

Dingman-Delaware Middle School – MR. JAMES MITCHELL

- The PTA sponsored the annual DDMS Scholastic Book Fair. Every book fair provided by Scholastic gives a portion of the money earned back to the PTA. The PTA donates this money to the library and we were able to purchase new books through the money raised. Also with the money raised, the winners from each grade for the Book-in-a-jar contest were able to get a \$10 gift certificate to the Scholastic Book Fair.
- On Tuesday, February 6, 2018, twenty-five DDMS students competed in the final round of the school spelling bee; Mr. Eric Cooley served as the moderator for the bee, while Mrs. Eve Houseknecht, Mrs. Rachel Goldstein, and Mr. Rick Batista were the judges. The five finalists will compete against finalists from five other schools in the Tri-State Spelling Bee on Sunday, March 11, 2018. This event will take place at 1:30 P.M. at the Port Jervis High School auditorium; it is open to the public. The winner of the Tri-State Bee receives an all-expense-paid trip to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May.
- On February 12, 2018, the Dingman Delaware Middle School Seventh Grade Career & Leadership Students had the opportunity to listen to a presentation by Mrs. Cynthia DeFebo from the Pike County Workforce Development Agency. The students learned about the numerous employment resources available for Pike County youth and adults. Mrs. DeFebo also spoke to the students about the *Top 10 Qualities Employers Look for in Teen Job Applicants*. The topic was interesting and informative to the students. They had the opportunity to ask many questions and hear an answer from a very knowledgeable source. The DDMS Administration, Mr. Batista, Mrs. Favaro and students would like to thank Mrs. DeFebo for taking the time to speak on such an important topic.
- On Thursday, February 15, 2018, the Dingman-Delaware Middle School held its annual Student Talent Show. The show featured 36 students performing a variety of acts ranging from singing and dancing, to playing violin, piano, and guitar. The event brought together over 300 students and members of the community to support our talented students. Profits from the show go directly to the DDMS music department to help fund their annual trip to a music competition trip in the spring.
- DDMS celebrates our young leaders by announcing its first Annual King and Queen of Kindness! This award celebrates middle school students that are making a difference one act of kindness at a time. There are many sensational, caring students in our school, who make positive, impactful decisions that leave a lasting effect on those around them every day. DDMS would like to recognize them for their efforts. The ideal nominee for this award is any student who on a regular basis has displayed special acts or acts of kindness that have left a positive influence on those around them. The King and Queen of Kindness Court will be announced February 1, at our assembly. The King and Queen will be announced on DDTV during Random Acts of Kindness Week (February 12-16).
- Fire Drill: February 27: 2 minutes 40 seconds.