

## SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 1

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Highlights from the team serving at Meadowbrook Middle School





- Eileen O'Connell, our WSWC Coordinator is working hard to make sure our team understands all technology platforms so we can best support our students both in real and virtual classrooms
- Power Greeting has become the highlight of our day it's great to see students and staff joining in the fun!
- The Meadowbrook team is excited to be on campus supporting students every day they are growing, learning and building relationships with our team!



#### BY DEJAH CARWISE



My starfish student, Lance\* is a funny but very closed off student. He was not interested in making new friends. At the start of the year, Lance barely spoke to me but as time passed he began to slowly open up. One day, we were talking about setting and achieving goals and I realized that my role was to support and encourage him anyway I could. Each day in class, I made sure he knew that I was there to

support him. After Lance returned from winter break, he saw me on campus and immediately gave me a look that he really needed me. He finally opened up to me about some of the things he was going through – this day changed our relationship. My persistence paid off and he viewed me as someone he could trust and confide in. I remember crying when I returned to the City Year room because I was reminded of why I serve students. I have learned more from him than I have taught him – he showed me that what I am doing is enough. **\*=Student Pseudonym** 

# CAMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Emilio Martinez is a proud Mustang serving on the Meadowbrook Middle School team. He is from St. Petersburg, FL and graduated from the University of Mount Union. Emilio serves to be a positive impact on students and to be the voice telling them that their dreams are possible. After his year of service, Emilio plans to return to his alma mater to become a strength coach and hopes to one day own his own business that helps others become their best.



Destiny Wilson Ra'shon Hamilton Ruby Ponder Dejah Carwise Emilio Martinez

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### UPCOMING DATES

November

Mask & Art Contest Teacher Appreciation Cart December

Meadowbrook Team Day



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