

# End of Week Reflections

March 25, 2016



The month of March has been an exciting time. There was the start of Daylight Saving Time, Spring Break, St. Patrick's Day, the first day of Spring, Good Friday, and Easter. We also finishing TELPAS testing and we start STAAR testing. I am very proud of how my teams have supported the students and staff of the District and I am looking forward to another exciting month in April. - **Jay Johnson**



I appreciate the time that all teams have worked to get to know each other better and to find ways to work together successfully. Thursday morning was a prime example as the CCC, AAS, and TSC team leaders met together in their weekly meeting. Reviewing the Gr8 Expectations gave us a great chance to reflect over the year's success. - Jennifer Miller



Reflecting on this weeks activities brings a joyous smile to my face. This week witnessed teamwork as co-workers came together to accomplish multiple tasks. It also saw team members step up and take on leadership roles, making good decisions. As the leader of this team, nothing could make me prouder that seeing the ISA team members take ownership. #proud – **John Crumbley**



While studying John Maxwell's 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership, last week's Law of Connection resonated with me. It is important to communicate openly and honestly with people in order to gain their trust. Authenticity is a trait people are looking for, but only if they are honest with themselves. Let the walls come down and allow yourself to connect with someone. -Paula Ross



I had the opportunity to work with the Instructional Technology department, our staff, and a couple of our strategic partners to assess options for bringing home Internet access to low-income students. I then walked the Reed elementary school campus and watched students using a variety of devices and instructional games, all online. That is what I love most about our work! We are able to take students where they may never be able to go... we are able to deliver the future and expand their minds to new dimensions... all across the connections that we provide. I love our work and I hope you do too! - 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**

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Attending several district leadership training sessions this week, I am refreshed my joy working for CFISD. It is busy time with multiple priorities running simultaneously. But knowing that the district values and invests in our stewardship makes all the difference. Now, as we move into a break, I am refreshed and renewed in my joy. Thank You CFISD!  
- **John Crumbley**



It is hard to believe it is Spring Break! You know you love what you do when you don't want to pull yourself away to go on vacation. You know you love the people you work with when you know you will miss them very much. At the same time, if you neglect to recharge a battery it dies. If you let your gas tank runs out, your car will stop. If you race full speed ahead without stopping for water, you lose momentum and won't finish the race. I hope everyone that is taking a break, does just that. I hope those that are working, find the pace of the day a little slower. I hope to return recharged and relaxed! - **Frankie Jackson**



Spring Break is upon us. Everyone has worked so hard to take care of needs of students and staff. I hope that everyone enjoys the time they have to spend with family and friends, and travel, or enjoy the unstructured time at home. It is great to know that we have wonderful team members continuing to serve in Technology Services - **Jennifer**



Without a doubt, Spring is in the air! It is the time of year that teachers and students prepare for state testing, spring festivals, anticipation of graduation, and the list goes on. Take time for yourself this week as we recognize Spring Break. Take time to renew your mind, replenish your energy, recollect your thoughts as we finish the year strong. Finally and perhaps most important, enjoy your break! -**Paula Ross**



Spring Time usually means spring cleaning and making changes. As I reflect back on this, I think it is time that we work on making changes for the better, making changes that will make a difference this spring. Let's continue to work hard and clean up projects. Let's continue and keep building up our department - **Larry Barrios**

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Last week was an exciting week as we welcomed a neighboring district on a visit. It was wonderful to share those items that we have tried to incorporate to obtain improved results. Finding new strategies and incorporating new processes keeps everything moving in a positive direction and reminds me that Excellence is not a destination, but a daily journey. - **Jennifer**



Reflecting this week reinforces my concept of solid grounding. While there were important tasks, a family emergency reminds me of the importance of maintaining a solid foundation. This is true in the workplace as well. It is the connections and trust relationships that all accomplishments are built from. Ironically, we covered this in our book study this week: **Law 6 – Solid Ground.**- **John**



Last week, I reflected on growth. This week, I watched as our grew professionally and personally. As we encountered a challenge with a campus conversion, the team members jumped in to combined their individual skills to solve a new problem. Together they were able to diagnose and resolve the issue. The sense of urgency promoted their grow to success. I've never been prouder! - **Paula Ross**



I had the opportunity to visit with other districts at the TASBO conference. When I talked about our team, what we have accomplished, our performance excellence program, our service level agreement, our website.... the list goes on and on – I could feel my face smile and my eyes beam with genuine pride. I had someone ask what our secret is. I said there are a lot of things but one thing that stands out is, “our team is very smart and committed, that finds a way, not an excuse.” I am grateful to work with all of our staff and represent the CFISD team! – **Frankie Jackson**



This past week I looked around at all of the work this department is doing. There is not just one thing that has lead us to success. I feel it has been a combination of passion, dedication, and hard work. It is what we do together for each other, not matter how small or how big. These actions come together like a puzzle to form the big picture.- **Larry Barrios**