

DINGMAN-DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL – MR. JAMES MITCHELL

- On Friday October 7th, the Dingman Delaware Middle School music department had the pleasure of hosting the Zodiac Trio in one of the school's annual Kindred Spirits Productions. The Kindred Spirits program has been introducing our students to the excellence of professional musicians for many years, and this year was no exception. The Zodiac Trio performed several selections from the very famous piece "Peter and the Wolf" by Sergei Prokofiev for the entire music department. Following the performance select students were able to sit in on a masterclass, where they were able to perform and work with the professionals. Our pep band just finished a fantastic season supporting our sports teams, and the band and orchestra are currently running a mentor program where our middle school students attend DDES ensemble rehearsals and assist in teaching beginner students how to play various instruments. The choir is slated to perform again on WSUS 102.3 for the holidays, in addition to their annual evening caroling through the streets of Milford.
- This past October DDMS students banded together to participate in Bully Prevention Month. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students created photo images speaking out against bullying. The Computer Literacy students created "Stomp Out Bullying at DDMS" posters that were displayed around the school. The students photo images were used to create Anti Bullying movies that were shown during DDTV. The students at DDMS also celebrated Unity Day on October 19th by wearing orange. The **ORANGE** message of support, hope, and unity is to show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion at DDMS.
- The Dingman- Delaware Middle School held its annual Career Day on Friday, October 21, 2016. The afternoon started with a catered luncheon for all presenters and their host teachers. Our guest speakers represented a variety of careers. Eighth grade students were broken into small groups and had the opportunity to meet with six speakers and learn about different career opportunities. Career day was a huge success due to all the help and support from the community, faculty and staff.
- DDMS Jr. SASA along with DDMS celebrated Red Ribbon Week from October 24th through October 28th. Jr. SASA kicked off Red Ribbon Week with distributing pencils and red ribbons to the students and staff. Announcements were made throughout the week with facts and information about Red Ribbon Week. This week is celebrated because we are honoring a DEA agent Kiki Camarena who was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. Camarena believed that it takes one person to put an end to drug and alcohol use. On Tuesday we showed a short video clip from a professional football player describing his "natural high" and challenging everyone to determine what is their "natural high". Wednesday the Jr. SASA students' states facts about drug/alcohol use and abuse. Thursday was "tie dye Thursday", "don't get tied down with drugs". Friday concluded the week with everyone wearing red to show their commitment of being drug and alcohol free.
- The Dingman-Delaware Middle School (DDMS) Student Council's Halloween Haunted Trail raised \$383 for the American Cancer Society. On the windy, cold night of October 27th, the Dingman-Delaware Middle School Student Council held its first Halloween Dance. Over 300 students attended, sporting a variety of weird and wonderful costumes. At the dance, our Student Council created a haunted trail to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The Student Council had over 190 students go through the trail and raised \$383 dollars.

Fire Drill: October 31, 2016: 2 minutes, 35 seconds.