



Welcome, Dr. Nisha Phillip Malahoo

Introducing our new Director of Education Programs & Community Engagement and her vision for expanding opportunities for students, families, and communities.



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— Dr. Nisha Phillip Malahoo

Dear Subscriber,

We are thrilled to announce that **Dr. Nisha Phillip Malahoo** has joined the Above & Beyond for Change team as our new **Director of Education Programs & Community Engagement**.

While this is a new role, Dr. Phillip Malahoo is already a familiar face within our organization. For the past seven years, she has worked alongside Above & Beyond for Change as a dedicated partner, helping to create impactful programs and events that support students, educators, and families throughout our community.

With a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction and more than 13 years of experience in education, Dr. Phillip Malahoo brings a wealth of knowledge, leadership, and passion for empowering others. Her commitment to building strong relationships between schools, families, and communities perfectly aligns with our mission and vision for the future.

A word from Dr. Nisha Phillip Malahoo

Hello Everyone,

For the past 13 years, education has been more than my career, it has been my calling. Pinewood Elementary has been my second home, and during the last seven years, I had the privilege of serving as Pinewood's Partners in Education Coordinator, where I worked closely with Above & Beyond for Change.

What began as a partnership quickly became a shared mission: creating meaningful opportunities that positively impacted students, teachers, and families.

Over the years, I have watched students gain confidence because someone believed in them. I have seen teachers feel encouraged because community members stepped in to support their classrooms. I have witnessed families experience hope because people they had never met chose to invest in their success.

Those experiences have reinforced one simple truth:

"Sometimes one opportunity is all it takes to open a door a child never knew existed."

I have been blessed to witness that generosity firsthand, and now I am honored to begin this new chapter as Director of Education Programs & Community Engagement where I can help create these opportunities for others.

While I am transitioning from the classroom, I am not leaving the Pinewood community behind. My commitment to students, families, and educators remains as strong as ever.

In this new role, my vision is to build on the programs that have made a difference at Pinewood Elementary while expanding those opportunities to schools and communities throughout Central Florida.

One area I am especially passionate about is helping students experience the world beyond their everyday surroundings. Whether it's attending a performance at the Dr. Phillips Center, visiting a college campus, exploring career pathways, discovering a museum, or participating in opportunities they may never have imagined, these experiences can change how young people see themselves and what they believe is possible.

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, one of our first priorities is supporting students and teachers through our Back-to-School and Teacher Appreciation initiatives.

I truly believe everyone has something valuable to contribute. Whether you give your time, expertise, resources, encouragement, or simply show up to help, your support has the power to make a lasting difference in the life of a child and strengthen our entire community.

Thank you for believing in our mission. I look forward to working alongside each of you as we continue creating opportunities, empowering families, and building brighter futures together.

With gratitude,

Dr. Nisha Phillip Malahoo

Director of Education Programs & Community Engagement

Above & Beyond for Change



Welcome, Nisha!

We are so grateful to have you on the team. Your passion, experience, and heart for this community will help us go further than ever before — together.

And to all of you, our supporters, volunteers, and families: thank you for being part of this journey. We can't wait to see what we'll accomplish together this next school year.

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- **Purchase from our Amazon Wish List** – Help provide essential supplies directly to students and teachers who need them most. [Purchase here!](#)
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Every act of generosity helps create opportunities, inspire confidence, and build brighter futures for children and families throughout our community.

Thank you for your support! ❤️ ✨

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"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you"

— **B.B. King**

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