

Upper Merion Area Middle School Lives and Models the Eleven Principles of the Character Education Partnership

1. Promotes core ethical values as well as supportive performance values as the foundation of good character.
2. Defines “character” to include, thinking, feeling, and behavior.
3. Uses a comprehensive, intentional and proactive approach to character development.
4. Creates a caring school community.
5. Provides students with opportunities for moral action.
6. Includes a meaningful and challenging academic curriculum that respects all learners, develops their character, and helps them to succeed.
7. Strives to foster students’ self motivation.
8. Engages the school staff as a learning and moral community that shares responsibility for character education and attempts to adhere to the same core values that guide the education of students.
9. Fosters shared moral leadership and long range support for the character education initiative.
10. Engages families and community members as partners in the character-building effort.
11. Assesses the character of the school, the school staff’s functioning as character educators, and the extent to which students manifest good character.

Upper Merion Area Middle School

2010 Pennsylvania School of Character

A Community of Caring



Caring, Respect, Responsibility, Trust & Family

Evidence of Success

100% of staff and students perform Service Learning or Community Service.

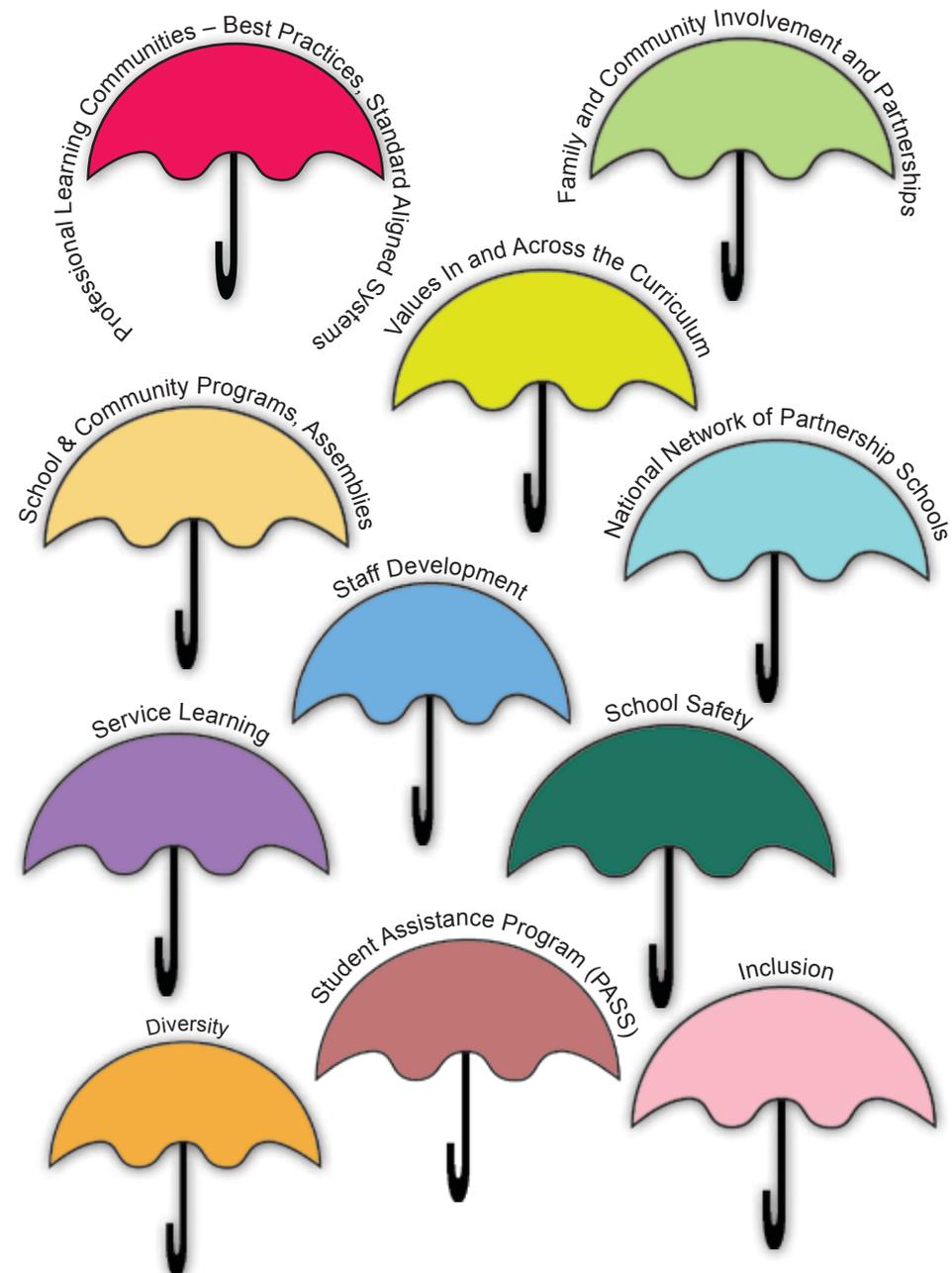
Parents, community members and students have performed more than 3700 volunteer hours to date.

The middle school works with over 30 community partnerships.

Awards:

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
Department of Education Secondary School of Distinction Award
National Community of Caring School of Excellence
National Community of Caring Parent Advocate Award – PTC President Kathy Hill
Community of Caring Lifetime Achievement Award – Dr. Karen Geller
Soldier Angels Golden Wings Award
The Bob Schiller Memorial Cancer Research and Support Award for Community of Caring Service – Dr. Karen Geller
9 Faculty members awarded the Optimist Partner in Education Award
18 Faculty Members including the Principal, Mr. John Adiletto have been inducted to the Wall of Fame
2010 Reading Olympics Student Awards - Grades (5 – 8) – 124 First Place Blue Ribbons, 46 Second Place Red Ribbons, 12 Third Place Green Ribbons
Pennsylvania Technology Student Association Regional Conference– Qualified for upcoming National Leadership Conference – (Students)
Southeastern Pennsylvania Science Olympiad Regional Competition Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Science and Technology and Bringing Science to Life. (12 students who competed in a field of 1500.)
Montgomery County Mathematics Competition Awards – (students)
Yearbook Award
Continental League Sportsmanship Award
The Prudential Spirit of Community Award – (Students)
The Prudential Spirit of Service Award and Presidential Service Award – (Student)
High Note Music Fest - Superior ranking in Vocal, Band and Orchestra Performance
Trills and Thrills Music Fest – Superior ranking in Vocal, Band and Orchestra Performance
Cheerleading Competition Spirit Award
Grand Champion Cheerleading Award 2009
Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award 2010
Read for Ronald Award of Excellence
Energy Star School 2010

Our Community of Caring Umbrella Programs:



**Inspiring Excellence in Character, Leadership,
Scholarship and Service.
Caring, Respect, Responsibility, Trust, Family**