

## Cornerstone Family Spotlight

### The Franklin Family – Washington-Parks Academy



Holli and Marlin Franklin are very active and prominent figures at Washington-Parks Academy. As leaders in parent organizations, volunteers for nearly every school function, and supporters of the Cornerstone teachers and staff, the Franklins are enthusiastic about what Cornerstone is doing for their son, Hollis, age 7, and the community.

“Hollis has been with Cornerstone since kindergarten and we just fell in love with the school and the staff,” says Marlin. “Cornerstone has become part of our extended family. They have been very inclusive with us and we have even had the chance to meet and talk with board members.”



Holli adds that Hollis, who is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, has made leaps and bounds in his educational development while at Cornerstone and he enjoys participating in the extra-curricular activities. “He has participated in piano, Cub Scouts, mentoring programs and basketball. He is also interested in the chess club and karate.”



Marlin, as President of Dads Club, is the founder of Dads Club Café, located in the atrium every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday where visitors can buy coffee, tea, breakfast cakes, and fruit. “It is a great fundraiser and our way of engaging parents and teachers together. We use the time to talk with them about school culture and to help coordinate and fund other school activities like Homecoming events and the Daddy Daughter dance in the spring.”

Holli is the President of MOM Club, which stands for “Motivating Other Mothers” and focuses on providing the children with motherly attention and raising money to help families in need. “I love to volunteer at the school,” Holli adds. “I go wherever I am needed. We are one big happy family at Washington-Parks Academy.”

Holli and Marlin love the environment that Cornerstone has provided for their family and especially for their son, Hollis. For anyone who is thinking of choosing Cornerstone, they say, “Cornerstone is very receptive to parent suggestions and embraces the whole family. They make every effort to maintain a safe, productive, highly educational environment for the students. If you choose Cornerstone, you gain a family.”