

Dingman-Delaware Middle School – Mr. Brian McCarthy

- The week of March 18-22, 2019, was DDMS proclaimed Cyber Awareness Week. Daily announcements were read each morning on DDTV and bulletin boards were decorated with helpful hints, links, and suggestions promoting Cyber Awareness Week! Homeroom teachers also handed out stickers to their students regarding Cyber Awareness.
- On Saturday, March 9, 2019, three teams from DDMS competed in the North East PA Regional Odyssey of the Mind Competition held at Pocono Mountain West High School. The Technical Team, coached by Mrs. Cindi Stine, solved the problem called **“Hide in Plain Sight”**. The team placed second. Their odyssey continues at the Pennsylvania State Finals Tournament being held at Pocono Mountain East on April 6, 2019. The Theatrical Team, coached by Mrs. Karen Wagenhoffer, solved a problem called **“Opposites Distract.”** This team placed fourth, ending their journey for this year. The Vehicle Team, coached by Mr. Steven Tarquini, solved the problem called **“Omer to the Rescue, Again.”** This team also placed sixth, ending their journey. The North East Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind Regional Director also represents the DVSD! Our very own Phil Patterson has served as a coach and later a judge and board member for more than 20 years. He was recently re-elected to lead the North East Regional Board of Directors for another three- year term through 2022.
- The 41st annual Tri-State Spelling Bee was a great success for the Dingman-Delaware Middle School participants. The overall winner, and receiver of the all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Spelling Bee, was Emily Gouger, an 8th grade student at Dingman-Delaware Middle School who gets a once in a lifetime opportunity to see how she 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.
- March 8 – Rachel Godstein, our Dingman-Delaware Middle School gifted teacher and librarian took four middle school students to a Kinex Competition where students needed to create a build and compete with other nearby middle school students.
- On March 6, science teacher and club advisor, Gina McCarthy, took 15 students to Science Olympiad at Penn State Wilkes Barre. Although our Dingman-Delaware Middle School team did not medal we ranked in the top ten in 5 of our 11 competitions.
- During the month of March, we ran our drive to gather clothing, accessories, and other necessities for the veterans of the Gino Merli Veterans home in Scranton. Our student lighthouse team, led by teachers Laura Curchoe and Maury Bevilaqua are working with DDES to reach beyond our classrooms and show kindness to local communities.
- PMEA intermediate band and orchestra festival and Pocono mountain east junior high school
- Fire Drill: March 27, 2018: 2 minutes 35 seconds.