

September 13, 2013



Action Items!

- TODAY! Math Diagnostic Data Due!
- 9/14 ACC!
- 9/20: Vision Draft 3 Due!
- 9/21 TFA-Jax Community Service Project!
See details on next page!
- 9/27 Reading Diagnostic Data Due!

*NOTE: This means you need to be giving your diagnostic ASAP if you haven't already!!



Team Awesome's Cohort Blast!

Steph's Pearls of Wisdom



At this point in the year, things are starting to get tough. But don't forget you can cry about it, or you can dance about it and make things awesome!

This week I have had the chance to observe amazing feats of AWESOME throughout our cohort! I am so humbled by the great work that all of you are doing with your students. I am looking forward to seeing all of you tomorrow at the ACC!

In my visits this week, I was able to see some AWESOME examples of our Cycle 1 Priorities!

Shout Outs!

Caitlin Hinrichs for owning her coaching and reaching out before her observation so we could target specific things in her class!

Meghan Putty and Calie Mohammed for taking ownership of their own professional development and rocking it with Real Time Coaching!

Brittany Taylor for immediately implementing feedback from my pop-in visit!

Stef Kamin and Alex Faler for helping our CMs transitioning into Kindergarten!

Nicole Janka for sharing the awesome Kid President video for teachers! [You can watch it here!](#)

You can submit shout-outs! Just email [Steph](#) before Thursday at 12:00PM!

- **Strong Vision and Goals:** Stef Kamin at RL Brown and Joey Brown at GW Carver have both transformational visions that are clearly internalized in their classrooms! Ms. Kamin's students are excited about getting the "knowledge to go to college!" Mr. Brown's students have taken ownership over their own morning meeting and are developing strong daily goals for themselves!
- **Strong Instruction Start:** Vanecia Thompson at North Shore is starting the year off strong in her 5th grade class. During my visit her students were urgently working towards mastery on their unit 1 science test! (This is after taking a billion DCPS mandated tests over the last few weeks!)
- **Strong Relationships:** Brittany Taylor at Justina Road has clearly forged a strong connection with her 1st graders! These kiddo are working hard to show Ms. Taylor that they are not Kindergarteners any more and they are ready to be super learners!

Don't forget that you will receive my feedback with next steps the evening following my observation along with my observation form. [If you want to talk 1:1 make sure you sign up for office hours!](#) I am here for you so make sure you are reaching out with questions, concerns, any thing!

Continue to reach out with questions, concerns and of course highlights! As always, Stay AWESOME!

Steph

Where in the world is your MTLD?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning: Observations: Schnarr, Strong, Griffin, Janka	Morning: Observations: Pruitt, Mays, and Fullerton Afternoon: TFA Office 12-3:30 Office Hour 4-6pm	Morning: Observations: McCalla, Hansen, Putty, Cheeseborough, Berlin, Galindo Afternoon: Observations: Bublitz, Thompson TFA Office 2-4:30	Morning: Observations: Johnson, Taylor, Dyson Afternoon: TFA Office 12-4pm Office Hour 4:30-6pm	Morning: Open for Additional Observations

News and Information from Around TFA-JAX!

ACC Childcare!

Do you need childcare during the 9/14 ACC? If so, then you must [RSVP here](#) by Wednesday, September 11th so that we can adequately accommodate your kiddos!

What to pack for your child(ren):

- *Breakfast and lunch if your child has any special dietary needs/allergies or is especially selective about food. We will have the same food that is available to CMs for breakfast and lunch be available for the kids.
- *Favorite snacks and drinks
- *Toys?! YAY TOYS!

Team Awesome Website!

The [Team Awesome Cohort Website](#) went live on Wednesday! It is still a work in progress, so check back often! Also, feel free to email Steph if you have ideas for the site or would like to help create/edit it! All deliverables will be submitted via the website!

TFA Jax Community Service Project!

Below is a message from Brittney Regal and Ahmed Logan regarding our first event on September 21.

"It is the beginning of the school year (again)! I hope that you are all having a great time meeting your new students. Each month we will have service opportunities, so that we can get together as a community and serve JAX. The first opportunity will be a beach cleanup. The date is September 21st, and the location is Beach Boulevard. We will meet at Jacksonville Beach (Beach Boulevard) at 6:50 a.m., and walk together to registration. The cleanup coincides with the United Nations International Day of Peace, which is focusing on education. This is a great way to get your students involved with community service. All they need is permission. Please, see the attached flyer for any other questions. You can also contact Brittney Regal (Brittney.N.Regal@gmail.com) or Ahmed Logan (ahmed.logan@teachforamerica.org) for more information. If you would like to come, you need to sign up with your MTLT by September 18th.

Awesome Teaching Ideas!

Want to know what a transformational and internalized vision look like in the classroom? Check out these two examples for Team Awesome! LEFT: Joey Brown at GW Carver's vision is displayed proudly at the front of his classroom. He has chunked his vision into clear goals and outcomes and deciphered it into kid friendly language. RIGHT: Carly Arnold at Justina Road's vision is literally the first thing you see before you enter her classroom. Students know right off the bat who they are in this classroom! If you need help making your transformational vision come to life email your LTLDs or sign up for office hours to talk!

