2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT

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A Perfect Partnership

SPARK greatly appreciates the continued support that is received from the Prince William County School Board. Our success is the result of a great partnership with our School Division and its leadership, and for this we are incredibly thankful. The Foundation looks forward to collaborating with our School Board members for many years to come.

Prince William County Public Schools

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Message from the 2021-22 President

Dr. Robert Melvin from Smart Kids Coaching

I am grateful for the opportunities I have been fortunate enough to be a part of during my tenure as president of SPARK, The Education Foundation for Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS), for the 2021-22 school year. I have been directly involved with PWCS for many years serving as a member of the SPARK Board of Directors, volunteering with SPARK's Grants and Scholarship Committees, serving a member of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Board, and helping to provide financial resources and giving career talks several hundred PWCS students and families each year, I believe my experience will allow me to leverage support for students, teachers, and staff to strengthen the foundation of education in this World-Class School Division.

For the past 30 years, supported by donations from local businesses, SPARK has raised funds for PWCS teachers and schools, as well as to School Division departments, staff, and offices, through our SPARK Grants program and awarded over \$1.1 million in grant funding. In 2021-22, 19 grants were awarded for a total exceeding \$58,000 to schools and departments to implement programs that would not be possible otherwise. The Foundation continues to support students pursuing careers in STEM, teaching, nursing, trades, and many other private programs through our scholarship program– awarding 45 scholarships totaling \$88,500. We are grateful for the community's support of SPARK; it is critical to our work and the strength of our schools.

Each year we embark upon initiatives to help make education brighter for our students, supporting more than seven scholarship funds; play a vital role in the VA STAR (Virginia Student Training and Refurbishment) program that provides support to school divisions and schools throughout the Commonwealth; provide clothes and gifts to families in need via our Holiday Helpers initiative; and provide support for Robotics teams in all of our schools. SPARK also works closely with the CTE Advisory Committee to support high school programs for cybersecurity, welding, automotive, culinary, cabinetry, engineering, HVAC and other classroom instruction.

The support that SPARK is proud to provide enriches students' lives every day. These children are the basis for our community's future growth and prosperity, and it is only possible to build on that strong foundation with the continued support of our corporate and community partnerships. A strong school community is vital for the future success of our county, state, and nation. With the experience and determination of the SPARK Board of Directors, we can guarantee that our success will only continue to strengthen PWCS in the years to come. It has been my pleasure to be president of such a supportive and outstanding Board of Directors.

We invite you to offer support for the Foundation's initiatives and help provide opportunities for PWCS students to reach their greatest potential. Your involvement will be tremendously rewarding to you and to our community's students. Please look at our website (www.poweredbyspark.org) to learn more about the grant opportunities for our teachers and departments, give generously, and attend our fundraising events or contact Dawn Davis, Executive Director of SPARK, at davisds@pwcs.edu or 703-791-8001. We also welcome interested community members to join our Board of Directors who bring can-do spirit and many varied talents to helps in our efforts to support the PWCS community.

Please feel free to reach out to Dawn Davis with any questions or to discuss our grants. With your help, we can continue the SPARK's proud tradition of support of and enrichment for PWCS.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Melvin President SPARK

INNOVATIVE GRANT WINNERS 2021-22 Award Cycle

SPARK awards its "Innovative Grants" to Division teachers, schools, and departments that propose exciting and creative new ways to enhance education for our students.

Alvey Elementary School

"Using WordQ to Inspire Struggling Students in ELA"

Battlefield High School "Learning electrical systems with Augmented Reality" "Outdoor Forensic Crime Scene"

Beville Middle School "Cornhole Boards for the PE department" "Online SEL support through Centervention"

Bristow Run Elementary School

"Arts in the Garden"

Bull Run Middle School

"Project Title: STEAMing ahead in the BRMS Library with Tinker Tuesdays" **Coles Elementary School**

" Closing the Experience Gap"

Freedom High School "Virtual Reality Headsets"

Gar-Field High School "GFHS Garden Club 21-22 Forestation Project -Tree Planting"

> Hampton Middle School "Cross-Curricular Reading for All"

Kyle Wilson Elementary School

"Elementary Drones: Connecting technology to curriculum through exploration of forces, electricity, and space" Lake Ridge Middle School "Coffee Cart" "Vocational Work Task Station"

Loch Lomond Elementary School "Strong Little Hands"

> Marsteller Middle School "Center Based Learning"

Patriot High School "Growing a Collaborative Community"

Vaughn Elementary School "One Den, One Book"

Office of Special Education "Inclusive Mobility through the World"

Scholarships

In 2021-22 SPARK distributed 45 scholarships to graduating high school seniors, totaling \$88,500 awarded to more than 20 different colleges, universities, and technical schools.

- Awarded three high school seniors \$1,500 each to pursue a career in teaching as part of the Dr. Edward L. Kelly Memorial Scholarship program.
- Awarded four \$1,500 scholarships to students pursuing a career in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) field through the Micron and Lockheed Martin.
- Awarded six \$1,500 scholarships to students pursuing a career in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) field through the Micron Foundation and Lockheed Marti
- Awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to a former Yorkshire Elementary School student, and three \$1,000 scholarships to former Yorkshire Elementary School scholarship recipients continuing their education.
- Distributed two \$1,500 scholarships to CTE Red Lawson scholarship students to purse their education at a post-secondary school or technical schooling and one \$500 CTE Welding scholarship. These are all on behalf of the CTE (Career & Technical Education) Advisory Council Fund.
- Distributed two \$500 Nursing Scholarships on behalf of the Practical Nursing program at OPHS.
- Distributed a \$4,000 scholarship to one PWCS high school senior on behalf of Chick-fil-A restaurants in Prince William County.

- Distributed a \$1,000 on behalf of the David Cobb Scholarship.
- Distributed two \$1,500 scholarships on behalf of the Forest Park Black Alumni.
- Distributed two \$1,000 scholarships to CTE students on behalf of the Lake Ridge Rotary.
- Distributed two \$1,500 scholarships awarded through the Sara Lott Memorial Scholarship fund.
- Distributed two \$2,500 scholarships on behalf of the Ms. Lilian Orlich Scholarship.
- Distributed four \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors on behalf of the Payton's Project- Freeze Bullying for Payton scholarship fund.
- Distributed three \$2,500 PW Chamber Scholarship.
- Distributed two \$1,000 scholarships to students pursuing a career in the STEM field on behalf of SRC, Inc.
- Distributed a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the Austin Trenum Memorial Scholarship.
- Distributed two \$3,000 scholarships on behalf of the Ryan Trexel Memorial Scholarship.
- Distributed a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the Dr. Renee Lacey Scholarship.

V A S T A R

50,623 **Computers Donated**

134 Schools and 54 School **Divisions since 2010**

8 Schools in **Prince William County**

SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION

Activities and Events

- Sponsored the 28th Annual "Tee Off for Education" golf classic fundraising event to support SPARK grant distribution to our departments and schools.
- Hosted the PWCS Vision Launch event which introduced the new Superintendent's vision and goals in the form of the 2025 Strategic Plan, and SPARK's 2025 Funding Agenda.
- Provided free books, school supplies, and health resources to teachers during • two "Teacher Wellness" events, hosted at the Kelly Leadership Center during two different professional development days.

Program Support

- Continued fundraising for the "Holiday Helpers" giving program to include • Volunteer Prince William's Un-Trim-a-Tree program to provide food, gifts, and warm clothing to families-in-need, during the holiday season.
- Provided continued extensive support and financial assistance to the VA STAR • (Virginia Student Training and Refurbishment) program to include the expansion of the program to other School Divisions in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Continued support for the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) initiatives.



2021-22 FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS





Service Authority Exceptional Water Service

In 2021, Prince William Service Authority (PWSA) joined SPARK's Board of Directors as a new but active participant.

"The Service Authority is proud to partner with the Prince William County Schools and SPARK as part of our commitment to environmental leadership and community engagement," said Service Authority General Manager/ CEO Calvin Farr. "Through our dynamic partnership, the Service Authority is able to shine a light on future career opportunities for Prince William County students, provide environmental classroom content, host our annual Water Art invitational and engage teachers in our Water Academy. We look forward to expanding the partnership even further in coming years to provide both educational and career options for students."

In December of 2021, Calving D. Farr, Jr. presented as the keynote speaker for the Vision Launch event, hosted by SPARK. Since, PWSA has donated thousands of reusable water bottles to schools and continued to educate staff and students through the Water Academy.

Generous SPARK Donors

The following list of businesses, civic organizations, and individuals reflects generous support through gifts of time, talent, in-kind, and cash donations that invested in public education during the 2021-22 school year. Without their contributions, the work of SPARK would not have been possible. We are also very grateful for the donations that have helped our students and staff adjust during the pandemic.

Many donors choose to support SPARK through their workplace giving campaigns, such as United Way, America's Charities, or other charitable programs. Several PWCS employees also contribute through payroll deduction. While the names of these individuals are often unknown, their gifts enabled our program to flourish. **For that, we thank you.**

Leadership Donors

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(\$70,000 - \$89,999)

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(\$50,000 - \$69,999)

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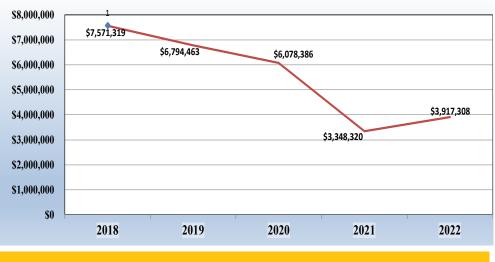
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Annual Income reflects support of time, talent, in-kind, and cash donations.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2025 VISION LAUNCH RECEPTION

On December 9, 2021, SPARK hosted the 2025 Vision Launch Reception for Prince William County Public Schools at Harbor View Arena.

The evening included the introduction of the school Division's 2025 Strategic Plan by new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. LaTanya D. McDade, as well as keynote speaker Mr. Calvin Farr, Jr. with Prince William County Service Authority. SPARK Executive Director, Dawn Davis, was also proud to launch the 2025 Funding Agenda which outlines the Foundation's funding goals within Six Areas of Focus that support the Strategic Plan.

The Six Areas of Focus are:

- 1. Educator Preparedness
- 2. STEM Education
- 3. Social and Emotional Learning
- 4. Innovative and Digital Citizenship
- 5. Career Pathways to Global Citizens
- 6. Partnerships for School Improvement

SPARK aims to support schools and educators as they strive to improve student outcomes and promote equitable learning experiences by partnering with businesses and community-based organizations to identify and invest in new and effective initiatives within these areas.





TEACHER WELLNESS BOOK GIVE AWAY

In January, PWCS teachers were invited to drop by the Kelly Leadership Center to replenish their classroom libraries and supplies for the second semester.

The book and supply teacher workday event was held by SPARK, the Education Foundation for Prince William County Public Schools, and offered various in-demand school supplies, and a large selection of new books, donated by business partner Bookworm Central.

Elementary school teachers took over 1,200 books back to their respective class libraries. Over 1,740 books were picked up by teachers throughout the day.

During the event, community partner Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield was on-site to provide updated information and answer any questions about Medicaid options.

SPARK and Old Hickory Golf Club host 28th Annual "Tee Off for Education" Golf Classic

28th Annual SPARK Golf Classic Raises Funds to Support Innovative Grants

SPARK's annual "Tee Off for Education" Golf Classic, once again brought seasoned golfers, first-time players, and volunteers alike Old Hickory Golf Club on Friday, August 6, 2021. We greatly appreciate our Tournament Sponsor Moseley Architects, and all of our other sponsors and donors, for making this event a success! Raised funds will directly benefit educational programs throughout the school division. The SPARK Board of Directors expresses its gratitude to Old Hickory Golf Club staff, East-West Embroidery, donors of the raffle items, and tournament volunteers.

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A special thank you

to Old Hickory Golf Club

for their many years of support!

Join us! 2023 Tee Off for Education

> Friday, September 29 Shotgun Start at 8 a.m.