

Morningside Middle School

PARENT SPOTLIGHT

September 2015

Favorite Book

- The Bible
- Chicken Noodle Soup for the Single Parents Soul.

Favorite Quote

"Know that it's Kind to be Important , but more Important to be Kind"

—Author unknown

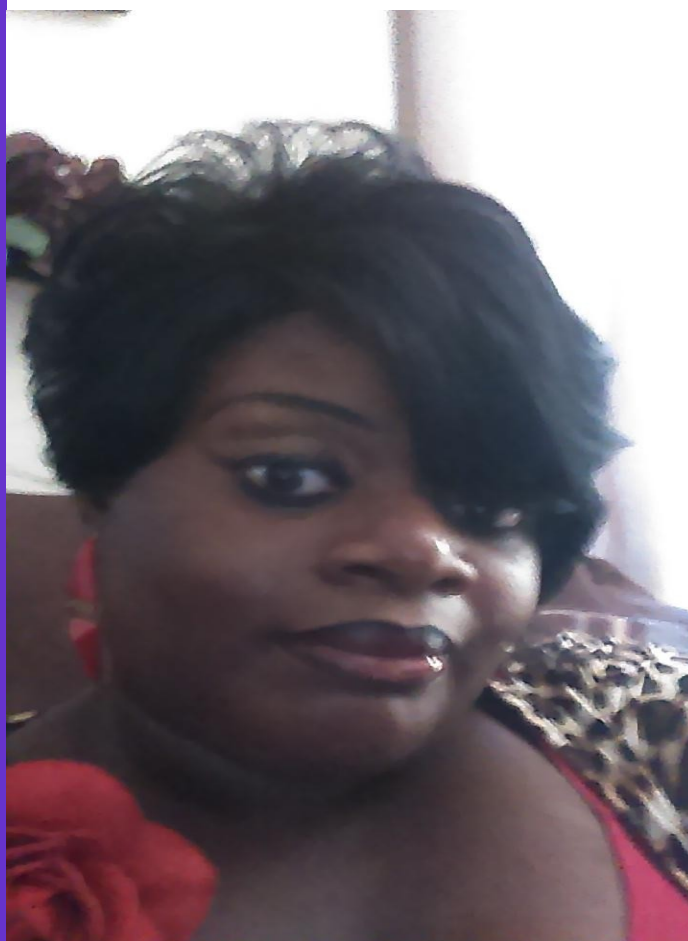
The Parent of
Abrianna Legare
6th Grade EXCEL
Scholar

and

Freddie Legare
8th Grade ARMS
Scholar



Ms. LaKeisha D. Manigault



My name is **Lakeisha D. Manigault**. I am a 39 year old newly-divorced single parent of nine children and two grand children. I am a certified Nursing Assistant working for a home healthcare agency called Care For Life as well as at Ashley River Nursing Home. I have two favorite books , one of which is the Bible and the other is a book called Chicken Noodle Soup for the Single Parents Soul; the latter given to me by a dear friend and confidant, Mrs. Sherrel Brown, during a very challenging time in my life. I thank Mrs. Brown for all that she has done for me and my family. Life hasn't been easy. The fact that I made it look easy hasn't been easy either. The remedy of making things better in my life had to start with me. I had to change some things within. I had to stay focused, determined, strong-willed, and I had to transform my negative attitude into a positive

one. I wasn't always the person you see here today. I had a *hot head*. I felt like God was taking too long to fight my battles, so I fought them myself. What I didn't realize, is that God didn't need my help. Some things I caused on myself because I didn't stop and think before speaking and reacting. Thank God for grace and mercy because I could've ended up in jail or an early grave. Now, I'm at a peaceful place in life. I know that I can command my world by having a positive outlook on life; being wise about the company that I keep, being respectful to myself as well as others, and thinking before I speak or react. I dare not make it seem like all of your troubles will be over after doing these things. I guarantee you that your reaction to certain things will. In closing, please know that life doesn't always deal us a fair hand. Knowing that you're in control of the way you play your hand will always guarantee you'll always come out on top. Command your world, speak life into dead situations, stay focused on the positive, and get rid of the negative. Keep God first! Love like never before, and be the best you that you can be. Remember that we are our brothers/sisters keepers and whatsoever you sow you shall reap. I encourage all my parents to raise leaders and not followers. Lastly, know that it's *kind* to be important, but it's more important to be *kind*.

Thank you, and I love you all!