

CITY YEAR MILWAUKEE

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Hello readers!

My name is Jan Luis Rivera González, one of the Team Leaders at Richard Kluge Creative Arts Elementary School. Along with my co-Team Leader, Terriona Hughlett, I'm excited to bring you these newsletters showcasing our team's service, impact, and joy throughout the school year.

These quarterly updates will highlight the meaningful work happening in our classrooms and community.

Here's a quick look at what we've been up to:

- PBIS Collaboration: Our team created a new power greeting—a fun, energizing chant—to help get students excited during PBIS celebrations.
- Boys & Girls Club Partnership: We've begun supporting CLC programming on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, building relationships and offering after-school support.
- City Year Jr. Launch: We launched City Year Jr., giving students opportunities to model leadership, uphold school expectations, and grow in their own service roles.

We look forward to sharing more moments and updates with you next quarter!



Jan Luis Rivera Gonzalez,
Team Leader at Kluge Elementary

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MEET THE TEAM!

Say hello to our amazing City Year team at Richard Kluge Creative Arts School! Our first-year AmeriCorps members — Jelani, Kayla, A'nya, Walker, Janiyah, Ayo, and Nalejah — along with our Team Leaders, Terri and Jan, have been having a great time kicking off the school year together. They're already building strong relationships, bringing positive energy into classrooms, and looking forward to all the growth, memories, and impact still to come!



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

I'd like to recognize *KY, who has stepped up as an outstanding leader in our classroom. As my first official City Year Junior, he embraced the role with confidence and enthusiasm from day one. His growth, leadership, and willingness to support his peers make me incredibly proud.

-First Year AmeriCorps member, Janiyah



**Pseudonym used to protect student identity*

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

We'd like to take a moment to spotlight our incredible principal, Keushum Willingham. From the very beginning, he has been a strong advocate for our team and has continued to support us—even during the toughest moments of the school year.

Despite the many responsibilities that come with being a principal, he remains a respected, steady, and student-centered leader. He consistently makes time for our team, whether it's a quick morning check-in or offering guidance when we need it most. His professionalism, care, and commitment to creating a welcoming environment make all the difference.

We truly couldn't ask for a better partner in this work.



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CURRENT EVENTS



Although we haven't hosted many events yet, our team is actively planning some exciting things for the school community. In the meantime, here are a few ways we've been supporting so far:

- Neighborhood Open House
- Coaching after-school dance and cheer teams

More to come soon!

PROGRESS TO GOALS

We're excited to share some positive early indicators from our school community:

- Nearly a 20% increase in attendance from September to October
- A noticeable boost in student morale across classrooms since City Year joined

We're energized by this momentum and look forward to continuing to support a strong, engaging, and joyful learning environment for all students.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested in serving with City Year Milwaukee? Applications for our next corps are open now at www.cityyear.org.

If you know a young person who may be a great fit, please connect them with our Community Partnerships Manager, Ysel, for more information and support.



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