



# SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 4

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Highlights from the Red Nose Day Team serving at Catalina Elementary School



## JOYS

- Our team has been plugging into distance learning, working closely with students to support in virtual classrooms
- We continue to connect with students and share words of encouragement through social media
- Our teammate, Alexandra Woodson is working to obtain her teaching certificate through our OCPS Teacher Pipeline program

## STARFISH STORY – A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY KAYLEE ACOSTA



At the start of service, I had an instant connection with most of my students. However; there was one student who didn't seem to care I was there. Emma\* was quiet, kept to herself and would immoderately look away when I would approach her. I was determined to get to know her in hopes that she would open up, so I took

every opportunity to show her that I cared and was only there to help when she was ready. I found creative ways to make classwork fun and engaging, eat lunch with them and participating in recess. My priority was to prove to Emma that I would be there each day and that I cared about her. During our annual literacy night, our relationship turned a corner. My team was helping support the students and this was the first time she spoke to me. When she walked in and she saw me, her eyes lit up and ran over to say hello and gave me a big hug. Her mother shared with me that night how Emma has never looked up to someone like me. At that very moment, I understood why I chose to do this work. She needed to see what I cared and I had to earn her trust. **\*=Student Pseudonym**

## AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Nechelle Davis is from Fort Lauderdale, FL. She graduated from FAMU with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Quantitative Analysis. Nechelle chose to serve with City Year Orlando to be a positive role model for students who do not have one. She wants to let her students know that they have no limitations, they are capable and can achieve their dreams. Following her year of service, Nechelle plans to return to City Year Orlando next year to serve as a Team Leader.

## THE TEAM

Maria Anguiano	Kaylee Acosta	Ynande Ambroise
Michael Cabot	Nechelle Davis	Jasmine Daniel
Betty Maxi	Nicole Urdaneta	Chinonso Uzowihe
Alexandria Woodson		

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

- Corps Appreciation Day
- City Year Orlando Virtual Graduation

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