

DINGMAN-DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL – MR. JAMES MITCHELL

- Twenty-seven Dingman-Delaware Middle School Students Grades 6 through 8 are taking advantage of the opportunity to participate in our after-school Engineering Club, which supports our engineering-based technology program. Over a series of weeks, the club is simulating what engineers do in their everyday jobs. Under the supervision of Advisor Anthony Comunale, participants are researching, designing, and building wooden toy helicopters, cars, airplanes, and tractors. Also, utilizing our three-D printer, they are designing and creating one-of-a-kind plastic toys. The final result was 105 toys that will be donated to the Toys for Pike County Kids drive.
- On December 1, 2016, DDMS sent several students on a holiday shopping trip to K-Mart. The trip was sponsored by the Elks Club. The students were given money to buy themselves warm winter clothing. Their parents met them at K-Mart and were able to help them shop for clothing.
- On December 14th, twenty teachers from the Dingman-Delaware Middle School had the opportunity to receive training on the Classroom Diagnostic Tool (CDT). The Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) is a set of online assessments, divided by content areas (Literacy, Mathematics, and Science), and is designed to provide diagnostic information to guide instruction in order to support intervention and enrichment. The training was provided by Donna Lloyd, a member of the training and consulting staff at the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20. Teachers learned how to run reports, analyze data and adjust instruction accordingly.
- The DDMS Gifted students learned about Rube Goldberg and his silly, complicated machines that he became famous for. After several introductory projects, the students built their own 7 step Rube Goldberg machines that had very silly and sometimes messy results! The students also were given a creative writing prompt. They chose from several pictures and were told to just continue to write whatever came into their heads, with no grammar corrections.
- On Thursday December 22, 2016, Dingman Delaware Middle School students participated in the annual DDMS Holiday Assembly. During the assembly, the talented students of the orchestra, band and chorus ensembles performed a variety of selections from their winter concerts. In addition, throughout the assembly, the audience members participated in a competition between the three grades, with various games including creating a “snowman” out of everyday objects, unwrapping a present while wearing oven mitts, and performing the Limbo while wearing a Santa costume. The final challenge was the caroling competition, which involved each grade level singing a carol for a panel of teacher judges. The students were awarded points at the end of each event, and the winner this year was the DDMS 8th grade.
- Fire Drill: Friday, December 9: 2 minutes, 40 seconds.