

End of Week Reflections

September 30, 2016



It is already October and it looks like our teams are not slowing down. We keep getting request for new equipment. We keep getting request to remove old equipment. We keep getting request to fix broken equipment. I do not know when we will get a chance to take a break. I guess it is good to stay busy and to know that our teams are needed. The Holiday season will be here soon and I hope our teams will get some time to enjoy the Holidays. But for now they will stay busy.



This week was filled with a myriad of experiences. Sitting in for Frankie at a CPOC meeting was a wonderful experience. Being reminded of how it all comes together on a campus is wonderful. Working on transition plans and succession plans are rewarding and sad. As one friend leaves the groups, a new friend joins. My reflection this week is one of joy. Busy but rewarding!

- **John Crumbley**



We recently started Teaming for Transformation meetings in the department. These are cross-functional, goal-oriented working group meetings, geared towards accomplishing a specific task that will bring about organizational transformation. These meetings reminded about the power of synergy: the influence of working together. Our ability as a group to outperform as an individuals is more influential that I remembered. Check out what we have accomplished in just such a short period of time because it is impressive. I am thankful for everyone's support. **Frankie Jackson**



This week I took a few days to visit my daughter in Kentucky. It was great to see her thrive and excel in a new environment. I was reminded of the reasons that we all do what we do. Helping to prepare today's students for tomorrow's successes and challenges – what an honor to serve CFISD!!

- **Jennifer Miller**



Fresh off a wonderful vacation, I'm reminded of what an excellent staff we have. I enjoyed a near off-grid vacation knowing that the ECN and NMO team members worked extra hard during my time off. This week was fast and furious but rewarding. All projects are progressing well and the over all Bond status is good.

- **Paula Ross**



Today I pause to reflect on the great group of people we have in the DII team. Having completed the LANDesk installation and now the training is a wonderful feeling. But I know there is much more to be done. Each team member has focused on closing their customer support tickets, reducing the total number of outstanding tickets. This accomplishment allows us to dedicate more time to furtherer configuring LANDesk to better meet the needs of the CFISD community. The future is ours!

- **Larry Barrios**

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September 22nd was the first day of Autumn. We have already completed the first five weeks of school. Where has the time gone? All of the teams have been very busy providing service to the schools. I think this has been our most busy school startup that I can remember. With all of the new technology that was installed, this summer our teams have been on the go constantly. Exciting! Exciting! -**Jay Johnson**



This was a very busy week in – really every week is very busy. However, this week we had the opportunity to spend time with our Technicians. Changing the format of the meeting and focusing on making connections with people enriched all that I did last week. What an amazing team we have and that we serve!! **Jennifer Miller**



This week I was reminded to keep the main thing the main thing. “Enjoy the special moments” You never know the impact of the impressions you make on someone. So I ask myself, did I add value to every person I talked to this week or did I drag ‘junk’ into the conversation. John Maxwell says “all communicate, few connect.” Make sure you never pass up on an opportunity to connect. - **John Crumbley**



Enjoying the last moments of vacay!

- **Paula Ross**



I was recently asked, “What fulfillment do you receive as an employee of the education field? I said, “As an employee of the education field, coupled with a specialty in technology, I receive double the fulfillment. Being able to contribute to student’s learning and their academic achievement, as well as supporting students in the achievement of their dreams - makes my heart race. We deliver the future and there is not one day that I take that for granted. My loyalty to the students and staff of CyFair ISD is paramount. It is an honor to serve CFISD. “ How blessed I am! - **Frankie Jackson**



Reflection is the greatest motivating change agent.

- **Larry Barrios**

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Back from vacation and had a great time in Hawaii. Spent most of our time on Maui and enjoyed our time there. Also took a day trip to Pearl Harbor to see the Arizona Memorial on Oahu. It makes one reflect on the sacrifice that the members of our military made to keep our country free. I am glad to be back home and able to be working with the CFISD family due to their sacrifice. - **Jay Johnson**



Some times we get caught up in the every day struggle of things and focus on the trials and tribulations that we encounter. I have been reminded several times lately that it is important to focus on the positive. We should never forget that we are in a wonderful school district that puts students and staff first. **Jennifer Miller**



Completing the fourth week of school is overwhelming. "Time flies when your having fun." Attending the DLT fills me with pride as I listen to success we have had as a district. Specifically, how well the technology department is doing with the Bond Initiative upgrades. The hard work this summer is paying off. Way to go CFISD TS!
- **John Crumbley**



Enjoying
vacay!



- **Paula Ross**



I visited schools during the week. Walking through the halls seeing all the new technologies is exciting. Spending time at Campbell middle school, listening to students as they used their personal devices to connect to BYOT was a dream come true. Though we are improving processes with BYOT, we are on our way to having the most successful program in the nation. I know that because I talked to a national reporter from "The Journal" and they've been looking for a district to interview and share experiences. Needless to say I am proud of our team! **Frankie Jackson**



I reflect back this week and I know we put a lot of time in here at work, I just want everyone to know that family is important. Take and spend time with them. Enjoy the special moments, they only come around once. Without the special moments we would have no memories.

- **Larry Barrios**

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Enjoying vacay!



- Jay Johnson



It isn't often that every time you turn around you see people doing whatever it takes to move forward. I can say that this is truly the rule instead of the exception in Technology Services.

Helping staff extended hours and volunteering to assist with new projects – these are all items that you see team members willing to do. **Jennifer**



I am always amazed at how time flies! Completing the 3rd week of school brings the first set of middle and high school progress reports. School is fully underway now. The summer of 2016 is now a distant memory. I am also amazed to see how well the ISA team handles adversity. As challenges arise and stress gets tougher, the team pulls together to continue to achieve excellence!- **John Crumbley**



Enjoying vacay!



- Paula Ross



Putting together a short video of Technology Services staff ([see here](#)) made me smile every time I watched it: and I watched it over and over as I cut in the videos and music. I never got tired of it. I know it is because I sincerely like and care about everyone on this team. It's great when we enjoy what we do and are inspired by the level of impact we have on students and staff. It's icing on the cake when we love coming to work and enjoy the people we get to work with every day. There is not a day that goes by that I take that for granted. I am so glad to be here! - **Frankie Jackson**

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September 2, 2016



Enjoying vacay!



- **Jay Johnson**



As we continue into this new school year, I continue to be impressed with our teams. Although we have many service requests and much to do, our team continues to be focused on new ways to help the staff and students of our district. Thank you team for always looking for new ways to serve and meet the needs. - **Jennifer Miller**



We have completed the 2nd week of school, and enrollment continues to increase. Opportunity of all is Here! As I reflect over the first couple weeks on the school year, I could not be prouder. Our team has successfully overcome every challenge they have faced. At the end of the day, you are only as good as the team you are part of. We have a wonderful team! Thank You ISA! - **John Crumbley**



Are there ever enough hours in the day? This is my initial reflection, but then as I pause to truly reflect on the first two weeks of school, I see how many wonderful things were accomplished. I am very proud of our team! - **Paula Ross**



The last time I felt like I did on Tuesday was in 2003, when a widespread computer virus brought down the network for 36 hours at my previous district. The livelihood of the district hinges on the network connectivity and Internet access we provide. When that service is unavailable, everything comes to a halt. That was the situation our teams worked through (see [here](#)). When this happens, you sure get to see what everyone on this team is made of, which is persistence, competence, and professionalism! What a team to be proud of – THANK YOU - **Frankie Jackson**



Has it really been two weeks or is has only been two weeks of school?! The start of this school year was fast and furious. The DII team celebrated so many accomplishments this summer, and then school started. It seems like it was yesterday we were discussing LANDesk and now it is in the rearview mirror. We've set the bar high, DII style. It is going to be a great school year marked by incredible accomplishments. I am proud of our team and excited to see what lies ahead for us. Looking forward to 2017! - **Larry Barrios**