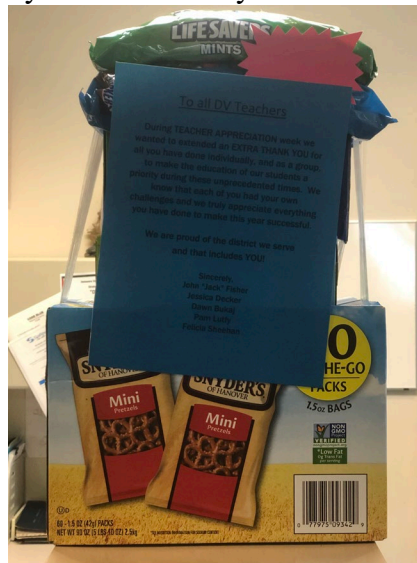


DELAWARE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
"Where Dreams Become Reality"

THANK YOU PTA: The **Delaware Valley Middle School Staff** is very appreciative of all of your efforts to make Teacher Appreciation Week so special. Each day our team was met with something to add a smile to our faces. You made the teachers feel special during a time that all could use a pick-me-up. As a group, you continue to provide support for our school and students. On behalf of everyone in our DVMS family, thank you for all of the support you have provided for our students and the DVMS staff.

THANK YOU DVSD SCHOOL BOARD: The **Delaware Valley Middle School Administration and Staff** would like to thank the **DVSD School Board** for sponsoring a luncheon held on Thursday May 6, 2021. It was particularly nice this year being recognized for all of the hard work this team has made for our students. The goodie box delivery was a very nice added surprise! Your continued support of the DVMS is greatly appreciated. Thank you all for what you do!



Delaware Valley School Board Teacher Appreciation Goodie Box

OMazing DVMS WORLD FINALISTS: The 20-21 DVMS Odyssey of the Mind Technical Team coached by **Lauren Lockwood** was comprised of 8th graders **Bennett Nielsen, Anna Vogel, and Noelle Holderith**, 7th graders **Angelica Barcia and Grant Nielsen**, and 6th graders **Lalibella Dillon and Nova Weyant**. They worked diligently on their solution from October until May, finishing 1st at the NEPA OotM competition in March and then 4th in the PA State Competition in April. They proceeded to the **Odyssey of the Mind Virtual World Finals in May**, where they competed among nearly **950 teams** from countries around the globe, including Poland, China, Korea, Hong Kong, Switzerland, Russia, India, Japan, Singapore, and British Columbia, as well as teams throughout the United States. The team came in **2nd Place in the World out of 75 teams**, setting a new DVMS record by bringing home the very first World Finals trophy!

The 20-21 DVMS Odyssey of the Mind Structure Team coached by **Victoria Bednar and Steve Rhule** consisted of 8th graders **Summer Rose Oliver, Gryphon Fernald, and Kara Luposello**, 7th graders **Ella Dong and Jocelyn Alveari**, and 6th graders **Winter Lily Oliver and Caitlynn McKeon**. The team came in 1st place at the NEPA Odyssey of the Mind Regional Competition in March, 2nd place at the PA State Competition in April, and **11th place in the World out of 39 teams** at the Virtual Odyssey of the Mind World Finals competition in May.



Team Lockwood, from left to right: Nova Weyant, Lalibella Dillon, Angelica Barcia, Anna Vogel, Noelle Holderith, Grant Nielsen, and Bennett Nielsen



Team Bednar, from left to right: Summer Rose Oliver, Gryphon Fernald, Jocelyn Alveari, Ella Dong, Caitlynn McKeon, Kara Luposello, and Winter Lily Oliver

The **DVMS Drama Club** knocked it out of the park(ing lot) this year with their high energy and fun-filled production of *Bye Bye Birdie*, young players edition. Students performed their outdoor, bring-your-own-campchair production in the loading bay of Mr. Thiele's classroom, with audience members seated in the 9/10 parking lot. While COVID-19 presented its challenges such as quarantines and closures, it proved no match for the indomitable spirit of the DVMS drama students, whose perseverance and desire to perform a live show brought this production to fruition. Kudos to cast and crew!

DIRECTOR'S NOTE: *"I set out this year wanting to do a show that felt celebratory, one that would take our audience's minds off the additional stresses of our time. I feel we not only achieved that goal, but in the end, we also built an event that spoke to the unquestionable value of educational theater experiences and the breadth of opportunities they provide."*



Audience Anticipation Grows!



Abigail Chudoba



Christopher Fleming



Dancing the Night Away



Thanks For a Great Show!!!

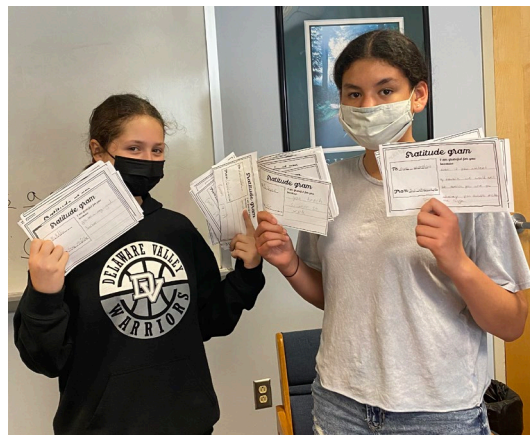
LET THE WARRIOR GAMES BEGIN: Smiles, laughter, and fun were in abundance as the athletic spirit soared during the first ever Warrior Games. On June 2, 2021 students from Delaware Valley Middle School competed at Warrior Stadium alongside those from all other DVSD school buildings. Athletes had a blast while competing in a variety of track and field and weight lifting events. Track events included 50 meters, 100 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters, and the mile run (walking, running, and wheelchair events were all held)! On the field, students could participate in softball throw, shot put, long jump, and high jump competitions. At the fieldhouse, weight lifters showcased their abilities in the bench press and squat. **DVMS participants include Hailey Stasiuk, Malachi Wright, Spencer Rivera, Isabella Sevek, Matthew Walker, Kate Yablonski, Ayla Howland, Paige Martine, Giulio Mesiti, Ryan Zellmer, Layla Garrity, Daniel Buttaro, Kiera Mulzet, Rihana Carr, Ryan Ryan, Gregory Plotkin, Lily Hinkley, Danny DeFalco, Layla O'Donnell, Ryan Baka, Sean Granada, Mason Coe, Colin Stanley, Zachary Ferguson, Jared Purcell, Salvatore Ciarelli, Alexander Berretta Schmalz, Sam Leslie, Kolyn Bushey, Andralyn Rand, Alexis Livingston, Gabrielle Roberts, Amir Guillite, Kyle Suh, Hunter O'Dell, Brendan Turner, and Anthony Sevek.** It was a day of participation and pride for the athletes, families, teachers, administrators, and volunteers. All athletes are, and should be, extremely proud of their accomplishments.





ALL OF THESE ATHLETES ARE WINNERS!!!

GRATITUDE IS GREAT: As part of **Mental Health Awareness Month**, DVMS student body was asked to write Gratitude Grams. Being grateful boosts feelings of wellness and also helps us to see what and who we have in our lives that matter.



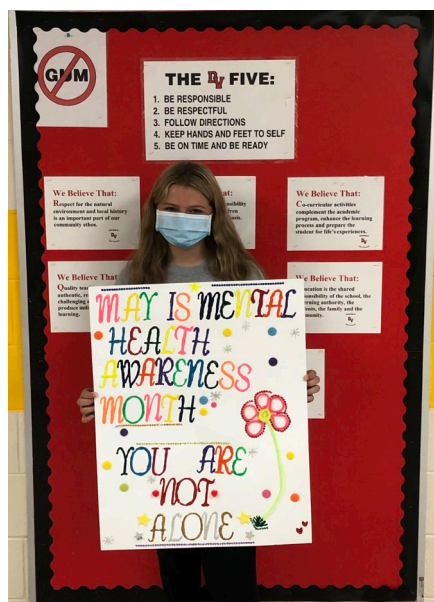
Sophia Coleman & Jaida Palacios

SHOWING OUR SUPPORT: Green symbolizes the continual awareness of mental health in order to help fight the stigma that is often associated with it. DVMS faculty and staff wore green every Thursday in support of this great initiative in May for Mental Health Awareness Month # YouAreNotAlone



(Left to Right) Mr. Morley, Mrs. Stratman, Mrs. Topa, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Naturale, Mrs. Lockwood, Mr. Sweeney, Miss Bellas, Mrs. Gonzalez, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Glasson

MENTAL HEALTH POSTER CONTEST WINNER: Congratulations to our winner - **Isabella Robinson** from DVMS.



Isabella Robinson

DON'T LET READING TAKE A SUMMER VACATION: A break from books can mean big losses for readers. All too often, students who take a break from books during the summer months lose crucial ground – the infamous "summer slide." Parents can help prevent this learning loss by making sure there's plenty of high-interest reading material on hand during the break. **Research** shows that children who read **four or more books over the summer fare better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who read one or no books over the summer.** Just because school is out, it doesn't mean that reading and learning should stop. Dive into a good summer read at the Pike County Public Library!

MAY TEACHER OF THE MONTH



Mr. Jayne, Science Teacher

MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH NOMINEES

Isaiah Berrios
Noelle Holderith
Terence Plummer

Copeland Brown
Josh Frye
Ava Sustak

Vicely Cepeda
Josie Lordi
Alexandra Morton

Ayden Conklin
Rylee Nitecki
Paige Martine

MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Rainna Carr, Lauren Donnelly, MacKenzie Heath, Frankie Pedone
Missing from Photo is **Gabriel Peruso**

June 10	Last Day for 4:30 late buses
June 11	DVMS Field Day sixth & seventh grade
June 11	DVMS field trip to Costa's Amusement Park, eighth grade
June 11	Last Day for 6:00 late buses
June 16	Student Recognition Virtual Awards Ceremony 9:30, DVHS Auditorium
June 16	Last day of school for students - 1/2 Day, 11:15am dismissal
June 16	Last day for teachers, 1/2 Teacher Day Teacher

This has been a year that has regularly presented challenges for many on a multitude of levels. From the beginning of the year, we weren't even sure if we would be able to create conditions to make things work for in-school instruction and certainly, if so, for how long? All of a sudden, with continuous effort being made by all of our stakeholders, we made it past Thanksgiving; next, we crossed through the winter holidays, and eventually, we made it on our way toward the second half of the year. While many were present, all the while, many of our students forged ahead in their learning from home. As a school community, while we understand the decisions families made for having students learn at home, we still missed everyone that was unable to attend. More than anything, we are hoping that conditions continue to improve across our great country so to enable all of us to be together in person safely again next year!

Our 8th grade students have led as best as they could under the circumstances. There are so many wonderful student relationships that have been established over the past three years making it very difficult to say good bye. To each student, I want to wish the best in life moving forward in high school and beyond. You are a group that as you continue to get older will become a group of change agents that will help propel our world forward. I so look forward to seeing where your excellence takes you all!

To our current students in grades 6 & 7, I look forward to your return without masks so your faces can be seen in full and our relationships can continue to grow. Ideally, each of you will enjoy a fun-filled summer break with family and friends doing all of the activities that you enjoy both inside and out! As for our incoming 5th grade students who will be joining the DVMS team next school year, I am already very excited to see you all and cannot wait to see how this new group of students will add to our success.

Here are a few things to consider prior to the end of the year: Please check with your child to ensure that all of his/her textbooks, chrome book, charger, and any school issued supplies are returned. The students will conduct a full locker clean out during our last week of school, ensuring all contents from lockers have been removed. All obligations will need to be satisfied in order to receive final report cards and schedules for next year. Any medications that may be stored with our nurse will require a plan with the nurse for proper pick-up. Thank you again for a very enjoyable school year and please enjoy summer break and time spent with family and friends!

Pete Ioppolo, Ed. D.
Principal