

September 19, 2013



Action Items!

- 9/22: Vision Draft 3 Due!

This can be written or a video explanation!

- 9/21 TFA-Jax Community Service Project!

See details on next page!

- 9/24: Duval Reading Council Special Event @6:30

See details on next page!

- 9/25: Real Time Coaching Sign-Ups Due!

- 9/27: Updated CM information Due!

- 9/29 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



We are slowly getting to that point in the year where things start to get tough. The honeymoon period with your kiddos is over, you're bombarded with data and commitments from TFA, DCPS, your school, and your diagnostic data looks like a giant mountain you will have to climb before you can even touch your grade level content!

When things get tough, I encourage you to think about why you are here. Why did you join TFA? Why did you decide to become a teacher? Hold on to this answer and use it to fuel your fire! There will be plenty of rough days ahead, but trust me the good days—the days when your kids are excited and pumped to learn sight words. The days when content just clicks and the light bulb in their little heads goes off! Those are the days that help us to push through!

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

- **Strong Vision and Goals:** Cara Fullerton at John Love has a transformational and internalized vision! Ms. Fullerton's Scholar Safari is quickly trekking through the maze of 2nd grade content in order to prepare their brains for college!
- **Strong Instructional Start:** Hannah Brown at RL Brown is pushing 3rd grade content for her students. This week Ms. Brown's lesson on ways to represent multiplication was both clear and engaging. Her 3rd graders were taking strong notes in their interactive journals!
- **Strong Relationships:** Regan Johnson at Justina Road clearly cares about her kindergarten students. Ms. Johnson has become their personal cheerleader and coach during work time in order to get her students to do their very best work!

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

Shout Outs!

Cara Fullerton and Nicole Janka for stepping up and leading the Team Awesome Social Committee!

Hannah Brown and Cassie Hansen for taking ownership of their own professional development and signing up for Real Time Coaching!

Joey Brown for being nominated for Teacher of the Year at GW Carver!

Meghan Putty, Deion Putty, and Thekia Cheeseborough for hanging in their and starting off strong in their new grades!

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

Where in the world is your MTLD?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning: Observations: Suro, Putty, Mohammed	Morning: Observations: Putty, Brown, H.	Morning: Observations: Pruitt, Mays	Morning: Observations: Holmes, Hinrich, Brown, J. Abdul	Morning: Open for Additional Observations
Afternoon: TFA Office until 5	Afternoon: TFA Office 12-3:30 Office Hour 4-6pm Duval Reading Event 6-8pm	Afternoon: TFA Office 2-4:30	Afternoon: TFA Office 12-4pm	

News and Information from Around TFA-JAX!

ACC Attendance Policy and Expectations

- Each CM is allowed ONE absence per year for professional development events (this includes ACCs).
- Absences must be requested at least 1 month in advance of the event. **If you need to request an absence, email me and I will let you know next steps.** Emergencies happen. If you have an emergency, just let me know!
- Two tardies are equivalent to ONE absence. *No matter the reason for being late, it will still count as a tardy; that's why you get two. Even if you let me know that you will be late, I do not have the ability to "excuse" you.*
- If you arrive late (read: after the designated start time), it is a tardy, regardless of whether the sessions have actually begun or not.
- If you leave early without prior permission, it will count as an unexcused absence.

As a region, we are held to strict compliance guidelines with AmeriCorps that are based on the number of hours of service that each CM must complete. We must be able to show that every CM completes the required amount of hours in order for our entire region to receive AmeriCorps funding.

Real Time Coaching Sign-Ups

Anna is preparing to start Cycle 2 of Real Time Coaching! This cycle is open to anyone looking to push their teaching skills to AWESOME! The time commitment is minimal, but the pay-off is amazing!

The Real Time Coaching cycle framework looks something like this:

- Cycle 1: 20 minute pre-conference, 20 minute coaching session, 20 minute post-conference
- Cycle 2: 10 minute pre-conference, 20 minute coaching session, 20 minute post-conference
- Cycles 3-Final Cycle: Same as cycle 2.

Real Time Coaching typically lasts between 3 and 7 cycles and is designed to help you rapidly improve in the area of classroom management and culture, regardless of where you start.

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 MTLN by September 18th.

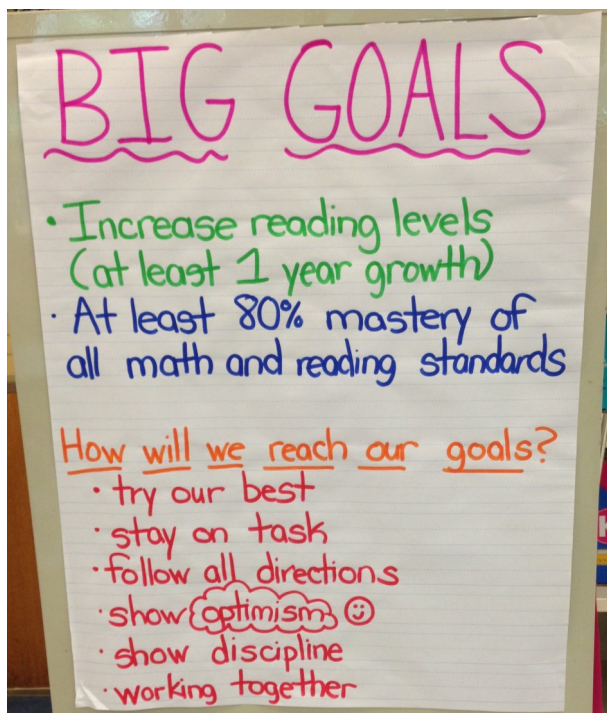
Keep your eyes open for a Jacksonville Teach for America Community Service page. Have a great day! I hope to see you all at the International Coastal Cleanup! :)"

Team Awesome Social Committee!



Do you love to plan parties and happy hours? Are you ready to start meeting more Team Awesome members outside of ACCs and outside of school? Are you ready to push our CoA from boring to AWESOME? If so, then you belong on the Team Awesome Social Committee! Reach out to [Cara Fullerton](#) or [Nicole Janka](#) ASAP to sign-up!

Awesome Teaching Ideas!



Are you struggling with your BIG GOAL? Not sure how to put data in a kid friendly format? Want some inspiration? Check out these AWESOME examples from around our cohort! **RIGHT:** Regan Johnson at Justina Road has not only talked to her students about their big goals, but she has even helped them to realize how they can reach these goals! **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Cara Fullerton at John Love takes her mastery data to the next level! She outlines for students how the class has improved and where they need to go from here. **BELOW:** Hannah Brown at RL Brown has her 3rd graders growing! Her mastery tracker outlines the classes progress and the lines are cute flowers too!

