

18 Under 18



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This special publication focuses on the outstanding qualities of 18 exemplary students in Ulysses, who were nominated by their school in the areas of Fine Arts, Sports, Community Service, Academics, Leadership and Perseverance. Congratulations to our 2023 nominees!

Luisangel Ortiz-Ochoa

Luisangel Ortiz-Ochoa is the 14 year old son of Sylvia and Ricardo Ortiz. He is an 8th Grader at Kepley Middle School, he has one older brother named Uriel, and a dog named Tilin.

Luis said his role models are his parents and brother because they have taught him a lot.

In school, Luis’s favorite teachers are Mr. Green and Mrs. Schults. He enjoys computer coding, audio/video productions, and diversified tech. Luis loves shoes, looking nice, playing basketball, football, hanging out with his friends, and playing Xbox.

His favorite movie is “Avengers: Endgame”, and he enjoys listening to all kinds of music, especially Drake.

When asked if he had a prized possession, he said, “My height, and my phone.”

Luis would love to become a professional basketball player or a video game coder in the future.



FUN FACTS

AGE: 14

GRADE: 8th

PARENTS:
Sylvia and Ricardo Ortiz

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Avengers: Endgame

FAVORITE SINGER:
Drake

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Hayden Graber

Hayden Graber is the 17 year old son of Kristina and Cody Graber. He is a Junior at Ulysses High School, he has two brothers; Javen and Dylan, one sister; Delaney; two dogs, and two cats.

Hayden said his role model is his Dad, because "He always knows what to do."

His favorite teacher is Mrs. Scott because she has been like a "Second Mom" to him. Hayden plays a variety of instruments; piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, and singing. He is active in the High School Basketball team, and he performed the lead roll, "Ren McCormick," in the UHS Production of, "Footloose: The Musical."

Hayden's favorite movie is "Guardians of the Galaxy", and his favorite TV show is "The Walking Dead." When asked if he had a prized possession, he said his Grandfather's guitar. His favorite song is "Fare The Well (Dink's Song)" by Oscar Isaac from the movie, "Inside Llewyn Davis."

Hayden would love to be a professional musician in the future, and he has 6,300 followers on TikTok.



FUN FACTS

AGE: 17

GRADE: 11th

PARENTS:
Kristina and Cody
Graber

PRIZED POSSESSION:
Grandpa's Guitar

FAVORITE SONG:
Fare Thee Well (Dink's
Song)
by Oscar Isaac

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Good luck on your next achievements!*




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FUN FACTS

AGE: 7

GRADE: 2nd

PARENTS:
Ashley and Vincent
Orosco

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
Tom and Jerry

FAVORITE BOOK:
Who Would Win?

FAVORITE SONG:
Butterflies by MAX
and Ali Gatie

Penelope Orosco

Penelope Orosco is the 7 year old daughter of Ashley and Vincent Orosco. She is a 2nd grader in Mrs. Partin's class at Hickok Elementary, she has two sisters; Emmarie and Marlee, and a dog named Bailey.

Penelope said her role models are her parents because "They let me eat ice cream sometimes."

At school, Penelope enjoys learning about time in math class, and playing at recess with her friends.

Outside of school, she enjoys playing with her sisters, building Legos, coloring, and drawing people.

Penelope enjoys playing Basketball, Volleyball, Gymnastics, and she likes to watch her cousins play Football, Volleyball, and Softball.

Penelope's favorite book series is "Bad Kitty," her favorite book is "The Bad Guys," and her favorite cartoon is "Tom and Jerry." Her favorite song is "Butterflies" by MAX and Ali Gatie.

Penelope wants to be a teacher in the future because she wants to teach kids.



The 18 Under 18 publication has been going strong for six years now! Through this publication, we showcase the talents and character of the young people in our community!

FUN FACTS

AGE: 13

GRADE: 7th

PARENTS:
Karla Paez and
Daniel Castillo

FAVORITE SUBJECTS:
Math and Science

FAVORITE MOVIE:
The Call



Xitlaly Adame

Xitlaly Adame is the 13 year old daughter of Karla Paez and Daniel Castillo. She is a 7th grader at Kepley Middle School, and she has two dogs, Seven and Cookie.

Xitlaly says her role models are her Grandfather, her Uncle, and her Mom, because they have always taught her, and they got her started in basketball.

Her favorite subjects in school are Mrs. McCormick's math class, and science. She also enjoys playing on the Middle School Girl's Basketball team.

Xitlaly's favorite movie is "The Call," and her favorite book is "Buddy". When asked if she had a prized possession, she said all of her basketballs.

Xitlaly would love to become a College or Professional basketball player in the future.

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FUN FACTS

AGE: 9

GRADE: 3rd

PARENTS:

Amadita Ruiz and
Jose Luis Lerma

FAVORITE MOVIE:

Marley and Me

FAVORITE BOOK:

Guts

FAVORITE SONG:

No Se Va
by Grupo Frontera



Brissa Lerma

Brissa Lerma is the 9 year old daughter of Amadita Ruiz and Jose Luis Lerma. She is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Boe's class at Sullivan Elementary, and she has three sisters; Juliana, Dahaira, and Kaylani.

Brissa said her role model is her sister Juliana because she helps out their mom, she bakes, and she makes people feel happy.

Brissa's favorite subject in school is science. She enjoys reading and playing "Worm Hunt" on her iPad.

Her favorite movie is "Marley and Me," and her favorite book is "Guts".

When asked if she had a prized possession, she said her gaming chair and desk that she got for Christmas.

Brissa's favorite song is "No Se Va" by Grupo Frontera.

Brissa would love to become a baker in the future, because she sees her sister make cakes, "It looks like fun!"

Jackson Keeler

Jackson Keeler is the 17 year old son of Alice and Barton Keeler. He is a Senior at Ulysses High School, and he has four siblings; Reagan, Nixon, Bacon, and W, as well as three dogs.

Jackson said his role mode is Satoru Iwata, former President of Nintendo, "I love his philosophies with game making."

Jackson's favorite teacher is Mr. Cooper, "He is a fun science teacher with a lot of cool stuff."

His favorite subject in school is mathematics, and he enjoys participating in Tennis, Cross Country, and Tabletop Club. Jackson enjoys computer programing, collecting trading cards, especially Magic The Gathering, and playing Zelda and Super Mario games.

Jackson's favorite book is, "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes," as well as "Paper Towns." His favorite TV shows are "Blue Lock," and "Dr. Stone," and his favorite movie is "Toy Story 4."

Jackson's favorite musician is "Weird Al" Yankovic, and his favorite song by him is "Ebay."

When asked if he had a prized possession, he said his Grandfather's slide rule, a tool used before calculators to help with mathematic equasions.

Jackson would love to become a computer programmer in the future, with the goal of programing his own video games.



FUN FACTS

AGE: 17

GRADE: 12th

PARENTS:
Alice and Barton
Keeler

PRIZED POSSESSION:
Slide Rule

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Toy Story 4

FAVORITE VIDEO
GAME:
Zelda and Mario
Franchise

FUN FACTS

AGE: 7

GRADE: 2nd

PARENTS:
Yesenia and Cesar
Garcia

FAVORITE BOOK:
Archie & Reddie

FAVORITE SONG:
abc (nicer)
by Gayle

Jesslyn Garcia

Jesslyn Garcia is the 7 year old daughter of Yesenia and Cesar Garcia. She is a 2nd grader in Mrs. Kenny's class at Hickok Elementary. Her favorite thing about Mrs. Kenny is hugging her. She has one brother; Dashiel, and one dog; Max.

Jesslyn said her role model is her Mom, "because she is a girl like me."

At school, Jesslyn enjoys playing with her friends and with Play-Doh. Away from school, she enjoys playing with her family and her dog, art and drawing, dancing, and taking pictures with her instant camera. Jesslyn is also active in Baseball, Swimming, Cheerleading, and Volleyball.

Her favorite TV show is "Ladybug," and her favorite song is "abc (nicer)" by Gayle. When asked if she had a prized possession, she said her Unicorn and Minnie Mouse stuffed animals.

Jesslyn would love to be a Mom and a Teacher in the future.



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FUN FACTS

AGE: 9

GRADE: 3rd

PARENTS:

Krystal Reese and
Brett Corbin

FAVORITE BOOK:
Spy Ninja

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Puss In Boots



Beau Reese

Beau Reese is the 7 year old son of Krystal Reese and Brett Corbin. He is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Hall's class at Sullivan Elementary. He has one cat named, "Itty Bitty Kitty."

At school, Beau said Mrs. Hall is his favorite teacher so far. He enjoys reading and working to make his handwriting better. Beau also enjoys playing video games, especially "Rec Room," playing Soccer, Coach Pitch, Baseball, Wrestling, Football, and he is active in the Boy Scouts.

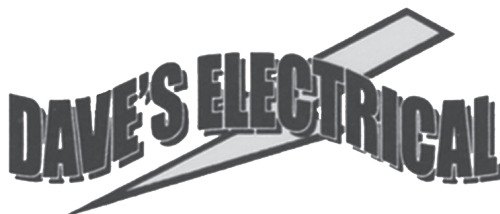
Beau enjoys reading chapter books, and the Spy Ninja series. His favorite TV show is "Cobra Kai," his favorite movie is, "Puss

In Boots," he enjoys watching YouTube, andheenjoyslistening to XXXTentacion.

Beau would love to become an athlete in the future.



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FUN FACTS

AGE: 15

GRADE: 11th

PARENTS:
Alice and Barton
Keeler

FAVORITE Song:
Favorite Crime
By Olivia Rodrigo

FAVORITE BOOK:
Little Women



Nixon Keeler

Nixon Keeler is the 15 year old daughter of Alice and Barton Keeler. She is a Junior at Ulysses High School, and she has four siblings; Reagan, Jackson, Bacon, and W, as well as two cats.

Nixon said her role model is her California dance teacher, Deborah McCoy, who was like a second Mom to her.

Nixon's favorite teachers are Mr. Hammond, Mrs. Pfingsten, and Mrs. Becker, because she they are "artsy" teachers who are "very cool."

Nixon enjoyed being in the UHS Productions of "Mamma Mia: The Musical," "Murder on the 518," and "Footloose: The Musical." She is also active in Forensics, Cheerleading, and Diamond Dance Company.

Nixon's favorite books are "A Good Girl's Guide To Murder," and "Little Women." Her favorite movie is "Little Women," and her favorite TV show is "Grey's Anatomy." Her favorite song is "Favorite Crime" by Olivia Rodrigo. When asked if she had a prized possession, she said all of her memories from California.

Nixon would love to become a Biomedical Engineer, because she wants to help innovate medical technology.

Renata Aguilar-Amaro

Renata Aguilar-Amaro is the 10 year old daughter of Kenia Sanchez and Fransisco Aguilar. She is a 4th grader in Mrs. Rodriguez's class at Sullivan Elementary, and she has one sister named "Juliana."

Renata said her role models are Olivia Rodrigo and Billie Eilish, because they are not afraid to show their real personality.

In school, she enjoys writing, math, science, and participating in the Spelling Bee. In math, she enjoys multiplying with two digits.

Outside of school, she enjoys painting and playing Roblox on her tablet.

Renata's favorite movie is "Sing 2," and her favorite TV Show is "Stranger Things." She enjoys reading "Dog Man," "I Survived," scary stories, and cooking books. She also likes listening to JVKE, especially his songs "this is what falling in love feels like," and, "golden hour."

Renata would love to become a teacher in the future, because she wants to give more knowledge to kids.

"When a student asks, 'Why is the sky blue?' I want to be able to answer it without looking it up."



FUN FACTS

AGE: 10

GRADE: 4th

PARENTS:
Kenia Sanchez and
Fransisco Aguilar

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Sing 2

FAVORITE MUSICIANS:
JVKE and Olivia
Rodrigo

*Renata's 10th Birthday is
on January 31st!*

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Lizbeth Garay

Lizbeth Garay is the 13 year old daughter of Cristina and Jesus Garay. She is an 8th grader at Kepley Middle School, she has one brother; Christan, one sister; Roselyne, and three goldfish; Barack Obama, Donald Trump, and Joe Biden.

Lizbeth said her role model is her Mom, because “She takes care of people, she cooks a lot, and she takes us to school,” and her Dad because he has always supported her hobby by purchasing art supplies, and he is a hard worker.

She likes Mrs. Sarracino’s class because it is fun, and Mrs. Schultz’ because she enjoys American History. Lizbeth enjoys painting, drawing, cooking, baking, and playing video games.

She is active in the Swim Team, Track, and she enjoys watching Football and Soccer. Lizbeth’s favorite book is “The Distance Between Us.” She loves Marvel movies, especially “Black Panther,” and her favorite TV show is “Marvel’s Runaways.”

When asked if she had a prized possession, she said a blanket she had since she was younger.

Lizbeth would love to become a Nuclear Medicine Technologist in the future, because she wants to help others and see if she can help with cancer or heart disease.



FUN FACTS

AGE: 13

GRADE: 8th

PARENTS:
Cristina and Jesus
Garay

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Black Panther

ROLE MODEL:
Mom and Dad



FUN FACTS

AGE: 7

GRADE: 2nd

PARENTS:
Martina Sanchez
and Dionicio Monge

FAVORITE MOVIE:
The Minions

FAVORITE SONG:
Waka Waka (This
Time For Africa)
by Shakira



Nashly Monge

Nashly Sanchez is the 7 year old daughter of Martina Monge and Dionicio Montye. She is a 2nd grader in Mrs. Partin's class at Hickok Elementary, and she has two brothers; Yair and Angel, and one sister; Cindy.

Nashly said her role model is her Mom because, "She's strong, and she takes care of me, and she loves me."

She loves Mrs. Partin's class because "She cares about us." Nashly loves doing art in school, and she won the "Silver Paintbrush Award" for her artistic achievement. She loves jumping on the trampoline with her brother, and she enjoys watching Soccer.

Nashly's favorite book is "The Dot." Her favorite movie is, "The Minions," and her favorite song is, "Waka Waka (This Time For Africa)," by Shakira. When asked if she had a prized possession, she said her Barbie doll.

Nashly would love to become a singer in the future.

Constance Feldt

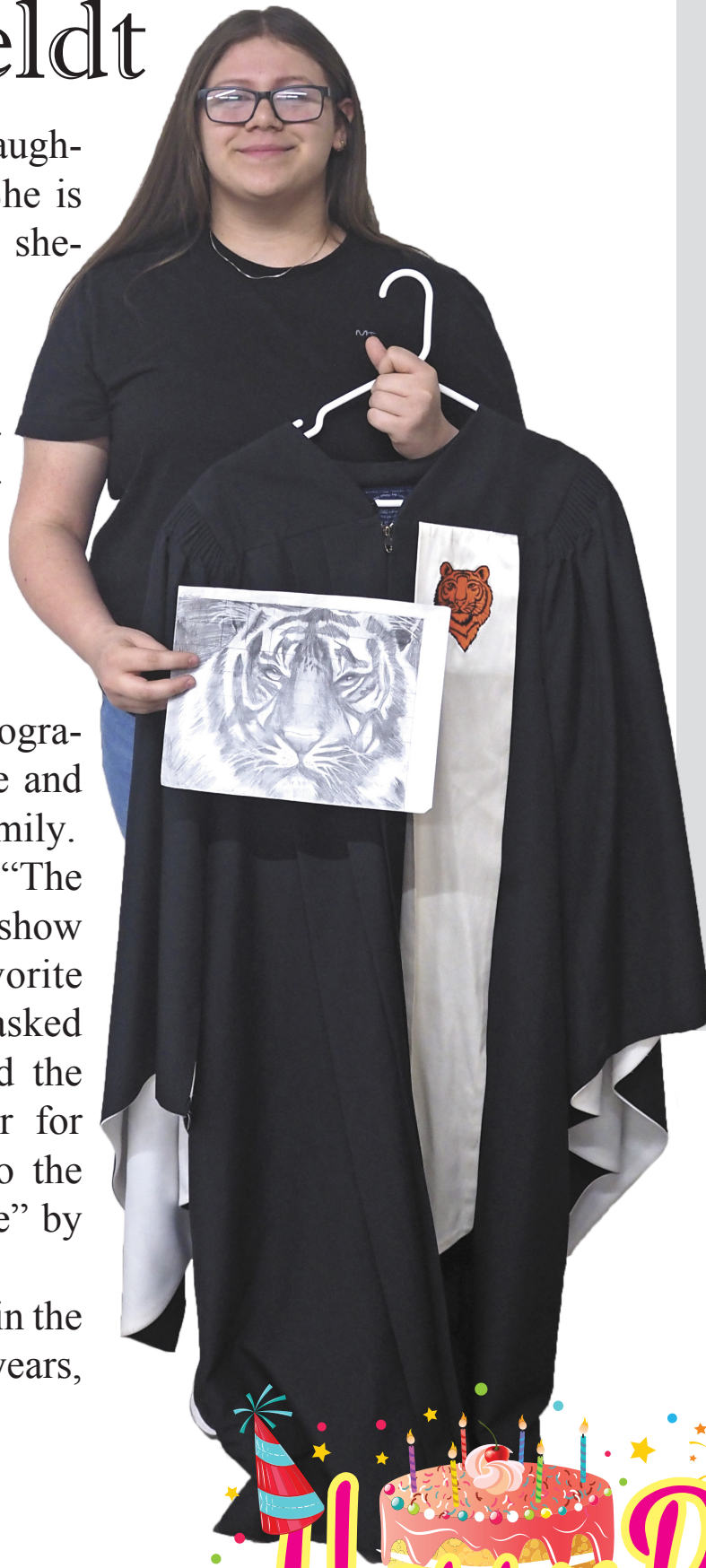
Constance Feldt is the 16 year old daughter of Roseann Bueno and Matt Feldt. She is a Sophomore at Ulysses High School, she has three dogs, one cat, and eight siblings; Adileene, Kobe, Marcello, Maylee, Cooper, Marc, Xavier, and Estreya.

Constance said her role model is her older brother because he is a hard worker and “he is always there for me.”

Her favorite teacher is Mr. Atayde, because he is funny. Her favorite subjects are Concert Choir, art, and Mr. Atayde’s mechanic classes. Constance enjoys photography, cooking asian food, drawing people and animals, and playing kickball with her family.

Constance’s favorite book series is, “The Inheritance Games.” Her favorite TV show is, “Stranger Things,” and her favorite movie is, “Hacksaw Ridge.” When asked if she had a prized possession, she said the Rosary her great-grandmother gave her for her quinceañera. She enjoys listening to the Weeknd and Khalid, especially “Eastside” by benny blanco, Halsey, and Khalid.

Constance plans on joining the Military in the future. “My Dad was in the army for 12 years, and my Step-Dad was a Marine.”



FUN FACTS

AGE: 16

GRADE: 10th

PARENTS:
Roseann Bueno and
Matt Feldt

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
Stranger Things

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Hacksaw Ridge

*Constance's 16th
Birthday is on
February 1st!
Happy Birthday
Constance!!!*



FUN FACTS

AGE: 12

GRADE: 7th

PARENTS:
Ofelia and Ignacio
Tarango

FAVORITE TEACHER:
Mrs. McCormick

FAVORITE BOOK
SERIES:
Percy Jackson



Johnathan Tarango

Johnathan Tarango is the 12 year old son of Ofelia and Ignacio Tarango. He is a 7th grader at Kepley Middle School, he has two brothers; Jose and Gustavo, and one sister; Aileene.

Johnathan said his role model is his brother Jose, because he has always been there to support him.

His favorite teacher is Mrs. McCormick, because he likes how she teaches, and she is always willing to help.

Johnathan's favorite subject in school is Math. He is also active in Basketball, Scholars Bowl, Cross Country, Track, and Swimming. His favorite book series is, "Percy Jackson."

Johnathan would love to become a mechanical engineer in the future, because he enjoys doing a lot of hands on work.

Ian Brown

Ian Brown is the 14 year old son of Teresa and Cory Brown. He is a Freshman at Ulysses High School, he has one sister; Samantha, three dogs; Jude, Joey, and Dale, and one cat; Cosmo.

Ian said his role model is his Mom, because “She is fun to be around.”

Ian’s favorite teachers are Mrs. Johnson and her math class, and Mr. Hammond because of Choir and Tabletop Club, and he is an overall inspiration for him.

Ian’s favorite school activities are choir, PE, tabletop club, english honors, and reading. He also enjoys playing Baseball, Cross Country, Track, Swimming, going to live sports games, playing with his dogs, and playing Video Games; especially “Middle Earth” series on his Playstation.

Ian’s favorite band is, “Korn”; especially “Shoots and Ladders,” and his favorite book series is, “Wings of Fire.”

When asked if he had a prized possession, he said a log roll sculpture that his Webelos Cub Scout leader, Mr. Dallas, made for him.

Ian would love to become a carpenter in the future.



FUN FACTS

AGE: 14

GRADE: 9th

PARENTS:
Teresa and Cory
Brown

FAVORITE BAND:
Korn

PRIZED POSSESSION:
Log Roll Sculpture

FUN FACTS

AGE: 11

GRADE: 5th

PARENTS:

Jessica Escajeda and
Jose Salinas

FAVORITE MUSICIAN:

Shawn Mendes

FAVORITE BOOK
SERIES:

Harry Potter

PRIZED POSSESSION:

Soccer Trophy



Jose Salinas

Jose Salinas is the 11 year old son of Jessica Escajeda and Jose Salinas. He is a 5th grader in Mrs. Roger's class at Sullivan Elementary. He has one dog; Max, and a sister; Valeria.

Jose enjoys learning more about Math and Social Studies. "They're kind of my favorites." He enjoys playing Soccer and Basketball, and he loves watching the Utah Jazz play Basketball.

Jose's favorite book series is, "Harry Potter," and his favorite musician is Shawn Mendes, especially his song "Holding You Back."

When asked if he had a prized possession, he said his trophy after he won his first Soccer championship.

Jose would love to become a Marine Biologist in the future.

Victoria Jasso

Victoria Jasso is the 8 year old daughter of Maricruz and Israel Jasso. She is a 2nd grader in Mrs. Kenny's class, she has two sisters; Valeria and Natalia, one brother; Israel, and one dog; Thor.

Victoria said her role model is her sister Valeria, because "She helps, she is nice, and she is 'cool'."

Victoria enjoys Mrs. Kenny's class because she has tubs of toys to play with. She enjoys learning about Adding, Subtracting, and Spelling. She enjoys playing with her brother, watching TV shows, reading, and playing Soccer.

Victoria's favorite movie is, "The Bad Guys," and her favorite TV show is, "Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn." When asked if she had a prized possession, she said her favorite book, "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus," and her family pictures. Her favorite song is, "Dandelions" by Ruth B.

In the future, Victoria would love to become an artist, because she really likes to paint, or a doctor, because "If my Mom or Dad were sick, I could help them."



FUN FACTS

AGE: 8

GRADE:
2nd

PARENTS:
Maricruz and Israel
Jasso

FAVORITE BOOK:
Don't Let the Pigeon
Drive the Bus!

FAVORITE SONG:
Dandelions
by Ruth B.

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
Nicky, Ricky, Dicky &
Dawn

FUN FACTS

AGE: 12

GRADE: 6th

PARENTS:
Julieta Mora and
Hector Garcia

FAVORITE TV Show:
Spongebob



Karen Garcia

Karen Garcia is the 12 year old daughter of Julieta Mora and Hector Garcia. She is a 6th grader at Kepley Middle School, she has one brother; Leonel, one dog, and two cats.

Karen said her roll model is her Mom, because “she works hard, and she always takes care of us.”

Karen’s favorite teacher is Mrs. Marshall, because “she is hard on us, and she helps us do better.” She enjoys Reading, Social Studies, playing on the Garden City Bulldogs Soccer, and Basketball.

Her favorite TV show is “Spongebob.”

Karen would love to become a Professional Basketball or Soccer player in the future.

Julieta said Karen is, “Very intelligent, a perfectionist, she studies very hard, and she is proud of all of the certificates, awards, and diplomas that Karen has received.”

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