

End of Week Reflections

October 28, 2016



Monday is Halloween and we all need to be on the watch for all of the little ghosties and goblins searching for treats. The children are our future and we need to keep them safe. When you are out and about on Monday be vigilant and watch out for the little ones. If you are attending a Halloween party you also need to be safe. Have a great time and let us know about all of the scary fun you had.

Happy Halloween!!!  - Jay Johnson



This week was full of successes. Monday saw a celebratory luncheon for the finance upgrade. Tuesday we met with HR to discuss 'paperless onboarding'. I remind myself, "if it were easy, everyone would do it." At the end of the week, I reflect back over my experiences and see that everything works for the good.

Happy Fall Y'all - John



Our team has now been working on the 2014 Bond for three years. That's a long time in technology time. I'm reminded of a quote: "success is the ability to go from one task to another without the loss of enthusiasm." I believe it is easy to be enthusiastic for 3 minutes or 3 weeks or 3 months. But for a team to keep the enthusiasm high for 3 years is a true sign of team success. As we work through the challenges of managing service, completing overdue requests, and tackling problems, let's keep the enthusiasm at an all time high! Together we are brilliant - **Frankie**



This last week was spent reviewing multiple processes and procedures. Continuing to review the items that keep everyone informed is a rather daunting task. I appreciate the service technicians and CCC analysts that spent time with me reviewing what we have done and what we need to do to continuously improve. **Jennifer**



Fast and Furious – CFISD Style
This week was definitely fast and furious. The Bond Projects are progressing well. Our team is working at incredible levels of excellence. I could not be prouder. And to this team, we are lucky to have Mike Raspet move into the role of Project Manager. Mike's skill and experience will serve the team well. A special thanks to Mike for accepting this new challenge. - **Paula Ross**



I wanted to say HAPPY HALLOWEEN to all. May you treats, because everyone deserves a treat every now and then.



- Larry

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On Friday I had the opportunity to attend the Texas K-12 CTO Fall Meeting in the Woodlands. The keynote speaker was giving by Dr. Scott Muri the Superintendent for Spring Branch ISD. His message was about personalized learning. He spoke about anywhere anytime learning. He talked about creating culture of collaboration and creating infrastructure that enables 24/7/365 learning. This made me reflect on this is what CFISD is currently doing. - Jay Johnson



It seems that the weeks keep getting better! This week saw the successful completion of the finance system upgrade. By noon the first day, the upgrade team was solving minor issues. This was remarkable! The week ended with the opportunity to attend the TexasCTO Annual Fall Meeting. With the air crisp and cool, it was a great fall meeting. - John Crumbley



This week I was asked to prepare an update on the 2014 Bond technology infrastructure. As I worked on the slides, I reflected on the sacrifices our team has made in terms of hard work, stress, being stretched too then, just to name a few. Dr. Henry will be giving this presentation 11-1-2016 to the Long Range Planning Committee. I will be so proud to hear his report to the committee because we have delivered on everything we recommended and all the community funded. A highly credible team under promises and over delivers! Thank you for everyone's support– Frankie Jackson



This week was a week full of meetings regarding continuous improvement. Spending Wednesday with the Technician teams allowed us to reflect upon the support that should be provided day in and day out. Spending Friday with surrounding districts further reinforced the fact that we are on the right track. **Jennifer Miller**



The CFISD Technology Team never ceases to amaze me. This week I attended several meetings where our work was highlighted. "Sometimes we fail to see the forest for the trees." It is refreshing to see the culmination of our work celebrated. The highlight came Friday as I attend the COSN Fall Workshop with our leadership team and watched Larry Barrios present CFISD's LANDesk implementation. - Paula Ross



This past week, I was fortunate enough to attend a workshop at another district and interact with other districts. What I realized is that I work at a great district. I am lucky to be at Cy-Fair. At Cy-fair we are always leading and doing things that other districts are just starting or researching. We get so involved with our task and jobs that we do not realize that we are leading the way in a lot of our initiatives. - Larry

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On Thursday the District Leadership Team met at Cy Park the District's new high school for their monthly meeting. At the meeting the Distinction Designation Recognition awards for the 2015-2016 state accountability system were announced and given to the principals. It seemed to me that just about every school in our District received an award. This made me reflect on how many great schools we have in our District and how hard all of the principals work. - Jay



This was an incredible week! Rodney and I were fortunate to attend the SunGard National Users Conference (SNUG) in Ft. Worth, Texas. We were able to learn the latest offerings from SunGard and how our peers around the country is adopting the new technologies. While Rodney and I were away, the team continued to perform at exceptional levels. We are blessed with a wonderful team! - **John Crumbley**



I was reminded this week about how important it is to be proactive. "*Being proactive rather than reactive means to control a situation rather than letting it control you.*" We had three teaming for transformation meetings, all of which were centered around working on issues **that we know are issues** – but are working on the issues to find solutions before we are told by a customer that we have a problem. In all three meetings, the issues in the issues we worked, three customers expressed concerns about those issues. It was great to show proactive measures are underway – **Frankie**



Continuing to learn and grow and find new ways to serve staff and students is something we are serious about. This week was filled with multiple opportunities to learn and grow. I appreciate our district being one that continues to encourage growth and new ideas and is not content to keep with the status quo. **Jennifer**



Reflecting . . .

- **Paula Ross**



This past week DII has been focused on working on two things, iSupport tickets and Teaming for Transformation. The team came to one conclusion. This conclusion is something they have known before and that no matter what they do, they succeed better as a team. Together they can reduce the tickets and continue to manage them. Together, they can work on taking LANDESK to the next level. They will Transform this team, but together. - **Larry**

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October 7, 2016



On Friday I attended the technology performance excellence award meeting. Three of the technology team members were awarded the performance excellence award. All of the recipients were well deserving. What inspired me the most was how all of the other team members were all truly happy for the winners and how that the remainder of the meeting was an exercise in team building. It was a great day for everyone. - Jay Johnson



Finding new and creative ways to connect on our teams is something that we all take very seriously. Each meeting we have gives each team an opportunity to connect on multiple levels and find new ways to excel. I truly appreciate each person's dedication to participation and excellence. - **Jennifer Miller**



I do not think I have ever been prouder to be part of a team! Attending the annual department meeting and seeing the performance excellence award recipients honored and being involved in the team building exercise was hugely rewarding. It is no wonder this is an award winning team! Way to go CFISD Technology Services.

- **John Crumbley**



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I remember hearing a mentor of mine say, "organizations that play together stay together." I thought about that as I looked around during our department meeting. The idea that we could take a simple concept of a game, "family feud," and buy little inexpensive noise makers to add some fun, then see everyone laughing and participating was a great way to end the week. Additionally, to reward three of our staff members with performance excellence awards kicked it over the top. The food, the videos, the crystal awards, and a feeling of team spirit made me so proud! - **Frankie Jackson**



This week was particularly rewarding for the DII team. We worked long and hard this summer on the LANDesk installation and integration. It was a challenge we accepted and successfully completed. This week, LANDesk came to CFISD to document our successes. Team members were interviewed as LANDesk visited several sites to see the product in action. They also filmed much of the their time here to make a testimonial video highlighting our success. It was wonderful to see our team highlighted! - **Larry**