

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

We're All in This Together

Failed Lately?

"Put your feet further over to the right on the board."

"Sit back."

"Let the boat pull you up."

"Keep your arms straight."

"Point your toes up."



It was approximately 4pm on Saturday, July 6th, and these were just some of the instructions I was receiving while trying to learn to wake surf. Feet on the board; hands on the rope; boat takes off; and down I go. Rinse and repeat multiple times, and try as I might, I never got up on the board. To say I was frustrated would be an understatement. After all, I think I am somewhat athletic and able to attain a decent level of competence at most sports I try. This, however, was a different story.

As I reflect on my efforts learning to wake surf, two questions come to mind. First, how often do we put ourselves in situations where failure is likely? For me the answer is hardly ever, and maybe that's not so good. It still gnaws at me that I couldn't quite figure out how to wake surf, and I want so badly to have one more shot at it. But since that's not going to happen in the near future, my lesson in humility will have to suffice for now.

Second, how often do I become frustrated with someone else who can't "figure it out?" I mean, what's so difficult about _____? (You fill in the blank) As my Father-in-Law used to say (and Mrs. Finger reminds me often), "It's easy when you know how." So true. So again, since I won't likely get another shot at wake surfing too soon, my lesson in understanding will have to suffice for now.

Humility and **understanding**...I learned a lot about each of them this summer.

So, I ask you, when's the last time you attempted something and failed?

Sincerely,

Mr. Finger

Important Dates

November 5th - No school for students (Election Day)

November 21st - AM Kindergarten attends

November 22nd - PM Kindergarten attends

November 25th & 26th - Early Dismissal (12:25pm), NO Kindergarten

November 27th - No school for students

November 28th & 29th - No school (Thanksgiving Break)

December 4th - Picture retake day

December 23 - January 1 - Winter Break



Mr. Finger
Principal

