

The View from Lori's desk...

A look back and a look ahead
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Ahhhh, fall... my favourite time of the year! Well, spring is pretty wonderful too, but there's just something about fall – bon fires and roasted marshmallows, pumpkin pies and all things cozy... Fall also seems like a time for catching up, organizing and tidying. Which, after the busy year we've had at ComVida, is way overdue! My Inbox needs a serious deep clean, if you know

what I mean.

What have we been up to...? Well, I'm glad you asked! One of our big goals this year is getting everyone moved from EMS42 up to CVC51 and it looks like we'll be able to hit that goal (Yay!). Along the way we've received a ton of positive feedback on all the new features and lots of excellent ideas too, so keep 'em coming – suggestions are always welcome!

Speaking of ideas and new features, we've had two major releases this year, 5.1.14, and coming soon, 5.1.15. Both of these versions have some serious goodies! If you've already upgraded to 5.1.14, hopefully you're taking advantage of the new **Leave Management** pages that are available in Self Serve and Scheduling, if not contact the [Helpdesk](#) to schedule an upgrade and/or training session – we've got several on tap through the fall and winter.

The upcoming release, 5.1.15, features a handy new **Assignment Approval** page in Scheduling, accompanied by a powerful new Pay Rules table. Using **Pay Rules**, you can configure alerts and exceptions for specific types of employees and shifts. Pay Rules are applied in the new Assignment Approval page, the Assignment Check process and the Time File Import. The Assignment Approval page is an easy-to-use tool for daily or weekly assignment reviews prior to the transfer to payroll, and it's an excellent way to *improve accountability* at the same time.

As we start our fall tidying and organizing, we're also thinking about what comes next. It's always an exciting time for me – reviewing requests, thinking about timelines, and planning projects. We are currently targeting May 2022 for the next major release. That's plenty of time to get comfortable with all the new features that we've introduced this year, right?

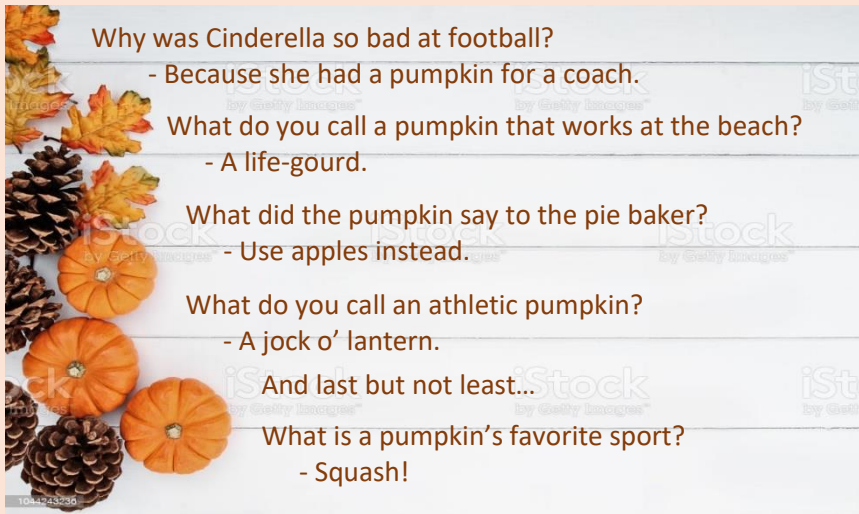


Along the same line, how about those processes? If you can't remember the last time your processes and procedures were updated, this is great time to think about a process review. A process review with the ComVida team will help you:

- Optimize your workflow by *identifying best practices*
- Ensure current *contract requirements* are being met
- Take full advantage of all the *new features in CVC51*

A friendly reminder from the Helpdesk: Year-end courses are coming soon to an Inbox near you!

I'd like to close with some seasonal witticisms (aka Dad Jokes 😊)...



This view features a classic quote from Anne of Green Gables, courtesy of L.M. Montgomery, and a hopeful Linus from It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown (Charles Shultz).