

Dingman-Delaware Middle School – MR. JAMES MITCHELL

- On May 5th, thirty-three DDMS students participated in the annual Special Olympics sponsored by Area P Special Olympics. Our athletes competed in many events including track and field, swimming, and weight lifting. Many of our students brought home medals from these events. All of our student athletes abided by the motto, “If I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.”
- Responsibility is a lesson that every school hopes to teach students, but teaching responsibility while also paying it forward is a lesson worth sharing. Inspired to help students take care of their outstanding library fines and to help the community, Dingman-Delaware Middle School librarian, Mrs. Rachel Goldstein, started the Food for Fines campaign. For a two-week window, students had the opportunity to erase up to \$1 in fines for each non-perishable food item they donated. Not only did patrons take advantage of this gracious offer to satisfy their debts, but several students and teachers also left donations that could be applied to other students’ accounts. All totaled, Goldstein received 80 non-perishable items which she donated to the Dingmans Holy Trinity Food Pantry.
- May was Mental Health Awareness Month! DDMS is honored Mental Health Awareness month in many different ways to help educate our students about mental health. The Warrior Ambassadors created many different posters to be distributed throughout the building to help promote mental health awareness. Each person received a poster in their mailbox to be posted on their door or in their room. Each week there was a focus on a different aspect of mental health awareness. Every Wednesday we wore a different color to show our support.
- Communication, teamwork, and problem-solving are some of the top three job skills in demand in today’s economy, skills that twelve Dingman-Delaware Middle School (DDMS) students are developing through experience. Mrs. Eve Houseknecht took the team to the 28th annual Dr. Frank J. Sottile Memorial Math Contest sponsored by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics held at Marywood University. However, unlike other competitions, the team does not compete together. Instead, on the day of the competition, students were assigned to mixed six-person teams made up of individuals from any of the 67 participating schools. DDMS had four sixth, seventh, and eighth students represented at this competition.
- DDMS student council sponsored a lip sync contest on Thursday, May 25th. Teachers and students performed lip sync acts from various artists to the excited audience. Some acts included Michael Jackson’s “Thriller”, Bruce Springsteen’s “Candy Room”, and High School Musical’s “Work This Out”.

Fire Drill: Thursday, May 18th: 2 minutes 40 seconds.