



# CITY YEAR ORLANDO

## SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 2

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Highlights from the Red Nose Day Team at Catalina Elementary School



### JOYS

- Catalina has a little rubber duck and a Woody figurine that we hide throughout our team room for each other to find and rehide like finding Where's Waldo
- Before going to Thanksgiving Break the team put together a thanksgiving feast with everyone bringing something to the table
- We also had our first Team Outing at Southern Hill Farms where we got to go on a tractor ride, navigate a corn maze, pick some sunflowers and enjoy some local food

### STARFISH STORY - A STORY OF STUDENT IMPACT

BY KAYLA SMITH



My student \*Brian had a reputation of giving up, not participating nor focusing and struggling to find positive things about himself. One of his biggest struggles included not being able to read and feeling the constant burden of those around him being able to do so. Together, Brian and I came up with the solution that we would learn how to

read and recognize words by the end of the year. Although it was challenging work Brian never gave up and has been the most determined to practice his reading skills. During small groups he challenges himself to read out loud to the group and during ELA we've spent hours reading his favorite book, Chrysanthemum. Moreover, Brian has become more confident in himself and his thinking strategies. In both Math and ELA, I can always count on him to answer questions, perform think-alouds to the group and actively engage. His bubbly attitude and creative thinking makes having him in class a joy to myself and to his peers. Today, Brian can confidently identify vocabulary and read three books \*=Student Pseudonym

### AMERICORPS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Kayla is a proud AmeriCorps member serving on the Red Nose Day Team at Catalina Elementary School. She was born and raised in Orlando, Florida. Kayla serves to be a leader and a role model to not only the students in her classroom, but across the school. She seeks to inspire students to perform at their best academically, believe in themselves and achieve their goals. She is currently attending Keiser University for her Bachelor of Arts in Developmental Psychology with the intention of becoming a school psychologist.

### THE TEAM

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| Eileen O'Connell | Val Feijo   | Sam Justice      |
| Nick Roberts     | Kayla Smith | Ernasia Southall |

### UPCOMING DATES

**DECEMBER**  
 Student of the Month  
 Winter Teacher Appreciation  
 Team Holiday Celebration

**JANUARY**  
 Team Outing at Universal  
 ELA Showcase Kick-Off



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