

End of Week Reflections

April 29, 2016



As some of you may know Mike Tate our former Technology Service Center manager passed away on Thursday. This made me reflect on how short life is. We all need to work together and help each other when ever we can. Mike's death came as a big shock to most of us and made me think of what I could do to make my life and others more meaningful. Good-bye Mike you will be missed. – Jay



What an incredible week!! As we all returned last week from an unexpected week off, business picked up as usual. The Technician's met and received curricular, administrative, and software updates on Wednesday. Our teams continue to show that progress can't be stopped. Thank you to everyone for continuing to make impressive strides to best support student's technology needs. **Jennifer**



It was an exciting week marked by accomplishments. Projects are progressing well, operational processes are being completed. It's a been a great week. I think of those we work with and the impact they have on our lives. I am proud to be part of this team. When team members decide to make a life change, I am filled with mixed emotions... Joyful for the next chapter of their life and sorrowful that they will be leaving us. Still a great team! - **John Crumbley**



Our lives may seem uninteresting at the moment, but there is so much to be gained from the experiences we have every day! Last week may seem uninteresting on the surface, but last week included the following: Microsoft Azure Workshop, Fortinet addressing issues, Phonoscope preparing for expansion... Tap into those experiences and find what matters! Paula



Participating in multiple progress review meetings and watching the significant milestones being met is exhilarating. From Great8 expectations being met, to the LANDesk implementation, to laying the future fiber connections in new areas of the district, to scheduling for next year, and finalizing plans for the data center virtualization... I can see a very bright light!!!! In all teams, in all projects, and in all staff – I reflect on the light that is illuminated. Thank you for all that you do. Let Your Light Shine! - **Frankie Jackson**



This week I heard the news that someone we worked with passed away, I also heard someone we work with had a new addition to their lives. I also witnessed two people celebrate their birthdays, one wishing things could have been different and one wondering what a difference they will make. This all makes me think, we must do our best at work and at home. Makes me realize what a gift life is . - **Larry Barrios**

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I am just glad that everyone is back to work and back to school

- **Jay Johnson**



After experiencing the flood waters of last week - seeing our team come together to meet the needs of staff and students was amazing. I appreciate the team members who came together to provide assistance at a moment's notice. Being a part of a team that continually sees the bigger picture is a wonderful experience. Thank you for allowing me to be a part.

Jennifer Miller



As I look back on the last week and the awful flooding it brought, I am happy to have witnessed the Cy Fair family come together to support the community. With 57 schools experienced water damage and thousands of residents were ran out of their homes by rising water, It was a horrible week. But the Cy Fair team fought back to prepare the campuses for the return of students. I am proud to be part of the best team in Texas.

- **John Crumbley**



In the wake of devastating rainfall and flooding in the Houston area, it is amazing to see people unite in times of tragedy. I spoke with different CFISD personnel and stopped by a campus to witness people uniting for a common cause. Even though we had 53 campuses sustaining some form of water damage, we are fortunate because it could have been so much worse.

- Paula Ross



Watching the devastation of the flood from another city 45 miles away was gut wrenching. Seeing our schools underwater and not knowing the shape they were in was stressful.

To hear about our staff emerge and take ownership of surveying the schools or volunteering, without being asked, was gratifying. The number of staff that stepped up to clean up this weekend was uplifting. One picture that was posted of the team on Sunday was referred to as the "Dream Team." Teamwork makes the dream work! Thank you for all that you do.

- **Frankie Jackson**



We know that sometimes in life we encounter tragedies or set backs but the thing that keeps us going is the way we work together to make it through these times. Knowing that we are not alone and that we are here for each other. What I saw during this last week is evident of this. We are a family.

- **Larry Barrios**

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This week we had our last book study group on *The 21 Irrefutable Laws Of Leadership*. I am now reflecting on how to use this information we learned about the laws of leadership. I think it is very important to start using these leadership principles as soon as possible while they are still fresh in my mind. It is always exciting to try new things and use new ideas to improve myself and my team. - **Jay Johnson**



Leaving a Legacy – this was the last in our study of John Maxwell’s 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership. Looking at all that our teams are doing to improve service, connectivity and the technology available to all is a legacy we can all take pride in creating. Opportunities to leave such a legacy are few - I am glad we are all on this journey together. **Jennifer Miller**



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We celebrate not just our final achievement, but the journey made towards it. Last week the ECN team completed an eleven month long project. The team successfully deployed new Cisco switches to our last campus on Friday. Although we still have a significant amount of work to complete, we must stop and celebrate our remarkable accomplishment!
-Paula Ross



What a week to reflect on with major tasks completed! Key work included M. Robinson in bringing up LANdesk, the 5th school to cut over to Data Center 4 (Dean) and solving a firewall blocking issue during the process, to completing Fiest elementary, marking the end of the 2014 Bond Technology Infrastructure network electronic upgrade at the campuses. Over 90,000 components were upgraded, making it **HERCULEAN!** The proof of success was when a second great teacher at Fiest said, “*The Internet is working faster and greater.*” – Our department success continues because of our team’s dedication and expertise! - **Frankie Jackson**

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This week Frankie asked each of her staff members to share what we learned in our book study of *The 21 Irrefutable Laws Of Leadership*. This made me reflect on how important it is to share what we studied with our staff. Each of us would pick one chapter in the book and share it in the T3 meeting on Monday. I will be sharing chapter 6 *The Law of Solid Ground*. What a great way to start the week. - **Jay**



Seeing people find new opportunities in which to serve is very inspiring. Over the last year with the bond implementation and the need to keep our standard services in production each team has exemplified this skill. Many times people wait for needs to arise – our teams meet each need and enthusiastically embrace it. This is a unique trait of our department. I am proud to serve with you!!



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On Thursday I had the pleasure of going to the [technology festival](#) at the Berry Center. Seeing teachers, parents, and students setup and get ready to show off their projects was incredible. More than 1100 students and several thousand guests were TechNSpried! Equally as exciting was to see our staff from technology support and device imaging and integration there to provide just-in-time service. They setup a service desk so anyone needing support while at the festival would know where to go. Our staff's smiles, hastiness while walking, and enthusiastic attitude was over the top! Thank you for all that you do - **Frankie Jackson**



I read this and thought of our department. "It's really our love for each other that gets these incredible feats of heroism and bravery accomplished." I believe that is also the reason we do so much together as a team, because of the love that in what we believe in and for each other - **Larry Barrios**

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This week on Thursday in our book study of The 21 Irrefutable Laws Of Leadership, one of the many topics we discussed was priorities. This made me reflect on how important it is to set priorities for my teams and myself. This will be one of the areas that my teams and I will be concentrating on to improve the operation of our department and the focus of our teams. - **Jay Johnson**



Continuing to find new ways to meet the needs of the customers – that is what sets Technology Services apart. This week I watched the CCC jump in and find a way to begin a process of documenting the received document cameras for the secondary campuses. Any time our teams are asked to help in a different way, the willingness is always there. I love that about our department!!! Jennifer



Reflecting on adversity and the team's reaction to it brings pride. "if it were easy, everyone would do it" How true this statement is. I am grateful to work with such dedicated and capable team mates! - **John Crumbley**



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The week was stressful for campuses due to STAAR testing. The stress was heightened as campuses started reporting issues on Tuesday when students couldn't save their online tests. On Tuesday, Ashley Clayburn called and asked for a 2nd phone line to be dedicated to the testing company, ETS. As I heard the stress in her voice, I contacted Roland Padilla and asked him to address her need as a priority. Very quickly, Ashley had a phone line and was thanking our team. Linda Macias, also expressed her thanks. It is impressive that service was provided quickly however what is most impressive is that I never doubted their needs would be met as a top priority because that is how our team responds – quickly and efficiently – taking care of our students first. Wow! - **Frankie Jackson**



Enjoy this time! Reflect back on your hard work. Take some time to relax and be with your family. This is the start of spring! The time when spring is in the air and when Nature resumes her loveliness, this the also the time for the human soul is to revive itself. - **Larry Barrios**