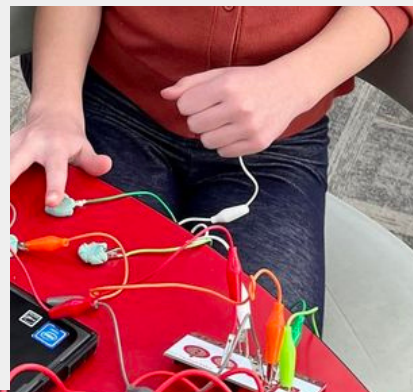


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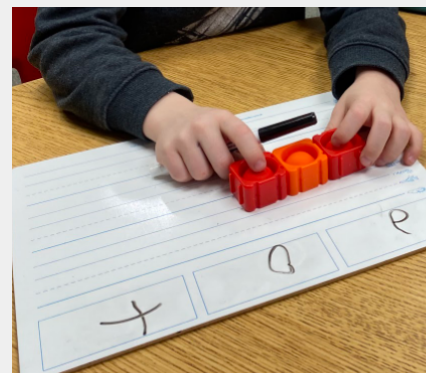
Annual Highlights



Who We Are

Our mission is clear: to enhance the educational experiences of students in the Upper Dublin School District by funding innovative learning opportunities. We're proud of our strategic partnership with the school district and extend our heartfelt gratitude to our community, families, educators, alumni, and local businesses for their unwavering support.

In this report, you'll see how we impacted our students throughout the 2022-23 school year, with initiatives that bolstered literacy, STEM, the arts, and more. We look forward to continuing to make a lasting and meaningful difference in the years ahead.



2022-23 Leadership Team

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Piloting classroom innovation

In the 2022-23 school year, UDEF proudly allocated more than \$50,000 in grants to foster classroom innovation. Our commitment extends beyond supporting visionary educators; this year, we were delighted to award a grant to a student group as well. Our Innovation Grants span a diverse range of learning areas from promoting literacy to advancing STEM education across our 6 schools.

Makey Makey in Library STEM Class for Engineering & Engagement

Grant Recipient: Mary DePaul , FWES

Save Me a Seat for FWES Book Club

Grant Recipients: Kathleen Place, Lauren Weihenmayer, FWES

Building Phonemic Awareness with Manipulatives

Grant Recipients: Kathleen Place, Lauren Weihenmayer, FWES

Class Connect for Wonder Robots

Grant Recipient: Erica Stianchi, MGES

Green Screen Enhancement

Grant Recipient: Mark Feliciani, SRMS

ParlayIdeas

Grant Recipient: Cody Crooke, UDHS

Eric Carle Children's Books in French, German & Spanish

Grant Recipient: Christine Jones, UDHS

Bringing Bio Labs into the 21st Century with Probes

Grant Recipients: Chris Smith, Brian Palme, UDHS

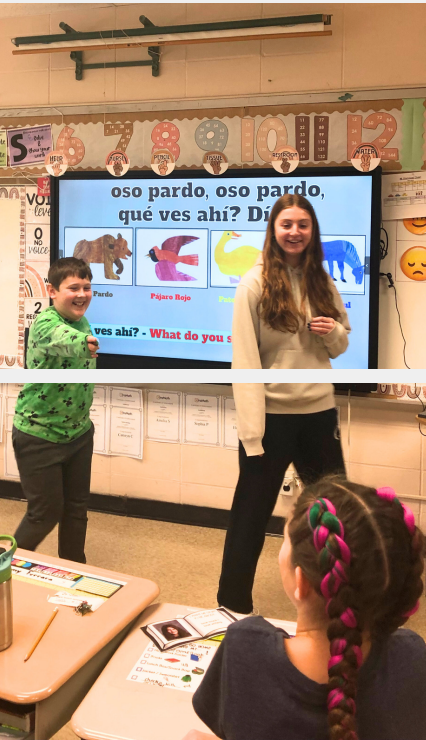
STEAM & Sensory Activities for Unified Arts

Grant Recipient: Crystal Dunn, UDHS

Using a Laser Cutter to Support Project Based Learning in STEM Business Classes

Grant Recipients: Alana Mellor, Mary Jane Lyons, UDHS





Whisper Phones for 1st Grade Readers

Grant Recipients: 1st Grade Teachers, All Elementary Schools

Expanding the Planetarium Program

Grant Recipients: Kim Small, Robert Miller, SRMS

Piano Experience

Grant Recipient: Nathaniel Arnold, UDHS

Reading Autonomy with Vox Talking Books and IR Books

Grant Recipient: Mary DePaul, FWES

Live Streaming Upgrade

Grant Recipient: Jason Trantas, UDHS

Math Toolbox

Grant Recipients: Maureen Higgins - Colleen Middendorf - Nicole Winters - Maureen Yarnell, MGES

For the Love of iPads in the Library

Grant Recipient: Cathy Dashoff, TFES

Breakout.Edu Kits for Cooperative Problem-Solving

Grant Recipient: Jeff Dillon, FWES/TFES

Coloring Opportunities for Students

Grant Recipient: Jessica Sachson, UDHS

2nd Grade Lending Library to Build Home and School Connections

Grant Recipients: Kate Duncheskie - Ali Hammarquist -Twiggy Paige, FWES

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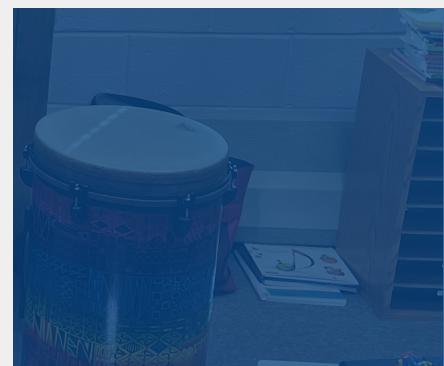
Grant Recipient: MaryJane Lyons, UDHS

In May 2023, UDEF awarded Ms. Loch's Environmental Science Project Based Learning (PBL) class a grant for "**The Think Garden**," an outdoor classroom and learning space in the currently unused UDHS history courtyard. Working with the history department as their client, the group will be creating a more harmonious experience that fosters educational productivity, community, well being and a connection to nature.

Amplifying Our Impact

We're committed to enriching our students' experiences through music and the arts. Last year, we provided funding for a variety of resources, including musical instruments, music composition software, an advanced speaker system, and top-notch audio equipment.

Additionally, thanks to a generous grant from the Greenfield Foundation, we were able to fund significant enhancements to our Greenfield Film Studio at UDHS. This grant not only improved our studio facilities but also gave our staff and students K-12 access to the powerful WeVideo multimedia creation platform.



Events

HARLEM WIZARDS January 21, 2023

The Harlem Wizards event was a slam-tastic success! Not only was it entertaining to watch and root for our educators, the game brought in nearly \$20,000 for UDEF Innovative Grants and UDEA student scholarships!

WINNING CARDS CASINO NIGHT March 18, 2023

Our winning streak continued with UD Township, as we raised more than \$36,000 for UDEF and other terrific local organizations at this year's Winning Cards Casino Night. Hosted by Mercedes-Benz of Fort Washington, this evening couldn't have happened without our sponsors, auction item donors, volunteers and attendees.

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS CONCERTS March 21 & March 28, 2023

After a 4-year hiatus, we didn't miss a beat when we welcomed back our Music in Our Schools Vocal & Instrumental concerts, which featured our talented students and raised more than \$13,000 for our music programs.

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME March 24, 2023

The 13 distinguished inductees of the UDHS Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2023 inspired us as they interacted with our students and were celebrated at a reception and ceremony.

GREENFIELD YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL April 26, 2023

As we commemorated the 15th year of the film festival, we were amazed by the remarkable talent showcased by the young filmmakers in the Philadelphia region. We're grateful to the Greenfield Foundation whose generous grant makes this program possible.

UPPER DUBLIN MEDALS May 17, 2023

We were thrilled to shine a light on UD's finest. Congratulations to Fan Zhang-Plasket (Citizen); North Hills Collective (Non-Profit) Connie Nitschke (Educator) and Landon Kullmann & Samantha Segal (Students).



Thank you to ALL of our donors!

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