

Dingman-Delaware Middle School – MR. JAMES MITCHELL

- On Thursday, March 1, 2018, Chief Mark Moglia conducted ALICE training for our staff at the Dingman Delaware Middle School. ALICE is a training program that provides staff and students with an option-based response to an active shooter gaining entry into a school, a business or any organization. The ALICE Training is conducted by an onsite instructor-led demonstrations, practical scenarios, and evaluation drills.
- The week of March 12-16, 2018, was DDMS proclaimed Cyber Awareness Week. Daily announcements were read each morning on DDTV. Mr. Adelphio (School Counseling intern) conducted class presentations to students in the sixth and seventh grade. His focus was on Cyber Safety, Cyber Bullying, and how to handle these situations.
- On Saturday, March 17, 2018, three teams from DDMS competed in the North East PA Regional Odyssey of the Mind Competition held at Pocono Mountain West High School. The Classics Team, coached by Mrs. Cindi Stine, solved the problem called “**Mockumentary! Seriously?**” In this problem, characters don’t always agree as they recount the classic story where they appeared. The team selected a classic from a list and presented different characters in a humorous documentary-style performance where details are added, denied, exaggerated, and disputed. There are interviews, behind-the-scenes “clips,” and voice-overs that take the audience through the story and help present the events as they “really” took place. Whose side will you be on? The team placed second. Their odyssey continues at the Pennsylvania State Finals Tournament being held at Pocono Mountain East on April 7, 2018. The Theatrical Team, coached by Mrs. Karen Wagenhoffer, solved a problem called “**A Stellar Hangout.**” In the outreaches of the universe, there is an Intergalactic Hangout where all sorts of creatures from different worlds stop, eat, refuel, and relax. Teams will create a humorous performance centered on this science fiction hangout that includes original creatures, foods, and a search for space treasure. There will also be a worker character, entertainment, and a futuristic map at the hangout. This team placed first. Their odyssey also continues at the Pennsylvania State Finals Tournament being held at Pocono Mountain East on April 7, 2018. The Technical Team, coached by Mr. Steven Tarquini, solved the problem called “**Emoji, Speak for Yourself.**” In this problem, three-dimensional emoji’s will be used to communicate the life story of a once famous, but now forgotten, emoji. Teams created a performance where the emoji’s demonstrate special functions like growing, turning into a team member, and changing into a different emoji. Performances will also include a choreographed dance, a technical representation of texting, and sounds to enhance the performance. The twist? No spoken language was allowed. This team also placed fifth, ending their journey. The North East Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind Regional Director also represents both DDMS and DVSD. Phil Patterson has served as a coach and later a judge and board member for more than 20 years. He was elected to lead the North East Regional Board of Directors in 2016, and is currently finishing his second year in this position.
- DDMS Gifted worked with Mr. Anthony Comunale in the Technology Education room learning how to 3D model and 3D print their own created objects. The Gifted students also spent time on their Passion Projects, ranging from video and sound editing, to coding, to building their own claw machine.
- The 40th annual Tri-State Spelling Bee was a great success for the Dingman-Delaware Middle School participants. Five of our young people competed against students from Delaware Valley Middle School, Port Jervis, Montague, and Eldred, and they did very well. Emma Allen, the youngest competitor from our group made it through early rounds and gained valuable experience. Emily Gouger, Nicholas Curtis, and Seth Daniels stayed in the competition well past half the field being eliminated. In fact, Seth Daniels finished just outside of the medal recipients. The overall winner, and receiver of the all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Spelling Bee, was Lucas Tusinean. an 8th grade student at Dingman-Delaware Middle School who gets a once in a lifetime opportunity to see how he fares against the best spellers in the United States. The event was well attended and is supported wonderfully by many kind supporters, many of whom are a part of the Delaware Valley School District. What a unique and important academic contest! Mr. Eric Cooley is the Spelling Bee Advisor for DDMS.
- Fire Drill: March 27, 2018: 2 minutes 35 seconds.