

HIGHLIGHTS REPORT 2021-2022



OUR IMPACT 2021-22

STRONGER TOGETHER

If there's anything we've learned from this past year, it's that the Upper Dublin community is hopeful, generous and resilient. On September 1, 2021, students and teachers were eager to return to school following a challenging pandemic year. Late that afternoon, a tornado ripped through the heart of our township, causing significant damage to Fort Washington Elementary School (FWES) and Upper Dublin High School (UDHS). We quickly set up a UD Strong Fund to help the District with the greatest needs during this emergency.



"The Hive" at UDHS



FWES students received a warm welcome in our other elementary schools

Your support enabled us to:

- Immediately buy classroom items, easing the transition for FWES students and teachers who relocated to our other elementary school buildings
- Purchase books for the elementary school libraries, which were stretched with the welcoming of FWES students, as well as classroom partitions to allow for private learning areas in shared common spaces
- Fulfill 15 FWES teachers' Amazon wishlists to help replenish their classrooms
- Help fund The Hive, a student-conceived, developed and managed area on the UDHS campus for people to regenerate the environment, restore mental health and reconnect the community

Our hearts were broken with the tornado's damage, but they were repaired by the generosity of our amazing supporters.

SPOTLIGHT ON ENHANCED LEARNING

We made an important commitment to our students' mental wellness.

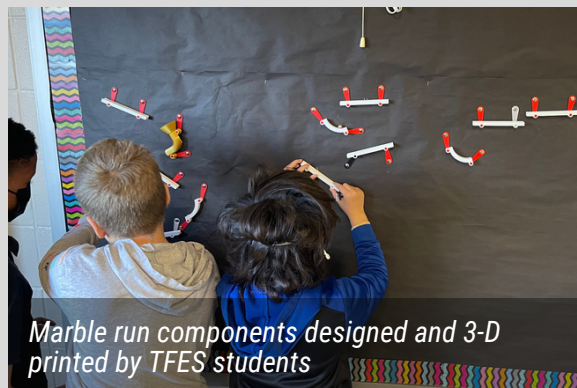
- Our K-5 teachers launched the MindUp Curriculum, a social emotional learning program that provides our children with skills that will help regulate their stress and emotions, form positive relationships and act with kindness and compassion.
- We teamed with the District to present an impactful 3-part virtual parent/guardian education series through the organization, "Be A Part of the Conversation." Sessions included: "The Search for Identity," "Kids & the Tech/Life Balance" and "Isolation: the New Drug of Choice."

We celebrated our community.

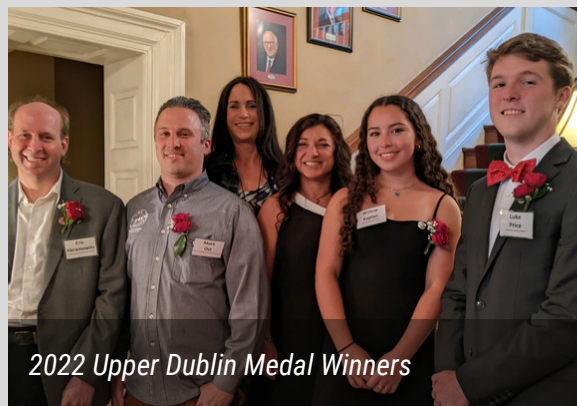
- We were finally able to celebrate the impressive Upper Dublin High School Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2021. An in-person ceremony was delayed due to COVID-19 and it was worth the wait to honor this great group.
- We also recognized the 2022 Upper Dublin Medalists at the 38th Medal Awards Ceremony and Reception this Spring. This prestigious program is a cooperative venture proudly presented by Upper Dublin School District, Upper Dublin Township, the Fort Washington Business Alliance and the Upper Dublin Education Foundation.

We funded STEM & cutting-edge technology in the classroom.

- We purchased five 3-D printers to enhance learning at the new SRMS STEM lab, as well as at the high school and elementary school level.
- Thanks to a grant from the Greenfield Foundation, equipment has been updated at UDHS's Greenfield Film Studio and outfitted at the Computer Lab at SRMS.



Marble run components designed and 3-D printed by TFES students



2022 Upper Dublin Medal Winners

PROMOTING INNOVATION

Our educators imagine the possibilities. We help make them happen.

Each year, we award Innovation Grants to teachers with big ideas. Here are the grants we awarded for the 2021-22 school year:

Building Community and Student Agency with Flexible Learning Environment - TFES
Grant Recipient: Maressa Alsher

Class Connect for Wonder Robots - MGES
Grant Recipient: Erica Stianchi

Designing and Printing in 3D - TFES & FWES
Grant Recipient: Jeff Dillon

Forensics in Literature - UDHS
Grant Recipient: Brian Palme

Lego Mars Space Shuttle and Rover - JTES
Grant Recipient: Tre Milrod

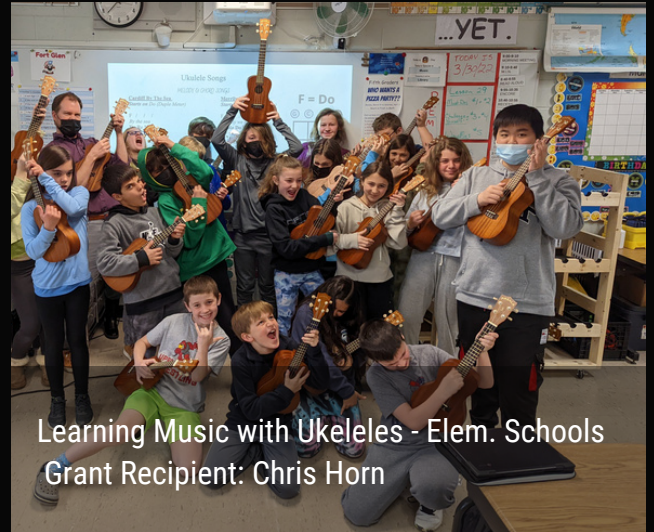
Le Rat des Catacombs - UDHS
Grant Recipient: Christine Jones

Sensory & Movement Path,- JTES/MGES
Grant Recipient: Alyson Stern

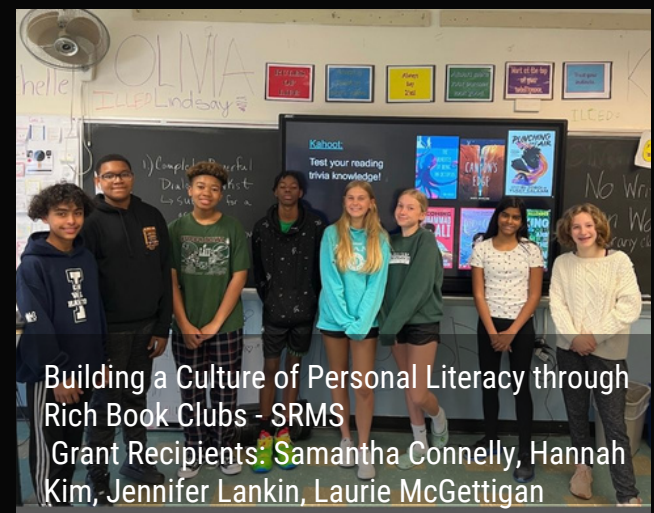
SRMS Internet Radio Station - SRMS
Grant Recipients: Rob Miller, Kristin Leung

Using Probes for Data Collection in Chemistry - UDHS
Grant Recipient: Dawn Edelman

Variable Acceleration with Fan Carts - UDHS
Grant Recipient: Doug Sample



Learning Music with Ukeleles - Elem. Schools
Grant Recipient: Chris Horn



Building a Culture of Personal Literacy through Rich Book Clubs - SRMS
Grant Recipients: Samantha Connelly, Hannah Kim, Jennifer Lankin, Laurie McGettigan



Where there's a WHEEL there's a way! - UDHS
Grant Recipient: Crystal Dunn



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