

## **At a glance: Pine Hills Elementary School**

Pine Hills Elementary School, formerly Public School 16, is a community-based elementary school with a 100-year history in the historic Pine Hills neighborhood. The school serves students in prekindergarten through grade 5. In June 2005, School 16 was demolished and rebuilt into the new Pine Hills Elementary School, which opened in January 2007.



**Students:** 270

**Teachers:** 18

**Total employees:** 42

### **Points of distinction:**

- Recognized by the New York State Department of Education in 2006, 2007 and 2008 for strong academic improvement
- Universal Prekindergarten program
- One of 11 schools in the nation certified through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program

### **Partnerships:**

- Albany Fund for Education
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Citizens Bank
- The College of Saint Rose
- Columbia University Teachers College
- Discovery Box Tutorial Program
- First Niagara Bank
- Girls Incorporated
- Lens Crafters
- National Urban Alliance for Effective Education
- New Albany Neighborhood Association
- P.A.L.- Police Athletic League
- Pine Hills Neighborhood Association
- Project Strive
- Steamer 10 Theater
- Touhey Foundation
- Price Chopper
- University at Albany
- YMCA

### **What makes our school special?**

The Pine Hills Elementary School's mission is to provide a community of support for the "whole child" as we strive for academic excellence on the journey of life-long learning. To achieve our mission, we work hard at establishing a learning community that actively develops and implements best practices. We work collaboratively with our community partners to enrich educational experiences for our students. Students participate in many enrichment activities during the instructional day and after school, including Kung Fu, ballroom dancing, basketball and various book clubs just to name just a few. Our teachers and staff



provide rigorous, supportive instruction as well as social and emotional support for each child. We offer special reading instruction, academic intervention services and parent workshops, and highly qualified teachers staff our after-school tutorial services.

**Did you know?**

Albany's first Public School 16 opened in 1873 in the former Wilberforce School, an elementary school for African-American children, following New York State's desegregation of schools that year. School 16 originally was located in an area now occupied by the Empire State Plaza. The school moved to its current location in 1906 to serve the growing Pine Hills neighborhood.