



## Monthly Kudos Digest

Collaboration • Innovation • Compassion • Trustworthy • Respect

March 2015

### Collaboration • Compassion

A big thanks to **Mark Spackman, Mark Dersch, Galen Patrick** and **Steven Bohjanen** from our friendly MiTech staff. REMC needed some very large old pieces of machinery moved out of our print shop so that a delivery could be made of our new large pieces of machinery. This group of muscular men with big hearts volunteered, assembled together, and got them out of the way. Thank you from the REMC staff!

*Gary Hubbard*  
REMC



### Compassion

In honor of Social Work Month, I want to give a shout-out to all **Head Start Family Advocates** for all that is required from you and for the many times you go above and beyond for every single child and family you serve! You often don't receive the recognition nor validation of your work and effort, but know that leading with compassion will inspire those you serve to discover their full potential! From one Social Worker to another, THANK YOU!

*Laura Morcus*  
Head Start



### Innovation

I issued a challenge to my staff to find a more effective way of communicating technical changes to staff. **Kayley Mingus, Mark Spackman,** and **Anne Goodrich** (Technology Services - MiTech) worked together to create some great screencast videos that were short and clear -saving us all from having to read another long boring email. Thank you!

*Brian Schupbach*  
Technology Services



## Collaboration

**Mark Lemmer** (Maintenance) is very willing to support some projects at Valley Center. He tiled a beautiful back splash in our vocational room, which will benefit all the students and increase the longevity of that area. He also spent an entire day hanging brackets and rods in our "Closet." Clothing is now better displayed and we have more capacity. Thank you Mark!

*Mary Guthrie*

*Valley Center/Special Education*

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## Collaboration

**Mindy Miller** (Special Education) was such a support in helping me to prepare for a presentation recently given at a county-wide meeting. Her organization, ideas, support and feedback were most appreciated. Because of your collaboration a very professional and polished meeting informed many county administrators.

*Mary Guthrie*

*Valley Center/Special Education*

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I really appreciate **Jessica Hurn, Meadow Nuyen, Chris Clement, and Diane Davis** (Head Start-Christian Life Center) for the help and support during my cleaning and organizing in anticipation of our federal monitoring visit. Ladies, you're the best and I enjoy working with you!! :-)

*Diane Connell*

*Head Start-Christian Life Center*

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## Collaboration

A special thank you to **Susie Shaw** (Head Start) for knowing the value of team work. When she completes her job, she reaches out to other team members to assist to make sure all staff are prepared and ready for their week ahead. Thanks for your hard work and dedication!

*Stacy Schmitzer*

*Kalamazoo RESA Head Start*

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A special thank you to my family advocate team **Daniel Jimenez, Tony Shepard and Sandi Watson** (Head Start) for working with students and their families. They are the bridge which connects classroom staff and families. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to support our children.

*Stacy Schmitzer*

*Kalamazoo RESA Head Start*

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**Debbie Kolberg** (Education for Employment) is a rockstar!!! She was an integral part of the success of the 2015 Job Fair at WMU! Thanks to her patience and collaboration, we pulled off a rewarding day for over 200 high school juniors and seniors. Her management of the logistics made for a smooth event, as many employers testified to. I appreciate Debbie and love coming to work with her!

*Diane Fort*

*Education for Employment*

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Recently a last minute printing request came my way via a community effort being scheduled to benefit students in the EFE Health Science programs. **Carol Geving** (Education for Employment) jumped to my rescue by checking with **REMC Printing** to see if the document could get printed in time for the event. No sooner asked than done; the pamphlets were printed and ready to be handed out the following day. Carol and REMC Printing really came through, proving what it means to be a 'team'. The extra effort put forward was not only appreciated by me but the businesses involved and ultimately the students!

*Karen Robyn*

*Education for Employment*

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