

End of Week Reflections

June 24, 2016



Jay vacationing!

– Jay Johnson



I spent most of last week in Austin attending the CoSN CTO conference. It is always a refreshing experience to meet others from across the state from large and small districts – our goals are very similar. Finding new ways to provide the best service possible. As has been said by others, I love representing CFISD and sharing the things that only a great team can accomplish. **Jennifer**



It has been a fantastic week! Reflecting is a joy. I attended the COSN / TexasCTO summer conference and clinic in Austin, Texas. It is a wonderful time to learn and share with our peers. I had the opportunity to present with Rodney White this year. It changes your view when you are the one on stage! I relished in the satisfaction that our team continued to perform in our absence. - **John Crumbley**



I was reminded last week while I was at the Texas K-12 CTO summer conference, *the bigger the challenge, the bigger the opportunity*. At the conference, I was asked over and over, how are we able to take on the number of projects, all of which are humongous and complex. I responded by saying we have the smartest, most hardworking staff there is – coupled with each of us knowing that our challenges bring about the opportunity to make a change in student success. I never take for granted being part of the CFISD team. I am so proud to come to work every day! – **Frankie Jackson**

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June is already half over. It seems that school just ended yesterday. Where has the time gone? Everyone is so busy with working on all of the summer projects. Now we are working 10 hour days, but it is still not enough time to get everything completed. The Technology teams are working hard so when everyone comes back, all will be good. I hope everyone will be able to take a little time off this summer to recharge. Have a great summer. – **Jay Johnson**



As our teams continue to work together, I continue to be impressed about what we are able to do together. This last week our team worked on a new implementation. The team worked together and found an excellent solution. Working with our team continues to prove the old saying as true – **Together Everyone Accomplishes More**. This is most definitely reflects our **TEAM**. **Jennifer**



As we gathered this week to celebrate Gwyn Wolke's retirement, I was filled with joy and nostalgia. Gwyn's 22 years flew by, and it reminds me to make every moment count, every moment intentional. What legacy will we leave when we retire? In an instant, we will be retiring and wondering where did the time go and what have I left undone. Start your legacy today. – **John Crumbley**



Reflecting
Planning
Implementing

- **Paula Ross**



Summer is in full swing! Just when we thought the pressure was on in the summer of 2014, we didn't know anything until we got to 2015. Now in 2016 – **THE PRESSURE IS ON** with our summer priorities: LANDesk, VoIP phones, wireless cutover to Data Center 4, and Firewall upgrades. Our staff is stepping up to the challenge of stamina, teamwork, scheduling, coordination, communication, and persistence. I am honored to work under pressure with this team and this team only. I appreciate this team more than ever and my respect for everyone continues to grow! – **Frankie Jackson**



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Yes, it is true, I look at all the work we have done for the LANDESK rollout, as I reflect back, I know that I have a great team. This is evident in all of the work they have done. Everyone has 10 separate fingers which are 10 separate units. Close them and the fists multiplies strength. This is teamwork, this is DII. DII is 10 individuals who together are a strong unit. Together they can accomplish anything. – **Larry Barrios**

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June 10, 2016



This week my 90 year old mother fell and broke her hip and arm. She had surgery and is doing well. The doctor told my sister that she was concerned because of my mothers age and my mom may not survive the surgery. This made me reflect on how sudden things could change and how important it is to let everyone know how important they are. We need to treat each other like it could be the last time we see them. – **Jay Johnson**



Spending a portion of last week reminded me of the reason I wanted to be a part of education. Making connections, helping people learn something today that they didn't know yesterday, and learning individually. It does not matter if your audience is 6 or multiples 6 – learning is exciting. I am glad I am in this district and serve on this team. **Jennifer Miller**



Another great school year is now complete. We joke “We survived another one” but the truth is that is that it truly was a GREAT school year! We had many accomplishments and are proud of them. The staff grew professionally to new heights of excellence. We delivered new services such as the eSchool Mobile App. This changed the way parents interact with their child’s education in 2016! **John Crumbley**



Reflecting

– **Paula Ross**



As I participated in the RRR conference, I beamed with pride to be part of the CFISD team. Most of the sessions required some form of technology. I reflected on how far our team has come in a short amount of time to be able support the technology needs of the Berry Center. Wireless connectivity was great. The speed of the network was great. Our leadership team represented the conference well. We were invited to lunch in the Zone as VIPs. All reports from those running the conference were excellent! What a great way to close out the school year! – **Frankie Jackson**



Reflecting

- **Larry Barrios**

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June 3, 2016



School is out and most of the District employees are ready for some well earned time off. That is except for the Technology departments. We start our most busy time of the year. We have equipment to replace, software to install, cabling to run, and hundreds of other things that need to be done. We also have a new high school Cy Parks to make ready for a new school year. Reflecting on all of this makes me think how exciting and important this time of year is for the Technology teams. – **Jay Johnson**



After watching my daughter and 891 of her classmates walk across the stage to graduate on Saturday, I couldn't help but feel a sense of pride. Not only from a personal level, but a professional level as well. Seeing the goal met by hundreds and thousands of graduates is awe-inspiring. The part we all play in students reaching new heights is overwhelming. I am CFISD Proud!!! **Jennifer**



It is the Last Day of School! I feel like a student! It had been a miraculous school year. So many accomplishments to be proud of. Taking a moment to reflect back on the school year is very rewarding. We have successfully completed another year and graduated over 7,500 seniors. It was a GREAT school year! – **John Crumbley**



“Best laid plans” This is how I felt the week as a minor issue arose in our Bond Implementation. Our team pulled together to once again show how wonderful and competent they are. I am renewed in my joy that our team is the best team and prepared to finish strong! - **Paula**



A huge highlight for me was participating in the Danish elementary technology conference on Friday. We've communicated to campuses over the past two years that we had to upgrade the infrastructure first, before we could deliver instructional technology. The conference was a reminder of how close we are and what the impact will be. Teachers are starting to receive new Promethean boards, hovercams, audio systems, and devices. What a great way to end the school year, seeing teachers being trained on new technology tools! I was thrilled and am so proud!. – **Frankie Jackson**



As we reach the end of the school year, I know that we are still hard at work trying to finish up goal bond initiatives and projects. All of our projects are complex and logistically have many layers. People who do not know our district or seen projects of this size, fail to understand the magnitude of the projects. I feel that my team can accomplish their goals. They understand the end result, have planned and work together to achieve their goal. I am proud to see their dedication and **I am not afraid.** - **Larry Barrios**