The Gifts of Headship: Maintaining the Joy and Passion for the Work



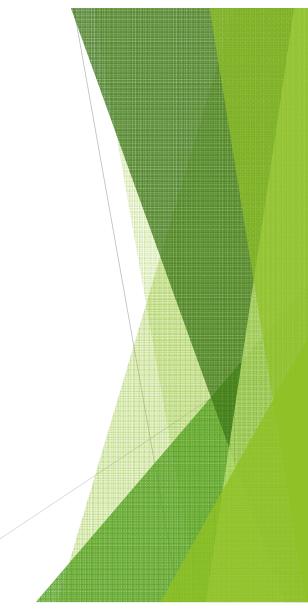
We Know Most of the Challenges

- Parent demands/conflict
- Staff/colleague issues
- Managing Board
- Financial Challenges/ Fund Raising
- Enrollment Challenges
- Leading Change in the face of Resistance
- Scope of the Job/Time Demands
- Managing Crisis
- Student Issues
- Legal Issues
- Stress



The Challenges are Real. But What Brings You Joy/Satisfaction?

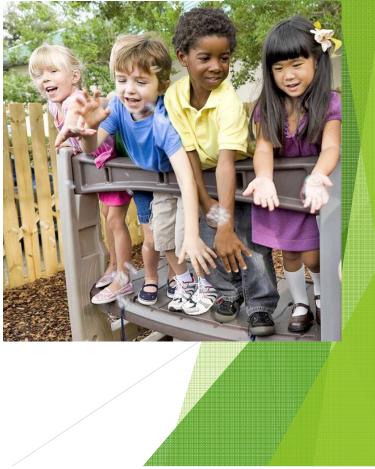




Results From Recent VAIS Survey on Same Question

- Primary role in school growth and improvement
- Growing/supporting good teachers and staff
- Leading change for the better
- It's never boring
- ▶ IT'S THE KIDS, STUPID! And it was probably the

kids that got you started in this career in the first place.



What's helped for others?

- Increasing time with kids?
- Getting greater support from Board and staff for fundraising?
- Tricks to get exercise in your life?
- Strategies to get out of the office, away from email, and connecting with staff?
- Setting aside time for reflection/planning/reading?
- Techniques for greater balance between work and personal/home?



You Can't Eliminate/Ignore the Challenges. You CAN Intentionally Balance Your Focus/Attitude.

- "I'm a very positive thinker, and I think that is what helps me the most in difficult moments." Roger Federer
- "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." Winston Churchill
- "Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn't learn a lot today, at least we learned a little, and if we didn't learn a little, at least we didn't get sick, and if we got sick, at least we didn't die; so let us all be thankful." Buddha

