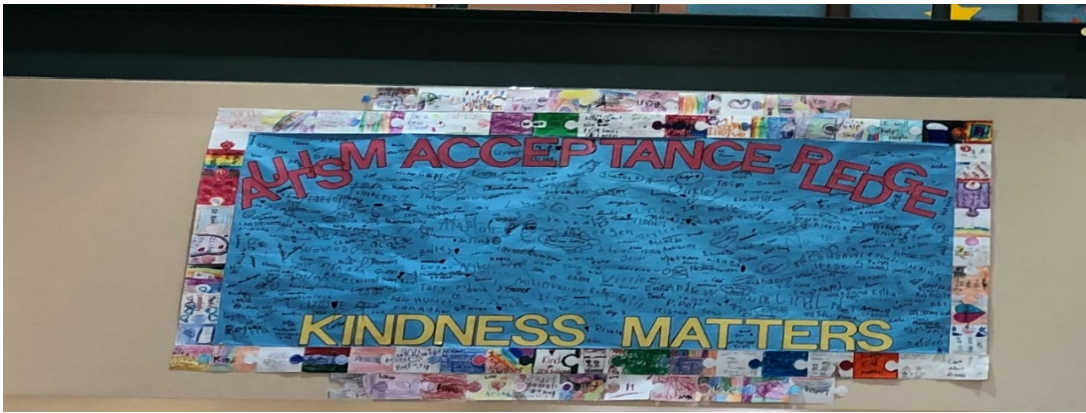


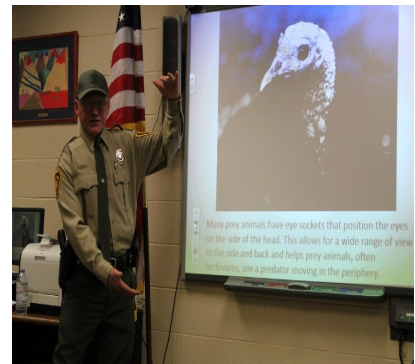
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- Agriculture Literacy Week Ms. Angie, a Pike County 4H leader from the Penn State Extension Office, visited Mrs. Fells' and Mrs. Roche's classrooms on March 21st. On her visit she read the students the story Right This Very Minute by Lisl H. Detlefsen, which she then donated to the classrooms. The book made students aware of how farming brings the food they eat right to their dinner plate! Ms. Angie walked students through the different meals and snacks of the day. She discussed how pancakes, orange juice, maple syrup, vegetable, and meat products are made and how they make their way to our homes. Students became aware of how there is dedication from so many, right on the other end of their fork.
- Autism awareness acceptance month. AA month started with the Autistic Support teachers (Ashley and Chrissy) going into each classroom and conducting a 15-minute lesson on Autism and "differences." They also did short clips (i.e., Autism facts) on the DDPS morning news show. Various fundraisers were held throughout the building all month to donate to PASS. We joined with Pocono Cheesecake Factory and raised \$665 from cheesecakes sold for Easter. DDPS faculty and staff, as well as a few families, bought over 150 PASS shirts and wore them each Thursday. The Autism Support classroom staff hosted a breakfast at the beginning of the month (raising \$70) and a soup and sandwich luncheon at the end of the month (raising \$245). Weekly bake sales (i.e., items baked by various DDPS staff) raised \$168. DDPS staff paid \$25 to dress down for six additional days during the month of April (raising \$750). Mr. Bob Burns did collections during his spring music concerts and raised \$1371. The student lighthouse team sold Autism Awareness bracelets each morning and raised over \$150. Additionally, DDPS students completed "Chores for Autism" and raised \$460. Students also completed various activities throughout the month encouraging acceptance and kindness (for all students) including: drawings of how they can be a good friend, signing an Autism Acceptance pledge, and creating puzzle pieces with words/drawings of ways to be kind and accepting of others.





- Officer Ron Tussel, of the PA Game Commission visited DDPS to speak with the first grade classes on Friday, April 5th. He helped create a culminating experience for the students as they were finishing up their science unit on animal habitats. Officer Tussel taught the students about the local animal habitat, predator/prey relationships, and basic needs of every animal. Students were able to explore animal furs and skulls. The students loved guessing which fur/skull belonged to which animal! The first grade students synergized by working together on creating a gigantic puzzle for Earth Day. Several classes wrote about how important it is to Save Our Earth. Students also designed a self-portrait using recycled materials.



- On April 11th, DDPS students attended a school-wide assembly called NED's Mindset Mission. The purpose of the assembly was to teach the kids to Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. The assembly was very entertaining. The kids saw magic tricks, awesome yo-yo skills, and also heard some great messages. There was a yo-yo sale for several days following the assembly. As part of their "Pay It Forward" mission, the sales from that then go towards paying for the next school's assembly.



- DDPS celebrated spring with a "Spring Hat" themed parade. The students had lots of fun parading through the school showing off their beautiful spring hats that they created. They did a beautiful job making very creative hats!!

