school sees improvements resulting from implementing *The Leader in Me* process, which includes measuring, collecting baseline data and tracking results to determine how the leadership model is bringing improvements.
9. The school holds events to share their leadership model with the community and other schools and hosts a mini or full Leadership Day or a similar event that includes parents, business partners and educators.”

The banner and T-shirt design are pictured. Tucker Elementary is located at 1300 Tucker Road in Perry. Dr. Kim Halstead serves as principal. For more information, please contact Dr. Halstead at 478-988-6278 or Kimberly.Halstead@hcbe.net.

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