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DVMS Talent Show “Sneak Preview” **By Grace Hommel and Samantha Hurley**



The DVMS Student Council will be hosting their annual Talent Show on Thursday, February 11th from 6pm to 8pm in the High School Auditorium.

This event is open to any student, parent, faculty member, or community member who wants to attend and watch the student body showcase their phenomenal talent.

The admission fee is \$5.00. Some of these impeccable talents include singing, dancing, gymnastics, and magic! What a show for just \$5.00!

We stopped by rehearsal to ask a few participants to answer questions

regarding what they think of the show so far.

Our first question was *“Why should students come out to watch the talent show?”*

“It will be a great experience and a learning experience to build upon for the talent shows in the years to come.”

-Lea Tracman

The second question we asked was... *“What can an audience expect from this Talent Show?”*

“The audience can expect talents of varied as-

sorts and many enjoyable acts.”
-Miranda Murray & Haleigh Murphy

“The audience can expect to have a lot of fun with and forget that the acts are on stage and feel like a part of the show.”

-Alexis King & Jenna Estok

We hope to see you all out on Thursday, February 11 to support the DVMS students and the student council!



Pictured Above: Grace Gandolfo, Abby Vogel, and Bailey Shay, stars of a performing act.



Pictured Above: Jenna Estok and Alexis King, two performers you can see at the talent show.



Above: Miranda Murray and Haleigh Murphy rehearse their routine for the talent show.

Commentary by Connaughton: My Great Wolf Adventure

By Julian Connaughton



Hey guys, what's up? I had a really fun educational (fun) trip at Great Wolf Lodge! It was a surprise for my sister's 4th birthday. I had a lot of

fun, and so did she! It was amazing! I can't wait to tell you about my trip. SPOILER ALERT for those of you who haven't gone there. Before you keep reading this article, consider me spoiling a lot of fun for you, but in a good way. I hope you still would like to read to see if Great Wolf Lodge is so fun that you might consider going there. SOOO..... Are you ready to read about a fun time and place you'll want to go there and remember it forever? Alright, here we go! Where to start first? Where do I begin?

Northern Lights Arcade

The arcade at Great Wolf Lodge has plenty of games and ride simulators to play and ride. To play a game, you can either swipe a Paw Points card or use tokens. I rode on a bike simulator,

tested my strength (not strategy), crane games, the big wheel, skee-ball, MONOPOLY, etc. I didn't do so well, but my sister did. I had gotten 386 tickets, but my sister got 1,536 tickets. Incredible for a 4 year old, don't you think? She got 1,150 more tickets than me! For my prize, I got fuzzy dice (the ones for cars) and candy, and my sister got a stuffed owl, a spiky ball that lights up when you bounce it, a stuffed butterfly, and candy.

The Waterpark

The waterpark at Great Wolf Lodge is HUGE! It has a lot of water slides. If you go to GWL, I highly recommend riding Canada Vortex because it is a very cool ride. It is a vortex ride that spins you around. My favorite ride was Canada Vortex. If you have little siblings, there's a section for them too.

Food

Great Wolf Lodge has some places to eat at. Some include: Hungry as a Wolf Pizza Parlor- Indulge in some pizza and fast Italian cuisine, Loose Moose Cafe- Indulge in a nice break-

fast, a tasty lunch, and a scrumptious American cuisine. There are more places to eat too. You can also drive to a restaurant. Restaurants are just miles away.

Attractions

The attractions at GWL are endless. Here's 2 lists to show where to go and where not to go.



Where to go:
Bowling
Movie Theater Ride
Story Time (little kids)
Magi and ShadowQuest
Arcade
Waterpark

Great Wolf Lodge may be very expensive, but it is a really fun place. If you go, don't just stay for 1 day, stay for 2,3, or more. You should go to GWL because it is as they say on the commercial, "Fun, on top of fun, on top of fun!!!!!"

Fun Facto: Gringo Star Sells his Stuff

By Lucas Helms

This past December, Ringo Starr auctioned off over 800 pieces of Beatles memorabilia. Starr said that he was tired of storing the stuff. Some of the items sold were his drum set from 1963 that was used in almost 200 performances!



Winter BCO Concert

By Jonathon Reome



On December 8th, DVMS had a Winter concert where the 7th and 8th grade band, chorus, and orchestra performed. The chorus, band, and orchestra all played greatly. All of the soloists did amazing as well. Everyone was dressed formal to impress the audience just a little more. But even without the fancy clothes, the audience still enjoyed the concert a lot.

On January 12th, DVMS hosted a 6th grade band, chorus, and orchestra concert. They played til the very end and were amazing! Overall, the concerts were awesome and reflected the amazing music department we have!

Teacher Feature: Mr. Hemlinger

By Samantha Hurley



Q: So, I know that you replaced Ms. Watson this year. Did you have any nerves replacing her since she was very popular among students?

A: Absolutely! I was very nervous taking over for Ms. Watson because I had heard nothing but great things about her as soon as I started. I had very big shoes to fill! However, Ms. Watson and I are two totally different teachers, so I took the approach of creating my own path instead of trying to fill her shoes.

Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching science?

A: I love the fact that you can get hands on in science. Different labs and experiments make science enjoyable for all and it is a lot easier to understand when students are involved.

Q: I know that you taught special education last year. After this year, would you say you like teaching science better?

A: That is a very tough question to answer because elementary special education is totally different than middle school honors science. They both have their perks and downfalls; however I absolutely love the environment, the staff, and the students at DVMS. Special Education is where I began, but I wouldn't mind finishing here.

Q: Have you had a favorite experience in any of your science classes so far?

A: Meeting all of my students and getting to know them the first week of school has probably been my favorite so far. Also, every experiment/lab I have done with my students is a great memory as well.

Q: Do you have an inspiration for the way you teach?

A: I try to take inspiration from every teacher I am around. However, my 8th grade teacher Mr. Pope (who is now a principal over in the High School) was the main reason I wanted to, and ultimately became a teacher. Mr. Schaffer my 9th grade history teacher was also a big role model for how I teach today!

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Q: Do you have a favorite scientist?

A: This is another tough question! There are so many scientists to choose from; however, I would have to ultimately pick Steven Hawking. I love space and time, and Steven Hawking special-



izes in that field. He is just an inspiration to never give up on what you love no matter what life throws at you.

Q: What college did you attend?

A: East Stroudsburg University

Q: What were you like as a middle school student?

A: My parents were always pushing me to do my best, so I was in Honors classes and rarely got in trouble. I played basketball for DDMS throughout middle school. I tried my best because I knew school would take me somewhere one day.

Q: What hobbies do you like to partake in on your time outside of school?

A: I coach Freshman Girls Basketball after school. I also love to work out and spend as much time as I can with my two children, Rylee and Jacob, and my fiancée, Ashley.

Video Game Review: Lego Dimensions

What's up DVMS? Ready for another article of "Commentary by Con-naughton"? Great! In this edition of the *DVMS Warrior Times*, I am reviewing the video game *LEGO Dimensions*.

Lego Dimensions first starts off with a prologue. I will not say anymore or anything about the prologue for those people who haven't played the game.

ALERT!!! SPOILER ALERTS AHEAD!!!! Proceed with Caution! YOU SHALL NOT PASS!!!!!!

The starter pack comes with the characters Batman, Wyldstyle, and Gandalf.

You first start off in the Vorton Room. Then, you build a portal which will teleport you to your next destination in the game. The portal is also known as the Vorton Computer. In the game, they give you building instructions to build cool cars and gadgets. The starter pack car is the Batmobile. You can build other cars like Homer's Car, Emmet's Excavator, the TARDIS, etc. Some of the gadgets you can build are Scooby Snacks, the Taunt o Vision, etc. Lego Dimensions has a variety of levels from different genres of TV shows and movies, like The Simpsons, The Wizard of Oz,

Scooby Doo, Ninjago, etc. The game costs \$100, but is worth the money in my opinion because this is a cool game. My characters that I have are Scooby Doo, Shaggy, Homer Simpson, Emmet, Batman, Gandalf, and Wyldstyle. Fun packs cost \$15. Team packs cost \$25. Level packs cost \$30. These packs are also worth the money because they can help you get farther and get more things in this game. So for all of you Lego lovers, Lego Dimensions is the perfect game for you!



Star Wars: Lasting Throughout the Years By Grace Hommel

Star wars is a franchise that debuted in 1977 with their first film *Star Wars; A New Hope*. This was only the beginning to the trilogy, which led to prequels, and their newest 2015 release *Star Wars; The Force Awakens*. The amazing series has been around for almost 40 years. With the multi-billionaire merchandising empire and *Star Wars* everlasting impact on its viewers, it has lasted with a growing of fans who favoured this movie and overall series. All in all, including merchandise sales,

the original estimated movie ticket sales for *Force Awakens* (released December 18th), and other products like DVDs, the sales sets out to be about \$42 billion dollars- topping the combined total sales from James Bond and Harry Potter. Estimated merchandise alone for the *Force Awakens* neared \$1 billion dollars.

The hype for the newest movie was unbelievably high. Fans are creating DIY versions of characters and even dressing up as Kylo Ren and Rey for Halloween this past year, even before the movie was released. New and old

fans all combined together to watch what J.J Abrams has put out there for the fanbase. Past *Star Wars* movies have never failed in their delivery, so they expected nothing less for this one. Reviews for this movie were better than ever, living up to the dreams of every lightsaber lover out there.



10 Tips When Starting A YouTube Channel

By Michelle Andia



If you're reading this then you're probably interested in starting a YouTube channel, or you're just thinking about it. My name is Michelle Andia and I have a YouTube channel. I started mine because I wanted to express myself and show people my point of view and ideas I had. I love it and so far it's going well. So if you're having doubts, read on!

Tip #1: Why you should start one

Don't start a YouTube channel because you want to be famous or earn a lot of money. Start one because you're passionate about what your videos are about.

Tip #2: Equipment

You don't have to use a really good and expensive camera. Just find something you can record with. You might change your mind about continuing your YouTube channel. If you don't and you start earning lots and lots of subscribers, you can upgrade your equipment whenever you wish!

Tip #3: Haters

There are people who aren't going to like your videos. They're going to give your videos dislikes and bad comments, but for every dislike

and terrible comment there is always 5 more likes. You'd be surprised about how many people watch and like your videos, especially if you're being yourself!

Tip #4: Schedule

It's always good to upload constantly because once people start watching your videos, they will want to know when the next video will be up. That's how you start getting views and subscribers.

Tip #5: Numbers

Don't get obsessed with getting subscribers, views, and likes because it's just gonna drive you crazy and after all it's not about the numbers, it's about the content you post.

Tip #6: Watching tutorials

There are plenty of videos on YouTube that show step by step tutorials on how to grow your YouTube channel. Before starting one I made sure to look up videos that helped me learn how to create a channel banner and more!

Tip #7: Being creative

When people click on your YouTube channel, they wanna see what kinds of videos you post and what your channel is about. Creating an eye catching channel banner, trailer, and thumbnails will all

contribute to whether this person is gonna want to subscribe or not.

Tip #8: Choosing a name

When choosing your name, you have 2 options.

Choose something unique and something that goes with your channel, or simply be known by your name. I go by my name but who knows? Maybe in the future I might come up with a unique name that might go very well with what my channel is about.

Tip #9: Be yourself

When you start to upload videos, don't be someone who you're not. If you want to grow your channel, just be yourself! People want to get to know you. They want to be able to relate to you and to your experiences!

Tip #10: Lighting

Try your best to film in a room with good lighting. It's simple:

- Try to avoid yellow lighting
- Natural lighting is the best!

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"When the Star of Cake Boss was arrested, the police interrogated him for 30 minutes at 350 degrees."

-Comedian Joe Toplyn



Upcoming Events & Dates:

February 2—Groundhogs Day

February 11—DVMS Talent Show

February 15—President's Day Recess

March 21-25—Spring Recess

Snow Day Update:

of delays: 2

of early dismissals: 1

of snow days: 0



"Does it disturb anyone else that 'The Los Angeles Angels' baseball team translates directly to 'The The Angels Angels'?"

-Neil DeGrasse Tyson