

Dingman-Delaware Middle School - Brian McCarthy
December 2020- Principal's Report

- DDTV - our morning announcements have always been presented to our homerooms through DDTV where students present the announcements in a 'news broadcast'. Starting in November our DDTV is now being live streamed through their very own YouTube channel to all homerooms thanks to Mrs. Goldstein our DDTV moderator.
- During the month of November, we promoted college readiness and awareness. Teachers were asked to sport their college attire while the counseling department also created bulletin boards to promote college awareness.
- Karen Day, who is in charge of our cafeteria at DDMS, worked tirelessly to provide a total of 240 stuffed turkey breasts with homemade rolls, cranberry sauce, butter, and a vegetable to our students and staff. She also provided 65 of the same turkey dinners for our curbside pickup at DDMS! On an average Mrs. Day provides 55 curbside meals for each pick-up day.
- Tutoring has been taking place with individual days dedicated to our brick and mortar students and zoom students. Zoom students are also welcome to come in for tutoring on our in-house tutoring days as well. This way our Zoom students can have access to twice as much help. We are very grateful to our teachers for offering to stay multiple days to accommodate our student's needs.
- Our November Artist of the Month was 7th grader Mackenzie Magee. She was recognized on DDTV as well as a photograph being displayed alongside her artwork in the commons.
- Our students of the month for the month of November included two zoom students who have been going above and beyond.
- Our parent teacher conferences were held on Tuesday, November 24th and were very successful. The new platform of using zoom to hold a parent/teacher meeting definitely allowed for much needed interaction and communication at this point in the school year.
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- **Intruder Drill** - DDMS held an intruder drill on Thursday, November 19th. Teachers addressed protocols as to what the students should do during the drill as well as the importance of the drill. The Navigate Prepared App was used during the drill to allow administration, office staff and the entire staff to silently communicate important information such as intruder location, any noises outside their rooms to help identify real time location, and finally to inform everyone when the drill had ended.