
Cornerstone Family Spotlight

Kyles Family at Washington-Parks Academy



Many of our Cornerstone families have formed lasting relationships with faculty and staff. Althea Kyles, social worker, says the main reason she loves Washington-Parks Academy is the culture.

“I chose Cornerstone because it is like a family here,” she begins. “I love the opportunities they offer the students and I was most impressed with the individualized programs that cater to the students’ needs. The office staff is always so helpful and friendly, and I feel they truly care about my daughter’s well-being and overall growth.”



Adriannah, a 6th grade student at Washington-Parks Academy, says “Cornerstone is fun!” She participates in track, volleyball, chess, dance, cheer and others. “I’m never bored,” she adds, which is an impressive thing for an 11-year-old to say.

Her favorite subjects are social studies, art and math, and she says the teachers and staff are kind. “They teach us how to express ourselves, which is helpful. They keep us active and involved with the school and each other.” She also enjoys the friendships she has formed with fellow Cornerstone students.

Ms. Kyles is particularly impressed by how her daughter has blossomed at Cornerstone. “At first, she did not want to switch schools, but her homeroom teacher made her feel comfortable on her first day, and that changed everything. It didn’t take long for her to start joining clubs and after-school activities, and her reading scores improved significantly too. Now I see her striving every day to do her best and get good grades and I love that.”

As a parent, Ms. Kyles loves the ways Cornerstone is preparing Adriannah for life outside of school. “They focus on character building, which is first and foremost to me. The staff exemplifies it, so the students want to strive to have strong character as well. I can tell Adriannah is applying what she learns in school in her daily life. The exposure to Cornerstone teachers, staff and Partners in the Partner Program has improved her outlook on everything in life, and it’s given her the desire to dream and do something special with her life.”

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