Holabird Academy #229
Principal: Lindsay Krey

Lindsay Krey is currently completing her third year as principal at Holabird Academy. Krey began her teaching career ten years ago as a 4th grade teacher in New Orleans with Teach For America. Prior to her appointment as principal of Holabird Academy, she was a resident principal at William Paca Elementary in Baltimore City as part of the New Leaders for New Schools program.

Holabird Academy was a small school that Dr. Alonso challenged to recruit more students in order to become financially viable. Holabird put together a successful recruitment campaign, increasing enrollment from 176 students in grades Pre-K through 6th in 2008 to 218 students in grades Pre-K through 7th in 2009. As a result of increased enrollment, Holabird was able to receive more funding.

The school’s vision of preparing students for college is prominently displayed throughout the building and in every classroom. Holabird is decorated with banners and plaques from national colleges and universities. Each homeroom/section identifies a college/university as its moniker for the year, and all staff members address the group as such. The school ensures that students are actively engaged in instruction, through active reading, writing or engagement in instructional talk. Students are taught respect and courtesy in addition to rigorous academic material. Teachers regularly differentiate their lessons so that all learners can make maximum progress by learning what they need.

Holabird was in school improvement between 2003 – 2006, but exited in 2008, having made AYP in 2007 and 2008. In 2009, 88.7 percent of students at Holabird Academy were proficient or advanced in mathematics and 87.6 percent were proficient or advanced in reading. Holabird Academy met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status in 2007, 2008 and 2009. As of May 3, 2010, the school has a 93.8% attendance rate.

According to City Schools’ 2009 Climate Survey, 95.3 percent of parents and 100 percent of staff feel the students are safe, and 88.6 percent of students feel they are safe. Additionally, 92.9 percent of parents are satisfied with Holabird Academy and 98.4 percent feel that they are welcome at this school.

Focus Groups for Holabird Academy:

Parents and Partners:
Barbara Baines, Brown Advisory
Marcy Campbell, Brown Advisory
Carol Krawczyk, BUILD
Terri Cooper-Bey, Parent, 4th grade parent
Carlton Battle, Parent, Kindergarten parent
Dorthea Evans, Parent, 7th grade parent,
Brunilda Hancock, Parent, 8th/6th/Pre-K parent

Teachers:
Eliza Plack, 1st grade, 5th year teacher
Nick Artenstein, 4th grade, 1st year teacher
Laura Tschop, 2nd/3rd grade, 1st year teacher
Laura Piper, 3rd grade, 3rd year teacher
Carolyn Spencer, 5th grade, 5th year teacher
Stacy Geis, 6/7/8 grade Language Arts, 5th year teacher