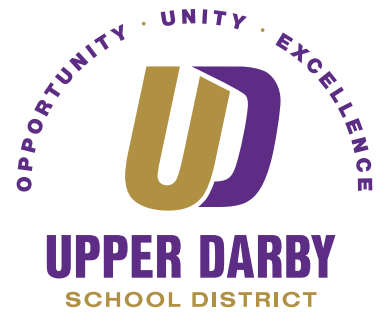


ROYAL SCROLL



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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



Dr. Daniel McGarry

It is hard to believe that we are 7 weeks into the school year. Each school has been working hard to engage students and families in their child's academic and social learning. If you have been keeping up with our social media posts from

schools across the District, you can see just a snapshot of how hard our teachers and staff are working to make each child's educational experience here in the Upper Darby School District a memorable one.

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UDHS FIELD OF DREAMS: PEP RALLY 2019



Mrs. Kelley Simone sports a purple wig and studded stiletto shoes as she prepares for the 2019 Pep Rally.



- Upper Darby students demonstrate school spirit as they cheer for their respective classes and cheer on the UD athletic teams.



UDHS National Merit Scholars Semifinalists and Commended



Semifinalists Chris Dwyer and Anika Islam, and commended scholars Sarah DeMott and Luke Finley were recently recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program for their exceptional PSAT scores. Semifinalists

scored in the 99th percentile statewide, while commended students scored in the 97th percentile. Of the 1.4 million juniors taking the PSAT nationwide, only 34,000 receive letters of commendation and only 16,000 become semifinalists. Congratulations to the National Merit Scholars and best of luck to our semifinalists as they now compete for scholarships.



UDKC Students Practice Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible



The students have been practicing the 3 Bs in different settings in the school. They learned that the 3 Bs are important to follow no matter where they are. They were able to practice the rules for students who ride the school bus on a real school bus! The students showed how they can be Safe, Respectful and Responsible by standing in line patiently, using walking feet while boarding and getting off of the bus and sitting safely while on the bus. They were excited to participate and did a fantastic job following the bus rules! We look forward to students working with school staff and their peers throughout the school year to demonstrate their *Royal* behavior on the school bus.

Kindergarten Center Gets a Visit from our Community Heroes



The Kindergarten Center spent a special day outside talking with and learning from our community heroes. They learned about the firefighter equipment and saw a firefighter in all his gear. They met Rocky the police dog and even heard some commands in French! They were able to walk through a real ambulance to see how our paramedics help those that are hurt. It was a fun experience right at their own school! We are grateful to have such amazing people working in our community!



Upcoming Events

- 11/5 Professional Development Day (No School for Students)
- 11/6 Elementary School Early Dismissal (12:30PM)
- 11/9, 10 Band Championships
- 11/12 School Board Meeting 7:30PM

- 11/18 American Education Week; First Day of Winter Sports
- 11/19 Shadow Day 9th Grade
- 11/20 UDHS Early Dismissal (1:00 pm)
- 11/28, 29 Thanksgiving Holiday (Schools & Offices Closed)





ARONIMINK NEWS

Aronimink 1st Grade News

Aronimink's Walk to School Day



The first graders at Aronimink are enjoying learning math every day. Currently, the first grade is working on addition strategies in chapter 3. The students are working on understanding the commutative property of addition for sums within 20. They are working on making addition sentences and changing the order of the addends. They are also working on learning their doubles facts and using doubles as a strategy to solve addition facts with sums within 20.

~Ms. Delemitas, 1st Grade Teacher



Fifth Grade Summer Scholars and our Students of the Month for Library, Art, Music and Physical Education



Fifth Grade News

Fifth graders have been studying about American Indians, their land and the different regions they settled in. They learned about how they adapted to their surroundings, and how they used the natural resources around them to survive.

~Ms. Woodbridge, 5th Grade Teacher



GARRETTFORD NEWS

Garrettford's Fourth Grade Students Visit Constitution Center



Students in fourth grade celebrated Constitution Day on September 17th by visiting the US Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The field trip engaged students in hands-on activities which taught them about the Constitution's history and the important role it plays in present day United States. It was exciting for the students to visit the birthplace of our country and learn about our founding fathers.

Fourth Graders Explore Nature During Land And Water Unit



The District arranged for an amazing field trip for our fourth grade students to the Saunders Woods Preserve in Gladwyne. Children were provided the opportunity to do hands-on exploration of three habitats - a meadow, a pond and a woodland - to find living creatures. This was a valuable educational experience for all to learn in an authentic setting. The children were very excited to share what they had discovered!



PRIMOS NEWS

Fourth Grade Riverbend Field Trip –By Prathyush Karthikeyan



Our fourth grade went on a field trip to Riverbend, an environmental education center. We were learning about habitats. We visited three different habitats: the woods, the meadow, and the stream. First, we visited Saunder's Woods. We stopped near a fallen tree. The tree was huge. We talked about what habits are, and what makes a good habit. After that we each got a cup. We had to find a living thing and get it into our cup. I didn't find anything! Then we went to the meadow. We talked about why there was more grass and flowers in the meadow than in the woods. It is because there was more sunlight in the meadow than in the woods. There are more plants and they grow taller. There are lots of trees in the woods and plants need sunlight to grow.

Primos's Picture Day



HIGHLAND PARK NEWS

Celebrating our Diversity



Students discussed the importance of diversity and how culturally diverse we are as a school and community. Students then created drawings that represented their specific culture or anything that makes them unique by decorating a hand with their beliefs, family, food, traditions, symbols, flags, etc. These beautifully unique hands are now on display in the lobby. Make sure you stop by and check out the students' creations. We look forward to continuing in our celebration of our beautifully diverse school community!

Highland Park's ELL Classroom



Welcome to families from our ELL Team and students!!! This year we added 29 new first graders to our ELL program. The students come from all over the world and speak many languages. In our ELL class, we practice the English language and beginning reading and writing skills. We can't wait to see how much our new friends grow this year and look forward to working with their families and extended families in making this school year an amazing experience.

WESTBROOK PARK NEWS

Westbrook Park Teachers are Making a Difference



Mr. Gonzalez and Dr. Walker were nominated for PHL17's segment on Teachers and school staff who are making a difference in the lives of their students everyday. Fourth and Fifth grade students surprised them in the courtyard live on PHL17!

Westbrook Park's Back to School Night



Many parents came to Back to School Night to meet teachers. The guidance counselor, Girl Scouts, Upper Darby Library and Home and School had display tables with information for parents. We look forward to an amazing partnership with our families!



Third Grade News

HILLCREST NEWS



September was filled with many new adventures for our third graders. They practiced and learned their new routines "BOO"-tifully. You should be very proud of your child's efforts. In science, three classes learned about the power of SOUND, while the other two experienced the beauty of PLANT GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT. Our new into Reading program had the children reading and writing like never before! To date, the students have written a personal narrative and a formal letter. Ask your child to whom they wrote their letter. We can't wait to meet that person in the future!

Hillcrest Fifth Graders Visit Philadelphia Art Museum



5th graders will visit the Philadelphia Art Museum on October 29th and 30th for their first scheduled tour titled, "Around the World". They will visit various rooms of the museum learning about different cultures, comparing works of art, and finding common threads to art that they created in school. During their visit, the art museum docent talks about each art piece as students create an Around the World travelogue. This interactive trip will be the first visit of two this year. The next visit will take place in February of 2020.

Senkow's Science Explorers



Science Explorers are providing students at Senkow Elementary School with an opportunity to deepen their STEM skills in fun engaging ways. Senkow's Science Explorers after school club met and students created slime that reacts to a UV light and changes colors. Students were so excited to participate!



Fifth Grade News



Mrs. Bradley's fifth grade class participated in their first editing circle. Students enjoyed editing each other's narrative writing pieces and provided valuable feedback to their peers with support from their teacher.



Bywood's Student of the Month



Bywood kicked off our very first Student of the Month assembly in our new and improved fun-filled format. Teachers led students in a celebratory "minute to win it" activity, where students had one minute to get an Oreo cookie from the tops of their foreheads into their mouths! Ms. Lapina, pictured left, selected students to participate by drawing a raffle from the cherry bucks students earned this month! It was with the help of our teachers, staff, and proud principal, that we were able to organize, fund, and set-up these events, and celebrate our students of the month.

Bywood's Fourth Grade Science



Fourth graders in Mrs. Dwyer's Science class got creative with their hands-on lesson on Land and Water! They worked diligently to discover how land and water interact in complex ways that affect life on Earth.



Charles Kelly Students Learn from Super Citizens



While reading about being a good citizen, students in Mrs. Benginia's class learned about some of the Super Citizens in our community! The class was visited by meteorologist Karen Rogers from 6abc, an Upper Darby Firefighter, and our own art teacher Mrs. Christina Roberts!! Ms. Rogers spoke to the students about her job and gave a demonstration on their new green screen to show how they could use technology to share what they're learning. Our firefighter spoke about fire safety. Mrs. Roberts taught the students about the mural she painted on 69th Street.

Charles Kelly's Literacy Night



Our First-Grade and Second-Grade teachers along with our Reading Specialists conducted literacy workshops. Parents and students worked in small groups to learn strategies and tips to increase literacy at home. Sight words, identifying letters of the alphabet, oral reading and math fluency are foundational skills that were part of this workshop. Each student was given a book. Families expressed appreciation to the Charles Kelley team for sharing with their families foundational literacy skills that will support their child's learning at home.



STONEHURST HILLS NEWS

Stonehurst Teachers are making HANDS-ON connections with effective strategies



Stonehurst Hills values our students' learning and growth. One of this year's goals is to add even more effective tools to every teacher's instructional toolbox. Stonehurst teachers have been trained in effectively planning to engage students in learning, which is a component in Domain 3 of the Danielson Framework for Educators. Learning Targets have been utilized to ensure all students are aware of and encouraged to reach the lesson target each and every day. Also, active engagement strategies have been implemented to keep our students excited about learning with academic rigor. The Stonehurst team looks forward to working together to continue to build positive learning experiences for students through effective instructional planning.

Stonehurst Third Grade News



Students in Ms. Lydon's class are learning about the density of warm water. In this experiment Arianna and Chloe placed a vial of red hot water into room temperature water demonstrating its to be less dense as the red floated to the top. Students were excited that their learning allowed them to explore with hands-on opportunities.

Stonehurst's Shout Out to Mr. Brad



Stonehurst Hills appreciates Mr. Brad and all he does to make sure our school and the school grounds are well-kept and clean. He is helpful to the staff and students and goes out of his way to help in any way he can. Kudos and thank you to Mr. Brad!

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

BHMS's Family BBQ

BHMS News



On Saturday, September 28th, we held our BH Family BBQ. Families of Beverly Hills students and staff enjoyed an afternoon of food and games out on the front field. We had hot dogs, burgers and veggie burgers from the grill and TONS of desserts. Children and adults played in lawn games including Jenga, Connect four, Corn Hole, tug-of-war and many more. In the afternoon, students participated in relay races concluding with a sprint against Dr. Ursone. Believe it or not, the winner of the sprint was our fearless leader himself, DR. URSONE!! We are so grateful for the 400+ people who came out to share a wonderful

Saturday afternoon soaking up the last bits of summer sun.

Beverly Hills Middle School Book Fair



In October, the Beverly Hills Middle School auditorium turned into a celebration of reading as students attended the Scholastic Book Fair. Students shared their love of reading as they browsed through many interesting books and excitedly purchased popular titles like Miles Morales, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown, and Smile. Ms. Andrea Ciarlo, chairperson, Mrs. Alison Kelly, co-chair, and Mrs. Claudia Douglas, librarian assistant, ran the book fair and enjoyed assisting the students in picking out books and talking about reading.

Fall Clean Up Day at DHMS

DHMS News



We were very busy working on the outside and inside of the building, working on our **Royal** mural and cleaning up campus where it was needed. Thank you all of the DHMS families and faculty who helped to beautify our school on fall clean up day.

DHMS Student of the Month Assemblies

CONGRATULATIONS



DHMS held its first Student of the Month assemblies. Students were honored for achievements in academics, effort, and character during the month of September. The assemblies were a great way to

recognize all of our students who work so hard and demonstrate what it means to be a member of Team DH!

UPPER DARBY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

UDHS Band Captures First Place at Upper Dublin



Marching Royals won first place overall at the 2019 Cavalcade of Bands. The Royals also took the prize for ensemble music and visual effects. The competition was held at Upper Dublin HS on September 14th. Thank you to all of the parents and families who came out to support the students and staff who work hard to represent our District so well. We are so very proud of them! Congrats on this amazing accomplishment!

UDHS AP Night



On September 30th, UDHS celebrated its first annual Advanced Placement Night recognizing over four hundred (400) students for achievement on AP Exams and AP Scholar Distinction.



UDHS ATHLETIC NEWS

Fall Athletes of the Week



Alvina Yousha of the field hockey team has been solid in goal all season. Against Chichester she had ten saves, nine saves against Springfield and six saves against Penncrest! She has multiple double digit save games.



Cross Country runner Joseph Ricciardi has finished first for the team in all meets and placed 20th at the White Creek classic on September 13th.



Denize Cisco placed in the top 20 at the Delaware County Cross Country Championships on October 5th. Best of luck to Denize and her teammates who will compete in the Central League and District Championships in the next few weeks!



Congratulations to all of our fall athletes excelling on the field and nominated by their coaches as athletes of the week.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



October is Fire Prevention Month. The Upper Darby Fire Department will be visiting our schools and conducting unannounced fire drills. Emergency preparedness drills are an important part of keeping our school community safe. The Public Safety Department along with the Upper Darby Police Department have been conducting unannounced lock down drills in our schools as well. This is a good time to remind parents and guardians to keep all emergency contact information up to date. The school may need to call you during or after an emergency. Your child will only be sent home with an adult listed. Also, a good reminder is in the event of an actual emergency we ask parents to rely

only on official communications from school or public safety officials. Do not rush to your child's school. Your presence could interfere with emergency responders. The Public Safety Department would like to welcome Officer Vincent Procopio to Drexel Hill Middle School. We wish him well in his new position. Mr. Thomas Nee our Supervisor of Street Safety is currently looking to hire more Crossing Guards for the 2019-2020 school year. If you or you know someone who is interested, please contact him at: 610-259-2675. You can also visit the District website for more information on vacancies. The Public Safety Department wishes everyone a safe and happy month. As always, a safe school is all our responsibility.



News from our Technology Department



Melissa Crane

The Technology Department is working with the Security Department on the Safe Schools Grant. The additional cameras and secure door systems will be added to the network. Employee Spotlight – Melissa Crane has started working for our department as of July 2019. She completed her Associates Degree in Information Systems from Delaware County Community College in May of 2019. She has been assigned to the Drexel Hill Middle School. Melissa also has a Second Degree Black Belt and was a National A Fighting Champion. We want to wish our staff and students a Happy Thanksgiving.



CENTRAL REGISTRATION/ATTENDANCE SERVICES



Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-20 School Year began in January 2019. Please visit the district website for the information on the registration process, a link to our online registration system and the number for our Central Registration office. While initial registration must be done online, a visit to the Central Registration office is required to verify required paperwork and finalize the process. Thank you for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Department with any questions.



News from our Transportation Department

The mission of the Department of Transportation Services is to provide safe and reliable services to all eligible students in a fiscally responsible manner. A safe, reliable, efficient and on-time student transportation system depends on a strong partnership between parents, guardians, school administration, and the Department of Transportation Services.

Expectations of Parents and Guardians: Good student behavior while entering, riding, and leaving the bus contributes in many ways to safe transportation. Such conduct makes it possible for the driver to give full attention to the roadway and other drivers. Parents can also play an important role in creating a successful transportation experience by having their child arrive early to his/her assigned bus stop. When drivers have to honk and wait for students, it not only delays the pick-up times for all remaining students on the route, but can also result in late arrival to school, cutting into valuable teaching and learning time. Please ensure your child is at the bus stop in advance of his/her scheduled pick-up time. Please contact us if you have any transportation concerns at 610-352-7112.

Expectations of Transportation Staff: The driver of the bus has the responsibility and authority to maintain order and a safe environment. A bus driver who observes student misconduct or determines an unsafe condition exists has the authority to stop the bus and administer corrective action steps in order to ensure the safety of all passengers. The bus driver will document the misconduct on the Bus Conduct Incident Report form and submit the form to the Transportation and School Administration for review. The School Administration will investigate the incident and determine the corrective or disciplinary action based upon the severity of the action.

Expectations of Students: Students are to obey the following safety rules and regulations at the Bus Stop and while riding the Bus.



- Upon entering the bus, students will immediately find seats. They will remain in their seats. No one will be standing while the bus is moving.
- Students are not permitted to save seats for other students.
- Students may be assigned seats by the Bus Attendant or Bus Driver.
- Each student shall display courteous conduct while entering the bus, on the bus, and departing the bus.
- Each student will get on and off at his/her assigned bus stop.
- Drinking of any liquid is prohibited on the bus.
- Students are not permitted to eat food or chew gum on the bus.
- Smoking is prohibited on the bus.
- Students may talk softly to each other while riding the bus; yelling and loud talking is not permitted.
- Profanity of any kind will not be tolerated on the bus.
- Nothing shall be thrown or propelled on the bus, through the bus windows, or at the bus.
- Fighting, scuffling, pushing or tripping is not permitted on the bus.
- There is no littering on the bus.
- No student shall open the emergency door.
- Unreasonable conduct or unsafe actions will not be tolerated.
- Students will be held responsible for any damages that they may do to any school bus.
- **Students are not to possess any type of weapon.**
- **Students are not to possess, use or distribute any drugs or tobacco on the bus.**

UDHS ALUMNI NEWS: CYBERSECURITY MENTORS



L to R: Hasan Hoque, Kyven Wu, Zach Thornton, Cat Vivo

UDHS alums Zach Thornton and Kyven Wu returned to mentor UD's 2019 Cybersecurity Team. Wu, a computer science major at University of Pennsylvania and Thornton, a computer science major at Drexel, helped found the team in 2016, bringing UD to a first place victory at state competition. No stranger to his alma mater, Thornton often helps out with the robotics club in addition to his work with the Cyber Security team. "It's more hands off now- you have to guide people. It's so cool to see people light up and say, "I get it!" Thornton's interest in computer science began in middle school, where he learned coding and JavaScript. For like minded students, he recommends Codecademy. "Having so many opportunities at UD made Freshman year so easy- we'd already done it all here."



WHAT IS UDAEF?

IN 2018-2019 THE UDAEF FUNDED 46 GRANTS TO THE UPPER DARBY SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALING OVER \$167,000.00!

THE UDAEF SERVICE CLUB COMPLETED OVER 3,400 SERVICE HOURS!

OUR MISSION: By building partnerships with the community and the Upper Darby School District, the UDAEF supports innovative projects that will enrich the educational experience of each child in the District.

www.udfoundation.org



Dr. Daniel McGarry

Tonight, we are recognizing two students who won the distinguished Young Playwrights award, Tamea Lowe and Amber Hill. Tamea won 2nd place for her play "Simply Peps" and Amber won 3rd place for her play "The Truth." For those who may not know, Upper Darby School District has been partnering with the Youth Playwrights Program for over 20 years. For a full school year, a class of students from Drexel Hill and Beverly Hills participate in workshops at their schools with a professional playwright from the organization. These students are at the top level academically in their English classes and work closely with these literary professionals to improve their writing-based literacy skills and their 21st century skills like communication, collaboration, and creativity. These students go on to participate in a playwright competition with students across the area. Tamea and Amber, we congratulate you on this amazing accomplishment and would like to present you with a certificate of recognition from Upper Darby School District.

Happenings Across the District

Several families joined Dr. Ursone and his team at Beverly Hills Middle School for their Community Barbecue on Saturday, September 28th. From what I hear from Dr. Manfre, it was a good time for families to get together and to meet the BH staff and there were lots of family activities and great food. We look forward to this event again next school year.

The annual ELL Services Fair took place at Beverly Hills Middle School on Saturday, September 21st. Many County and Township Agencies were on hand to guide our immigrant families in how to access services that are available to them. In addition, free books were available to students and their families.

The UDSD Job Fair was held on September 19th in partnership with Substitute Teacher Services (STS). Administrators, union leaders, teachers and support staff represented the District. CareerLink out of Delaware County Community College also supported the event by providing employment resources. The job fair was a great opportunity to expose members of the community to a variety of available positions. More than 130 potential candidates attended this event.

Facilities Update

In line with our Comprehensive Facilities Improvement Plan, we are continuing in our efforts to improve schools across the District as still working on our plan to ease overcrowding in our elementary and middle schools. I would like to provide you an update on the status of our pool renovation. The major works have been completed, but a few cosmetics are still in progress. So far, we have replaced the pool roof, replastered the pool, power washed the benches, upgraded the electrical box, and repaired the showerheads and painted the benches in the locker room. We also replaced all water filters. We upgraded our water management system as well. This is an upgrade from manual to automatic. Custodians used to manually apply the chemical with jugs on a daily basis. One of the 2 new diving boards will arrive in late October. Since a new diving board costs about \$17,000, the second diving board will be purchased next year. We expect to have the new starting block with the UD Royals logo in early December and the new UD banner that will go over the entrance to the locker room will arrive by the end of this week. We have also removed the ADA pool lift and it is being replaced. The unit was broken and had not been moved for years since it was bulky and heavy. Finally, we will be purchasing new pool lanes and a pool vacuum and repairing the scoreboard.

Upper Darby High School Texting Threat

As you are aware, Upper Darby High School was in lockdown on Thursday, October 3rd. The lockdown was as a result of a student and staff doing the right thing and reporting something they saw in a text chain, feeling uncomfortable about it and reporting it to an adult. The police were notified, responded quickly and went to work vetting out the situation. We attempted to keep the Board, parents, staff and the media informed throughout the process through a series of communications through our robo-email system, ParentLink, and all of our social media platforms. The halls were silent and all of the doors were locked. After approximately 45 minutes, we were allowed to downgrade the lockdown to a shelter-in-place. The police reported to us that the lockdown went very well. Upper Darby Police were able to identify the students involved in our District in that they forwarded the message. Following the lockdown and subsequent shelter-in-place on October 3rd, there were several copycat posts and electronic communications throughout social media in the afternoon and throughout that evening. We contacted the police who immediately began to investigate. After speaking with the persons involved, Upper Darby Police determined that there was no real active threat against our schools and Upper Darby High School opened on a normal schedule. We consider it a very beneficial practice to review with all UDHS students, given today's social media culture, the pitfalls of such behaviors so as to prevent and to deter students from engaging in behaviors they might not otherwise consider to be a safety concern. We know that some students might engage in posting such content or in spreading such content because they are not aware that this behavior can have serious implications. All of such threats will be investigated. We will always choose to act out of an abundance of caution. Students need to know that that they DO leave digital footprints that can be tracked, and they can be criminally accountable for their behavior by law enforcement and the school district. To that end, Principal Simone and her team, Dr. Manfre (the Director of Secondary Schools) and I will review such incidents with students during PBIS lessons.

We are thankful to the thousands of students who do the right thing in our schools every day and to the parents who continue to monitor students' online and texting activity. We also thank the Upper Darby High School Principal and her team, the UDHS teachers and staff and the students for their cooperation while we were working through the incident. The Upper Darby Police Department worked very closely with our team during the lockdown, shelter-in-place and subsequent investigations well into the evening and even over the weekend. I very much appreciate the support of our local police.

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As an administration, we will continue to work on our communication and how we handle incidents moving forward. I do want to take a moment and be very clear that students who are caught causing or perpetuating threats against our school will be disciplined. While we have a restorative approach to our disciplinary practices, we will not tolerate threatening acts or acts of violence against our staff or other students. We have to work together to improve our image, and we have to work together to end such behavior. As a community, we are better than this.

Safety Improvement Update

On Monday, October 7th, we provided an update to all District Stakeholders on the District's ongoing work to ensure that student safety is its priority. In that update, we shared that the District wrote a grant for over \$2.2 million for improved school safety and security in our elementary, middle and high schools.

Through Pennsylvania's Safe Schools Grant, all schools will receive additional building security systems. Safe schools improvements at Upper Darby High School include retrofitting of its main entrance for installation of airlock sensors that electronically interlock the doors. This prevents direct entry into the building without a visitor accessing a check-in kiosk where the Raptor visitor management system is employed for photo identity checks.

We would like to install a one-button lock system at the middle and high schools which are designed to lock down the buildings more expeditiously in the case of an emergency. In addition, a swipe card system will be installed at all three secondary schools for employee entry and exit. This summer, a core group of educators from each school received the start of training in Restorative Practices from Safer Safer Schools, a whole-school program that supports the improvement of school climate and culture by decreasing unsafe behavior and increasing prosocial interaction.

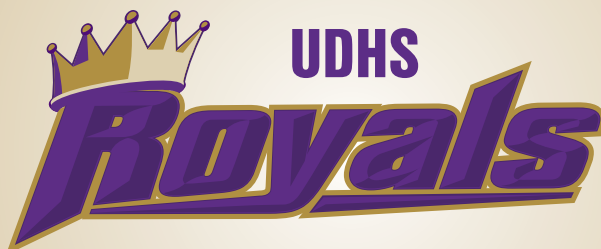
All schools will receive surveillance cameras and DVRs to record surveillance camera data. The CrisisGo safety mobile app will be used Districtwide to communicate emergency management information to parents, staff and stakeholders. Each school will receive CCTV video security monitors, exterior cameras and interior surveillance cameras. Included in the costs are camera installation for 188 exterior cameras and 188 interior cameras in the 14 schools and licensing for the alarm sensors, 1-button lock and swipe card systems in the secondary schools.

We continue to take proactive steps in our approach to safety and security. These improvements accompany existing school safety systems and improvements which include the addition of exterior cameras in all elementary schools, the installation of the Raptor system in all schools to track check-in and check-out times for visitors and volunteers across the District, Stop the Bleed training and kits received through the District Attorney's office, security guards at every school, the District's award-winning Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), the addition of Elementary School Counselors and its Supportive Relationships Program.

The District expects to receive the Safe Schools awards letter within weeks. Our contractors and the bids are ready to go upon receipt of the funding.

The District will apply for the 2019-20 \$450,000 competitive Safe Schools grant for use from March 2020 through March 2022. The District will also apply for a \$45,000 meritorious safety grant for July 1 through June 30 for the 2019-20 school year.

The safety of our students, staff and visitors to our buildings is our number one priority. We are excited to have been awarded the Safe Schools grant and look forward to continuing in our work of improving school safety and the environments in which our students learn. Board President Mitchell and members of the School Board, this concludes my report for the evening.



If you have not already, please be sure follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) and check out the district website at upperdarbysd.org. See [OUR JOB OPPORTUNITIES](#).

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