

DINGMAN-DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL – MR. JAMES MITCHELL

- On **Friday, October 6th**, the music department was treated to a Kindred Spirits performance by Publiquartet. The string group entertained our students with a beautiful and informative presentation, and then held a question and answer session with the students. The music department just finished its first fundraiser, which successfully raised almost \$10,000 for the annual Music in the Parks competition in June. The band, chorus, and orchestra are currently working hard in preparation for upcoming events such as our radio performance on WSUS 102.3, Akenac Park's Christmas Festival, Christmas caroling through Milford, and most importantly our winter concerts!
- On **Thursday, October 12, 2017**, Robert Hackenson was at the Dingman-Delaware Middle School for an assembly presentation. He has been delivering highly interactive “edutaining” presentations since 2004. This assembly addressed many of the issues facing students including the challenges and consequences of social media, bullying/cyberbullying, communication skills, internet safety, and inappropriate postings. The program was sponsored by our PTA in recognition of our anti-bullying effort here at DDMS.
- DDMS JRSASA promoted Red Ribbon Week by decorating our school and cafeteria with Red Ribbons and student designed posters. Ms. Bruno, school social worker and JRSASA advisor, shared daily announcements during the week to promote spirit wear with anti-drug messages. On **Monday October 23rd**, DDMS *teamed up* against drugs by wearing our favorite jersey, on **Tuesday October 24th**, we gave drugs the *boot* by wearing our favorite boots, on **Wednesday October 25th** we all stood up against bullying by wearing **ORANGE** for Unity Day, on **Thursday October 26th** we wore our favorite tie die shirt to show that we will *not get tied up* in drugs and on **Friday October 27th** we added **Red** to our Warrior Black and White day to end Red Ribbon week. Ms. Bruno also had all DDMS students sign an anti-bullying and anti-drug banner to show our commitment and pledge to be drug free and to bully free. The banner is displayed in our school cafeteria as a reminder of our commitment.
- The Dingman- Delaware Middle School held its annual Career Day on **Friday, October 20, 2017**. The afternoon started with a catered luncheon for all presenters and their host teachers. Our twenty-two guest speakers represented a variety of careers. Eighth grade students were broken into small groups and had the opportunity to meet with five speakers and learn about different career opportunities. Career day was a huge success due to all the help and support from the community, faculty and staff.
- On **October 25, 2017**, all students and faculty participated in Unity Day. Unity Day is the day that everyone can come together in schools, communities, and on-line to send one large **ORANGE** message of support, hope and unity. Unity Day is designed to help kids feel supported and united against bullying. Unity Day is an essential highlight in the middle of Bully Prevention month.
- On **October 27th**, the Dingman-Delaware Middle School Student Council held its annual Halloween Dance. Over 300 students attended, sporting a variety of weird and magnificent costumes. At the dance, our Student Council created a haunted trail to raise funds for the American Red Cross, hurricane relief. The Student Council had over 290 students go through the trail and raised \$590 dollars.

Fire Drill: October 27, 2017: 2 minutes, 20 seconds.