

***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 \$400 of 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. In conjunction with the book fair, the library held Book Bingo after school. Students bring in a gently used book as their entry fee, and then as each student wins Bingo they may go pick from the pile of books.
- Eleven Dingman-Delaware Middle School students have received prestigious awards for their outstanding artwork through [The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards](#), the 90-year-old national program that recognizes outstanding creative teenagers and offers scholarship opportunities for graduating high school seniors. The program is administered by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, for which Marywood University is the affiliate sponsor for the northeast PA region, covering 20 high schools in the Scranton area. The Marywood University Mahady Gallery exhibited the Gold and Silver winning works of art during the January and February. After receiving awards locally, the work of these students will be evaluated by an esteemed panel of jurors in New York City, alongside thousands of entries from other regional affiliate programs across the country. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards has a long list of distinguished alumni including Andy Warhol, Robert Redford, and John Lithgow.
- On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 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 12, 2017. This event will take place at 1:30 P.M. at the Dingman Delaware Middle 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 Thursday, February 16, 2017, the Dingman-Delaware Middle School held its annual Student Talent Show. The show featured 38 students performing a variety of acts ranging from singing and dancing, to playing violin, piano, and guitar. The event brought together over 325 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.
- Fire Drill: February 23<sup>rd</sup>: 2 minutes 30 seconds.