Loyola/Pine Grove Elementary Professional Development School Partnership

Kevin Dunn, PDS Site Liaison

Who We Are
- Pine Grove Elementary opened in September 1969; celebrating 50 years of educational excellence during 2019-2020 school year!
- Open Space Addition completed 1974
- 2014 Maryland Blue Ribbon School
- 2015 National Blue Ribbon School
- Loyola PDS School since 2001

Partnership Activities/Intern Involvement
- iTime program: mentor/mentee program pairs interns with students who would benefit from positive adult interactions
- Create bulletin boards throughout the school to promote literacy and school climate
- Participate in PD opportunities with the staff throughout the school year to improve pedagogy
- Participate in grade level Family Nights to build relationships outside of the school day

Impact on Teacher Preparation
- Co-planning in order to provide differentiated instruction
- Co-teaching to provide hands-on opportunities in the classroom setting
- Modeling high-quality teaching practices
- Involvement in IEP Team meetings
- Involvement in grade level planning sessions and Extended Team Meetings (ETMs)

Goals and Aspirations
- Provide school based professional development opportunities based on intern and mentor questionnaires and feedback
- Professional development opportunities on utilizing the BCPS digital curriculum, incorporating technology in instruction, and utilizing 1:1 devices for students to create work

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"My experience at Pine Grove Elementary School has been wonderful. The staff members are very welcoming and are always willing to lend a helping hand or a piece of advice. The support I have received from my mentors has allowed me to grow as a teacher and I am very grateful for this learning opportunity."
- Molly Rigney, intern

"Words cannot describe the vast knowledge I have gained in my short time being at Pine Grove Elementary. The staff is filled with educational wisdom and is willing to help any of the interns overcome obstacles and reach our goals. The collaboration between Loyola and Pine Grove has guided me to grow in confidence as both a future educator and a current learner."
- Colleen Carey, intern

"I have had a wonderful experience at Pine Grove Elementary School. The staff is so welcoming and have truly made me feel as though I am a part of the school community. I feel as though I am being supported at Pine Grove not only through my mentor teachers but through all of teachers and different staff members."
- Erin Mullin, intern

"I could never have imagined how much I would learn and grow as an educator over such a short period of time. The support that I have received from both the PGE faculty members and the Loyola faculty has been invaluable and I feel beyond prepared to embark on my teacher career."
- Kendra Sullivan, intern