



SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 1

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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



JOYS

- Our team helped serve over 200 bagged lunches for students to take home for the weekend
- We celebrated our custodial staff for their hard work to help keep everyone at Catalina safe
- Congratulations to Catalina Elementary Principal Mr. Seth Daub for being a finalists for 2020-2021 Principal of the Year award

STARFISH STORY – A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY NECHELLE DAVIS



Danielle* is a student in my 3rd grade class that I worked with last year. She is a smart young lady, but struggled with math. When she would get a question wrong, she immediately shut down and would act out during class. This prevented her from focusing on her work and understanding why she got the question wrong. Danielle and I worked one-on-one in class – we talked about her behavior and other ways she could use that energy. Shortly after, I learned

that writing down her feelings seemed to help improve her behavior during class. This simple exercise allowed her to process her feelings, clear her mind and focus on the lesson. She began to recognize her poor behavior and would quickly work correct it. I continued to encouraged her to stayed focused and not get discouraged when she got answers wrong. I am happy to share that Danielle is now in 4th grade and doing great! I've seen such an improvement in her and can tell she is still using the things we learned together. Although she has a new City Year in her classroom, she still visits and I let her know that I will always be here for her. I see so much potential in Danielle and am so proud of how far she has come. ***=Student Pseudonym**

AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Ashley Pinto proudly serve as a Service Leader on the Red Nose Day team at Catalina Elementary School. She is from West Palm Beach, FL and graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a degree in Psychology. In her free time, Ashley enjoys going to be the beach and spending time with her family. Although service this year looks very different, she is reminded that supporting her students is needed now more than ever before. Ashley serves to be the person that she needed as a young student. She is proud to be a part of a diverse group of AmeriCorps

members working to help meet the needs of the Orlando community. After City Year, Ashley plans to pursue a career in the mental health field.

THE TEAM

Nechelle Davis	Laney DiRose	Xavier Driscoll	Alyssa Jones
Jaline Mareus	Katie McLaughlin	Christina Ocean	Ashley Pinto
Journey Reichhoff	Alexandra Woodson		

UPCOMING DATES

November

Student/Teacher Appreciation Wall
Attendance Spirit Week

December

Catalina Team Day