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#### DVMS TALENT SHOWCASE By: Jonathan Langberg



On February 25th the DVMS talent show was put on in the high school auditorium. The hosts were Ben Horowitz and Jonathan Roe. They filled the night with jokes as they introduced the acts.

Above: 1st.

place winner

Dominique Cavallaro

accepts her

trophy.

The performers were amazing. Their music swept the audience into all different genres of the art. The performers included singers, dancers, pianists, and guitarists. The night started off with Michelle Strouse who sang beautifully. Right after was Shayne Christ and Jessica Sudano singing while Adam Sandonato

played guitar in the background. Next Bree Gallo danced gracefully to her ballet routine. Bethany Martel made us all smile with her version of "Smile". Jess Sudano returned to the stage next to dance, followed by Maddy Kane. As the end of



Above: 2nd place winners Gabbi & Julia Quevas.

#### the first act neared, Kara Gearhart and Hailey Deleew did a duet and won third, preceding Kaitlyn Kent who was dancing. Mrs. Bruno led a ZUMBA group around just before the Girl's Basketball Team did the cup song.

After the intermission Frannie King started off the second act with her singing. Bailey Kislak played guitar and sang for the crowd. Next up was Julia Cuevas, who later returned with her sister Gabby to win second place. Katya Adler played piano and sang, before Dominique Caval-

laro, Molly Scollo, and Faith Jaeger, who actually won first place. While the judges decided the winners, Mr. Curchoe, Miss O'Brien, and Mr. Ioppolo all performed. Everybody did a great job. Congratulations to all of the performers!



Above: 3rd place winners Hailey Deleew and Kara Gearhart.

#### "Globby and Friends"

Visit the DVSD home page @ dvsd.org, select "Newspaper" from the club dropdown menu, and click on the "Globby and Friends" link to watch the Newspaper Club's animated short series! Since our latest issue there have been several new episodes added, including a special "Globby Shake" music video!

The animated short follows Globby, a young glob, and his friends as they go on many fun-filled and humorous adventures.



### Inside this Issue...

Hear from some 8th grade students about their favorite memories @ DVMS on page 2.

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Enlighten yourself on our very own OM team's exciting news on page 6!

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#### New Philanthropy Club Spreads Cheer By: Jonathon Drake & Jonathon Langberg



Above, from left to right: Denise Dazi, Rosemary Iocca, John Drake, Felicia Vanorski, Ben Carter, Hailey Delluw, Michael Dever, and Randy Evers.

This school year DVMS has a new co-curricular offering. Spearheaded by

reading teacher Mrs. Masker, students in our school have been volunteering their time at a local food pantry. The overall purpose of the club is to do good for the community and help others.

Each week the food pantry helps feed 75 families, and DV students help support that work. The community has responded positively and loves the club.

Interested in helping out? Join in on a weekly trip to the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Sign up outside F-2 before every Thursday. There you will help by sorting donations, bagging produce, checking dates, help pick up donations, and send positive messages to others.

Below: Ben Carter, Rosemary Iocca, and Felicia Vanorski



Moving On & Moving Up: 8th graders Reminisce on DVMS Memories **By: Mackenzie Peterson** 

As the school year approaches its end, I set out to find some 8th grade students who will leave us for the high school next year and ask them their fondest memory from their two years spent here. This is what they had to say:

"I don't have one favorite memory from DVMS, however, I'm glad that I have the friends I've made here over the two years"-Maddie Kane

"Mr. I singing at the talent show was my favorite memory!"—Hayden Thompson

"My fondest memory at DVMS was being a student in Ms. Watson's class. She made made learning fun."— Hailey Carroll

"My fondest memory at DVMS would have to be this season when our field hockey team went undefeated."-Maecy Chlebowski

"Odyssey of the mind!"-Nicholas Shi

"My favorite memory was the Dorney Park trip last year. We had a blast!"—Samantha Ellis

"When I scored 13 points in a basketball game!"—Josh Croll

"Having a blast at ski/snowboard club."—Jared Burger

"After performing at the talent show, I felt like I could do everything."—Dominique Cavallaro

#### "Art Club!"—Lindsey Nelson

"These two years were the best years of my life. Becoming president was the best thing ever."—Ben Horowitz

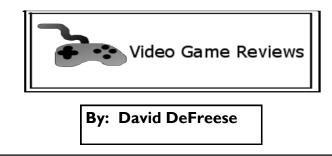
"Listening to Mr. McElroy sing "dress code violation" at last year's Holiday assembly."—Michelle Burns

"Being in Newspaper Club with my friends and writing about things happening around the school."—Marie Traverse

#### Book Series Review: Pendragon By: Nick McBride

Pendragon is a very popular book series written by DJ MacHale. It was published in 2006 and is a New York Time Best-Selling Series. This a very exciting series that is a about a fourteen year old boy who is whisked away from his life by his Uncle Press. He found out that he is a Traveler, a person that can move across time and space to different planets called Territories. He has to defeat the "bad guy" named Saint Dane. He can send jour-

nals of his quest to his friends, Mark and Courtney. I love this series. After reading it, I thought it was my favorite book series. Our library has the whole series! Try them out today! Other books in the series include: *The Merchant of Death, The Lost City of Faar, The Never War,* and, my favorite, *The Reality Bug.* 



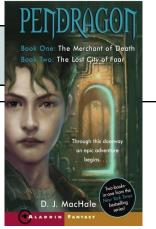


Hey everyone! It's time for another game review! This time, I am reviewing LittleBig Planet PSVITA! In Littlebigplanet PSVITA, the story takes place on a former joy-filled planet called Carnivallia. "The Puppeteer was once the greatest entertainer of them all! He

pulled the strings, the puppets danced, and the world smiled. But the life of a puppeteer, is a solitary one. As time passed, there was soon, no joy left in him. And the magic began to fade. Until one day, he hears the most feared sound in our world. The Dreaded Boo! In the wink of an eye, he threw everything away. And he vanished. One day, he returned filled with rage! He was not the same. With his hollows, he took control of Carnivallia!" -Colonel Flounder,



Creator Curator of LBPvita. In the game, Sackboy must defeat the hollows and the Puppeteer to return Carnivallia to its former glory. This game is exclusively for the PlayStation Vita. The game also includes the ability to Create and Share. Now you can create with Rear Touch, Front Touch, and Tilting mechanics. The game is available for only \$39.99! I recommend getting this game for the PSVita. Have a great summer and see you next year!



#### **Bloxcon**—Coming this Summer!

#### **By: David DeFreese**

Summer is almost here, and Roblox fans will be excited to know that tickets for BloxCon 2013 are on sale now! This year, there will be 3 locations for this event. Chicago, London, and New York City! The Chicago location is at the Museum of Science and Industry. For London, go to The Royal Air Force Museum. And finally for New York City, go to the Intrepid Air, Space, and Sea Museum! For times and dates for these events, and to buy passes, go to <u>bloxcon.roblox.com</u>! Hurry up, though, because tickets are selling fast! Remember, you must have a Roblox account to come to the event! I for one am going to the New York City Intrepid for the Convention.



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Check the Bloxcon link above for any changes or information. Have a great summer!

### Teacher Interview: Mr. Curchoe By: Jill Corwin & Heaven Condit

*Q:* What inspired you to teach music? A: I have always enjoyed music from a very early age, whether I was singing, playing piano, saxophone, or guitar. I wanted to go into a profession doing something that I loved. I hope at some point that I inspire someone else the way my music teachers inspired me.

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

A: I could tell you that I was the model student, but that would be a lie! I enjoyed playing in band and singing in choir, but I also would get in trouble here and there. It was in eighth grade that I also formed my first rock band after learning guitar in general music. *Q: We heard you are running a new club called "Guitar Club" . What made you start this club? What does it entail?* 

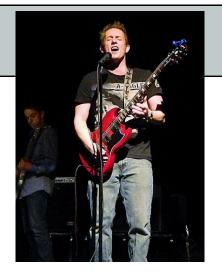
A: I wanted to start a club where students could have fun learning about guitar. I teach guitar in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade general music, but students in band, chorus, and orchestra do not get the chance to learn. Guitar club gives students (and teachers) a chance to further their guitar skills or start from scratch. *Q: We also heard you had a student teacher, Mr. Bullock. What was your experience like having a student teacher?* 

A: Having a student teacher was a great experience for me. It gave me a chance to have my students interact with a different person at the helm. I hope that I spread some of my knowledge to Rick. He definitely taught me a few things as well. *Q: Do you have a favorite musical instrument?* 

A: My two favorite instruments are saxophone and guitar. I play guitar mostly as a hobby. I studied saxophone extensively at college and I still play professionally whenever I can find gigs.

*Q*: *What are your hobbies and interests outside of school?* 

A: I love days that I can just chill outside with my wife and two children,



Madison and Jack. I also like to snowboard, fish, and stay fit with various exercises.

*Q*: What are you most looking forward to this summer?

A: The beach and relaxation! I will be seeing the band, Rush, in June as well.Q: What advice would you give to an aspiring musician in middle school?A: The sky is the limit. The only person that is in your way to becoming a

son that is in your way to becoming a great musician is you, so practice, practice, practice! Perseverance is the key to success.

#### Teacher Interview: Miss Cowder By: Jon Drake

### *Q*: What inspired you to teach? At what age did you know this was the right choice for you?

A: I originally went off to college (Drexel University in Philadelphia) with the idea that I wanted to do something in the science field, but I wasn't quite sure what area I wanted to work in. At Drexel we were required to complete field work at inner city elementary schools. It wasn't long after that that I changed my major from Biology to science education and I'm so thankful that I had that experience to inspire me!

### Q: What are some of your hobbies and interests outside of school?

A: Right now, decorating and home repair consume most of my time. I bought my house a little over two years ago and it keeps me pretty busy. Over the past few years I've learned how to do a lot around the house by watching YouTube videos and reaching on the Internet –it's amazing what you can do when you give it some time and try (I leave the big stuff to my Dad though!) I also like to read, try new restaurants and exercise.

#### Q: What kind of a family did you grow up in?

We're very close-knit. My parents moved away from their families in western and central PA for work so I never had aunts, uncles or grandparents close by. My parents have worked really hard over the years and have been super supportive of both myself and my siblings. I have an older brother (+13 years) and sister (+10 years) so we had an interesting dynamic growing up. We've built a nice little family in Dunmore now – my sister has 3 children and my brother has 2, so it's nice to not have enough elbow room for family dinners when, for so many years, we were always just a small family of 5.

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

Very quiet, but really involved in school, band and track. Middle school is a tough time for most kids and it definitely took me awhile to find out who I was and who I wanted to be. I had a small group of girl friends that I am still best friends with. We did everything together!



Pictured above: Miss Cowder's middle school picture!

### Q: What is your favorite part about being a science teacher?

A: Seeing my students take an interest in science. It's the best when kids are excited about what they are learning and want to ask questions! I love it!

Q: Why is science important for us to learn?

A: Because it's EVERYWHERE! From our bodies to our environment, it's a part of everything we experience in our lives. It's also an ever-changing and developing field – there's always something new to talk about.

Q: What type of music do you enjoy listening to?

A: ANY TYPE – and I <u>really</u> mean that! I am a HUGE music fan. Most of the time I will listen to alternative rock and country. My favorite artists are John Mayer and Foo Fighters.

Q: What are you looking forward to most this summer?

A: Going to the beach for a week! It's been almost three years since I've been there last- I can't wait!



#### **DVMS Odyssey of the Mind to Attend World Competition**

During the PA OM competition at Pocono Mountain on Saturday, April 13, two of our very own teams will be moving on to the World Championship! The World Championship will take place from May 21-May 25 at Michigan State University. Good luck to both teams!



To the right: Pet Project (Vehicle) Coach Lauren Lockwood Daneen Decker Samantha Ferguson Shannon DeVuyst Abrar Shamim Aidan Stone



Above: Tumble-wood (Structure) Coach Andrea Benson, Salvatore Centanni, Sydney Culver, Nicholas Shi, Kaylee Small, Julia Cuevas, Anthony Gosch, and Madeline Walter.

## Upcoming EventsBy: Joe Baierlein

- May 23—Staff vs. Students Softball Game
- May 27—Memorial Day Recess—no school
- June 12—Field Day
- June 13—Teacher Work Day—no school for students
- June 14—Last day of school!

#### A Message from the Warrior Times Staff:

Dear Readers:

On behalf of all of the DVMS Warrior Times' staff, we genuinely appreciate your support and readership this year. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share what we find important with the student body. We hope you have a great summer. Look out for use next year!

Sincerely,

**DVMS Warrior Times Staff** 

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Calling all 7th graders! Interested in joining



the Warrior Times staff for next year? Listen to the announcements and join us at our first meeting in September! Have a great summer!