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During the weeks prior to school starting – there are MANY tasks that need to be done. We try to get to all of them over the summer; however, Murphy's Law says that everyone's fire will go to uncontrollable state first...

Several tasks were coming down to the wire and I was certain that quite a few were going to be incomplete given the quantity of tasks that so many wanted to have done 'by start of school'.

Several team members grabbed on to the hose and found ways to bring the fires under control. The following people, directly helped me...

- **Tim Meers, Mike Coats, and Brian Schupbach** – of SWMiTech
- **Deb Chambers, Mary Schinske, Windee Wagner, Denise Verner, and Scott Williams** – of MiCase
- **Dirk Bradley, and Don Dailey** – of Trig Project

Thanks everyone!

John Burns
MiCase

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A huge Kudos to the **WoodsEdge SCI and support staff** who attended the recent two day MOVE training. The presenter commented that she was impressed by our participation and how well we worked as a team. The PT department would like to thank our administrators for bringing this program to WELC and our awesome staff for your enthusiasm and willingness to incorporate the MOVE curriculum into your classrooms. Think of what we can accomplish as we "MOVE" forward from here!

WoodsEdge PT Department

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With all of the construction over here at West Campus, a fellow staff and I have found ourselves removed from our other Early Childhood folks and stationed in an area usually reserved for papa-professionals from the YAP program. It was definitely quiet over here during the summer. Now that school is back in session and students are bustling about, it is much more rowdy and much more fun! The students are so respectful -- constantly greeting us and holding doors open for us. The staff are fun and funny and seem to work so well together. They have been so kind to these strangers in their midst and one of them has even brought me homemade jam! Thanks to **everyone from YAP** for being so kind to Mariama and me. What an amazing team you have!

Sarah Drumm

Great Start Collaborative - West Campus

Collaboration

Alexis and **Ashley** (Parapro) were an awesome team yesterday when Mrs. Grace wasn't here. Great job ladies!!!

Charisse Laird

Green Village

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A huge thanks to **Ramona Shugars, Brad Storms, and Nancy Mihelich** (Business Office) who happily assisted me in attempting to find a payment of an unknown amount at an unknown time. I was preparing for a conference call to discuss a contract and payments that may or may not have needed to be paid. These three took time out of their busy schedules to assist me with searching for these prior payments. Thanks!

Andy Birt

ETO - West Campus

Compassion • Respect

We have had **Adam Danapilis** (Young Adult Program) as a principal for only two weeks, and the compassion that he has shown to his students and staff so far has been incomprehensible and commendable. I am not going to tell of a specific incidence, as there has been countless stories of his compassion this week alone. He has been more than willing to support the needs of EVERYONE he comes in contact with! Thank you Adam!

LaShonia Leonard
Young Adult Program

Trusworthy

Thank you **Ramona Shugars** (Business Office) for always being detail oriented and timely. I appreciate how quickly you respond to request for disbursements and how they are always accurate. It is greatly appreciated knowing I can always count on you!

Jeni Opel
HR - Service Center

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Thank you **Becky Adams** (Head Start) for coming our classroom and helping out. While you weren't able to get in to your classroom. It was a big help to have an extra set of hands while the children were and still are getting use to the classroom routine. Thank you so much!!!!

Jessica Hurn
West Campus

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John Burns (MiCase) jumped right in to help HR improve the annual process for Exemplary Attendance. In the past this has been a tedious task of comparing spreadsheets... now, the process has been greatly improved. Thanks to the new script that John wrote to query and parse the data in the Employee Portal, with the click of a button we have the data we need to identify those who qualify for Exemplary Attendance rewards. A BIG shout out to John for this process improvement that will benefit the HR department for years to come.

Barb Smalla
HR - Service Center

Collaboration

A HUGE thank you to **Kayley Mingus** (SW MiTech) who assisted HR with skype and taping of our benefit enrollment meeting at the service center. Kayley went above and beyond making sure everything was set up and running smoothly. Thank you!

Jeni Opel
HR - Service Center

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Nathalie Alwane (Communications) has been a pleasure to collaborate with on the development of the EFE/EFA 10th grade presentations. She is very insightful and understands the needs of our group and responds with high quality deliverables. Thank you, Nathalie, for your hard work!

Irene Mayfield
EFE

Collaboration

I am responsible for reporting the REP report to CEPI two times each year. The building code that gets reported for each employee is currently pulled from MiSuite dependent on the ASN each employee's salary is paid with. The current set up is reporting several dozen employees with incorrect data. I currently have to manually alter employees building number in the REP report to correct the wrong building codes. **Brad Storms** (Business Office) was kind enough to listen to my thoughts and concerns, confirm the ASN does currently drive the building number, to come to my office and sit with me and look at both MiSuite and the REP report, to double check that a manual change option in MiSuite of building number would not cause any issued in the Business Office and to be even put in a ticket with the MiCase development team for the change. I so appreciate his collaborative spirit and willingness to help me find a more effective way to do my job. Thank you Brad for all your hard work and your willingness to work together!!!

Melinda Nelson
HR - Service Center

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Xenia McKay (D/HH) collaborated with Ken Slocum of Jersey Giant Subs on Oakland to gain a donation of a party platter to feed our participants at Angling Road Elementary's D/HH Family Night Party. We are grateful to Xenia and Ken for the great meal that helped make our night successful.

Kathleen Robertson
D/HH - Angling Road Elementary

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Huge Kudos to **Angie Melvin** and **Traci Soule** (EFA) for being the highlight of our D/HH Family Night program!! They volunteered their time to introduce the work they have been doing with our D/HH students to their families, and to families with preschool D/HH students. The students had a great time, and the parents loved seeing what their students are enjoying here at Angling Road.

Your work has shown that D/HH students can do anything, and have fun learning it.

Kathleen Robertson

D/HH - Angling Road Elementary

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I just wanted everybody to know how awesome **Kelsey Terpstra**, **Rachel Prowse**, and **Maribeth Stanley** (Special Education Paraprofessionals) are! When they are faced with a challenging situation, they look at the situation and find a solution that represents all of KRESA's core values. Every single day, each one of them give our kids their all and are always coming up with innovative ways to teach our kids. They are all rock-stars and everybody should know it!

Kevin Bickings

WoodsEdge Learning Center

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