Kareena Khasan



What grade did you join LPP?

"6th"

What is your favorite LPP memory?

"The day we played chess and when we went ice skating."

What does LPP mean to you?

"A safe space where I can be and a learning environment as well."

What is something you are proud of?

"I am proud of being able to learn things fast."

What do you think is a good piece of advice?

"Things in life don't need to be rushed. Just take a minute and things will get easier."

7TH GRADEKing Thomas



What grade did you join LPP?

"6th grade"

What is your favorite LPP memory?
"When I went to the parade and I was on YouTube."

What does LPP mean to you?

"Kindness and Respect."

What is something you are proud of?
"Being such a great drawer and being in LPP."

What do you think is a good piece of advice?
"Don't give up on your dreams."

Miah Harris



What grade did you join LPP?
"8th"

What is your favorite LPP memory?

"Painting the panels for the parade at the college, I made good friends there."

What does LPP mean to you?

"A place where I get to relax, be myself, and do things I like."

What is something you are proud of?

"Being a good friend and a person that people can trust."

What do you think is a good piece of advice?

"Don't let other people have control over your feelings."

9TH GRADEDianna Thakurdyal



What grade did you join LPP?
"7th"

What is your favorite LPP memory?

"The FMCC field trip. I learned a lot about college and I had a good time with my friends."

What does LPP mean to you?

"LPP is where I can go to ask for help. I feel comfortable when I go to LPP. Everybody is nice and helpful."

What is something you are proud of?

"Working hard in school and I have a group of good friends. I am proud of my family too. They are very supportive of me."

What do you think is a good piece of advice?

"Work hard in school and ask for help when you need it. Be nice to others also."

Nadia Nunn



What grade did you join LPP? "9th grade"

What is your favorite LPP memory?

"LPP ART SHOW. It showed me how I can be independent. I am willing to step up and become a leader. FMCC field trip also gave me a sense that one day I will go to college."

What does LPP mean to you?

"LPP means support to me. I have people in the program that are willing to help and support. I feel comfortable with LPP."

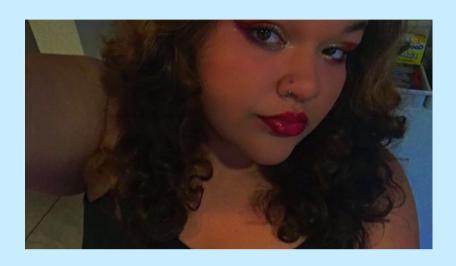
What is something you are proud of?

"I am proud of myself for selling two drawings. I put all my heart in my art and spent three days to perfect them."

What do you think is a good piece of advice?

"Don't hang around bad influences and you will see how things change to better. Don't let anyone try to steer you away from achieving your goals."

Nathalia Watson



What grade did you join LPP?

"7th grade at Mont Pleasant"

What is your favorite LPP memory?

"Ms. Maggy's reaction to my tattoo and when she found out if I was cousins with DeAndre."

What does LPP mean to you?

"LPP to me means support from people who want you to do well."

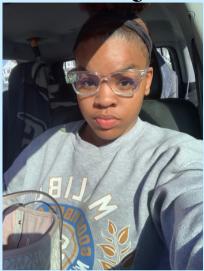
What is something you are proud of?

"Maintaining my job, community service work, and my school work."

What do you think is a good piece of advice?

"You're good enough even when you're not at your best."

Kiani Beatty-Baker



What grade did you join LPP?
"7th Grade"

What is your favorite LPP memory?

"Visit to the Bronx zoo, the step show, circle games during lunch at MP. When we would paint with Ms. Mel. Volunteering in the garden over the summer college tours."

What does LPP mean to you?

"A safe environment to be vulnerable. No judgement."

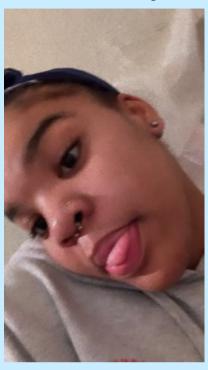
What is something you are proud of?

"Graduating! I did not like high school but I pushed through and I'm proud of that."

What do you think is a good piece of advice?

"Go with your instincts, don't let people over ride your judgement. At the end of the day, be you."

12TH GRADE Kamiah Beatty-Baker



What grade did you join LPP?
"7th Grade"

What is your favorite LPP memory?

"Making the sculpture after school at MP, bean bags and games during lunch at MP, bonding with other LPP students during summer program."

What does LPP mean to you?

"Open book, everyone has their own story in LPP but we all come together."

What is something you are proud of?

"This is the longest I've stuck with a program, I discovered it by myself, I love it."

What do you think is a good piece of advice?

"It's your world people are just living in it."