



Ladybug Cupcakes

By: Blaine Harrington

Ingredients:

- baking cups
- 1 cake mix package
- 1 container white frosting
- red food coloring
- 24 malted milk balls
- 1 cup chocolate candy melts
- 240 chocolate chips
- wax paper



Directions:

1. preheat oven to 350° F
2. place baking cups in muffin pans; set aside
3. prepare cake mix following package directions for 24 cupcakes
4. spoon batter into baking cups
5. bake following package directions; let cool
6. tint frosting red with food dye
7. spread the top of each cupcake with tinted frosting
8. place a malted milk ball on each cupcake to make the ladybug head
9. pipe a line of melted chocolate down the center, starting at the malted milk ball
10. add chocolate chips as the dots on either side
11. pipe melted chocolate down on Reynolds cutrite wax paper in the shape of antennae
12. let set in refrigerator about five minutes
13. carefully peel from the wax paper and place behind the malted milk ball.

Enjoy your spring dessert!

Talent Show

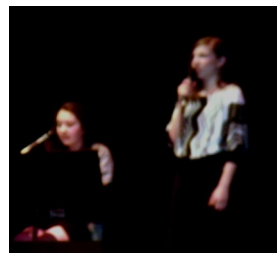
By: Joseph Gurkan & Tayah Rombousek

This year's annual DVMS talent show certainly did not disappoint. There were stars all over the stage! On Thursday, February 2, 2012, in the HS auditorium, select students from our school came out to show off their many talents. There were a variety of musical acts, from Adele to The Beatles, that kept the large crowd pleased.

Brianna and Bailey Kislak were very entertaining hosts, who even performed themselves! Faith Jaeger and Molly Scollo performed "Set Fire to the Rain" by Adele and rocked the stage, landing themselves

at first place. Erika Torres, second place winner, left the audience in awe after her beautiful interpretive dance.

Third place went out to Deborah Soler and Joseph Gurkan, who dazzled the crowd with a song and piano accompaniment. The judges, Mrs. Kratz, Ms. Watson, and



Molly Scollo and Faith Jaeger, 1st place winners.

display that night. There was also an art show in the cafeteria, where students displayed their artwork to be judged for a

competition. 8th grader Emily Biccum won 1st place! Congrats!



Miss Cowder and Mrs. Bruno announcing the winners!

Miss O'Brien, had a very difficult time choosing winners.

Singing, dancing, and play-

ing musical instruments were not all the talent on



The evening's hosts, Brianna and Bailey Kislak.

Inside this issue...

Want to know more about your favorite math teacher and librarian? Peruse the teacher interviews on page 2!



Skip to page 3 for an editorial about e-books, a list of some laws you won't believe, and a review on two of television's newest and most popular shows.



Have you ever thought about babysitting? Page 4 has some helpful hints and tips to get you started. There you'll also find some tips to help you deal with stress.



Prepare to laugh out loud at an original, student crafted comic strip on page 5. After your chuckle, read on about a spotlight musician in our school.



Teacher Feature: Mrs. Shedlauskas

By: Blaine Harrington



How many years have you been the librarian at DVMS?
This is my sixth year as the school librarian.

If you could pick just one book to call your favorite, which would it be?

The first book I truly fell in love with was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. Honorable mentions go out to Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls; To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee; Unwind by Neal Shusterman; King Lear by William Shakespeare; The Help by Kathryn Stockett, and The Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins (with Catching Fire, book #2, my favorite in the series).

What do you enjoy most about reading?

Reading is a great gift: it doesn't cost any money, it consoles, it distracts, it excites, and it gives you knowledge of the world and allows you new experiences.

What are your thoughts on electronic books?

Advantages include the fact that they take up little room and are lightweight. As for the drawbacks, printed books can be bought and wrapped for a present and a library of books can provide visual appeal, while the digital nature of e-books makes them non-visible and intangible. E-books cannot provide the physical feel of the cover,



Mrs. Shedlauskas with her library helpers—from left to right: Tim Hartwell, Lauren Praino, Eva F., Chelsea Harvey, Mrs. S., Chloe King, Krista Cabany, Aaron Torres, and Robbie Freer.

paper, and binding of the original printed work. A book will never turn off, can last for several decades or longer and would be unusable only if significantly damaged.

How do you suggest a middle school student find a book that interests them?

Using Destiny Quest is a great place to start. By simply typing in a book

that you have already read and enjoyed, it will generate suggestions or read-alikes. Don't forget that I am available for help as well!

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Have you read the Hunger Games? Did you enjoy it? If so, did you see the movie?

Yes, I read all three books in the Hunger Games trilogy over the course of a weekend. I could not put the books down. They truly captivated me. I hope by the time this is printed I will have seen the movie. My policy, whenever possible, is to

read the book first before seeing the movie. No movie director or producer can do a better job portraying a story than your own brain can.

Was being a school librarian always your dream job? Did you ever consider another career?

Many people are surprised to discover that I studied physical therapy for two years in college. I love science and I thought that would be the perfect career field for me. It wasn't the right fit; something was missing – books. I switched majors and earned an English teaching degree. Still, I wasn't completely satisfied. I went back to school and completed my library science certification, enabling me to become a K-12 school librarian. I went back to school yet again to earn my Master's degree in Information Sciences. Although it was a long road to get here, I am confident that I made the right career choice. I truly love my job. There is no greater satisfaction than getting the right book into the right student's hands. I love to share in students' enthusiasm for books and I try to instill a love of reading in them.



Teacher Feature: Mr. Llewellyn

By: Joseph Gurkan

Finally, an interview with Mr. Llewellyn, for all of the people who would like to know, "What goes on in Mr. Llewellyn's mind?"

How many years have you been a teacher for DVSD?
I have been teaching here for 8 years.

What inspired you to teach math?

I was always good at math and tutored other fellow students when I was in high school. That experience helped me to see that's what I wanted to do with my life.

What do you enjoy about teaching middle school?

I like that the students are young enough that you can still joke around and have fun with them, yet old enough that they can be

curious and learn some real content and some serious math at this point in their lives.

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middle school class at the time.

What is the hardest part of having a back injury?

Mobility. It is tough moving around now and getting from place to place.

What were you like as a middle school student?

I was a long-haired, glasses-wearing, kind of nerdy middle schooler. I was probably the best student in my



Where did you get your jazzy and all of its accessories?

Taking car parts and retro systems.

You are popularly known as a funny teacher. Where did you get your great sense of humor?

I just like having fun in everything I do. We all have to be here, so we may as well make the best of it!

The Evolution of Textbooks

By: Marie Traverse

As many of you know, books are slowly being replaced by kindles, iPads, iPhones, etc. What does that mean for printed books and libraries? Are all the print books going to be changed into kindles or other electronics? Are libraries going to be replaced by apple stores altogether? We are considered the Apple Generation because we use electronics, most of them Apple products, for a lot of things in our daily lives. We use them for communication, alarms, reminders, to find out what time it is, and now to read books. If all of that happened within a few years, how long until textbooks are replaced by electronics? On amazon.com, textbooks for kindles are available for you to buy for around \$90.00. According to telegraph.com, the best app for reading on iPads, iPods, and iPhones is called i-books, which is free, and about 18,000 books are available to you for free. How soon do you think that books will be replaced with electronics?



Breaking the Law—Some of the USA's Silly State Laws

By: Christopher Grimes and Justin McCue



As citizens of the United States of America, most know that state laws are imposed to keep citizens safe. But, did you know that you might be breaking a law without knowing it?

For instance, *in Pennsylvania, you cannot fish with dynamite or sleep on refrigerators outside.*

If you ever visit Connecticut, *it is illegal to ride your bicycle faster than 65 MPH, or kiss your wife on Sunday.*

Be careful when in North Carolina, because there *it is*

illegal to sing off key!

In Florida, *women may be fined for falling asleep under a hair dryer*, as can the salon owner.

When in Hawaii, you can enjoy a scenic drive because *billboards are outlawed*. If you're a jokester, beware, because *coins are not allowed to be placed in one's ears*.

In Ohio, if you ever lose your pet tiger, *by law you are required to notify the authorities within one hour*.

Consider yourself informed!



A scene from Fox's "Napoleon Dynamite"

Television's Newest Arrivals

By: Lucas Rasselenberg

There have been several new arrivals to television this season, but I chose two that I think are worthy of mentioning.

"Napoleon Dynamite," the TV show, is an animated series based on the hit movie released in 2004. The TV show has the voice of John Heder, who starred in the "Napoleon Dynamite" movie. Catch Napoleon and his sidekick Pablo on Fox, Sundays at 8pm.

Disney Channel's new original show "Jessie" is a family-friendly situational comedy regarding a girl who moves to New York and gets a job as a nanny for the Ross family. It stars Debby Ryan who starred in "The Suite Life on Deck," Cameron Boyce who starred in "Grown Ups," Karan Brar who starred in "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," Peyton List who starred in "Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2," and Skai Jackson who starred in "The Smurfs." Tune in on Wednesdays at 8pm for the latest episodes!

Happy viewing!



Disney Channel's "Jessie"

Don't Stress, Decompress!

By: Pam Snure



Do you feel stressed out? Have you ever felt extremely nervous, anxious, or irritable? These are all signs of stress. Did you know that it can make you physically ill, or even cause insomnia? I recently anonymously polled students at DVMS about what causes them to stress out. These are a few of the most popular responses:

- "tests"
- "having 2 homes"
- "my parents"
- "homework"

There are many things you can do to help ease your stress. You can:

- go to a quiet environment and take deep breaths
- stretch (*this can even be done at your desk during a test!*)
- exercise – helps to ease tension
- yoga and meditation
- get the right amount of sleep (8-9 hours a night)
- stay on a healthy diet. Fruits and vegetables go a long way!
- keep a diary
- use stress balls
- stay organized and be prepared for school
- think about happy moments

If all else fails, talk to someone! Counselors can help you to deal with your stress before it gets too out of hand. Students aren't alone; many adults experience stress, too! It's perfectly normal to have stress, just find the right methods that help you DEFEAT stress!

Helpful Babysitting Tips for a Beginner

By: Jonathon Drake



As young adults in 7th and 8th grade, we are ready to start accepting new responsibilities. Some of those new responsibilities include the possibility of earning our own money. Babysitting can be a great way to do that. After talking with teens who have babysitting experience, parents who use babysitters, and the FACS teacher, Miss Sikora, I developed a few helpful tips to help get your babysitting business booming!

When looking for babysitting jobs, ask your parents/guardians for permission first. They may know of families in need of a sitter to get you started. Consider putting up flyers in your community offering babysitting services.

Once you've landed your first babysitting job, make sure you know the address of the house, emergency contact information, the number of children you are watching, how long you'll be there, and the house rules. Make sure you are comfortable with the kids first. Spend some time with them before agreeing to the job. Never accept a babysitting job if you feel uncomfortable.

Consider bringing games, movies, or crafts to do with the kids. Have fun, be safe, and remember—you're being looked up to!



Milford: The Interesting Town of Plenty

By: Marie Traverse

Some may believe that Milford is an uninteresting town, however; below are a few interesting facts that may change your opinion!

1. The village was laid out by John Biddis in 1796, one of the state's first four circuit judges. He named the streets after his children, family, and favorite fruits. Milford Borough was incorporated on December 25, 1874.
2. Between 2000 and 2010, the population of Milford increased almost 30%!
3. The museum located in Milford contains the flag that was wrapped around Abraham Lincoln's Head after he was shot. Unpleasantly, it contains his blood.
4. Of the 655 buildings in the district, 400 of them have been deemed to be historically significant!
5. Grey Towers National Historic Site, is the ancestral home of Gifford Pinchot, the noted conservationist, two-time Governor of Pennsylvania, and first head of the U.S. Forest Service is located in Milford.

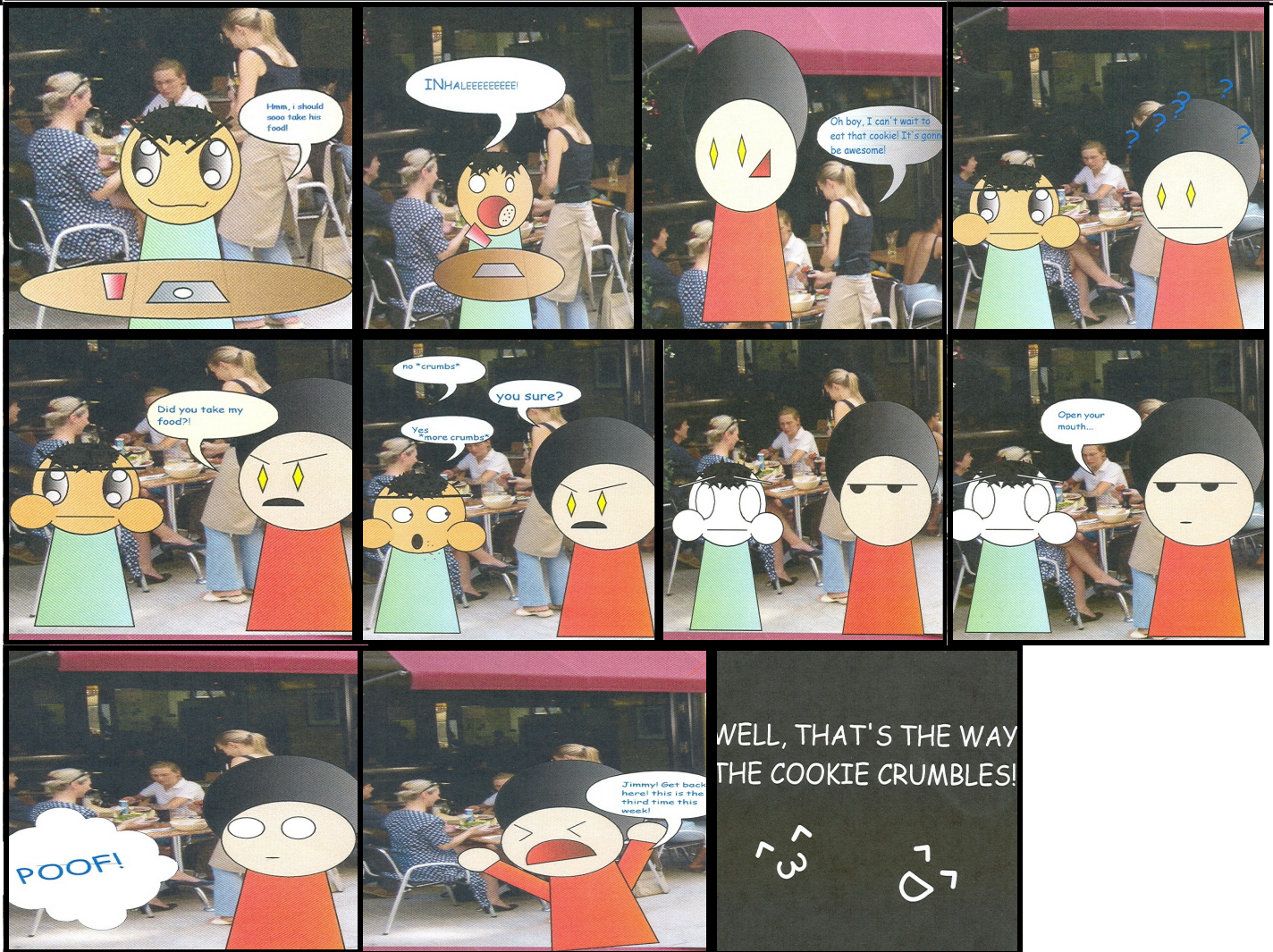
The historic and multi-faceted city of Milford has a lot to offer if you can keep an open mind and are willing to explore. If you ever find yourself in an adventurous mood, you should check it out!



Scenic Milford, PA.

A & T

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Spotlight Musician: Aspen Navarte

By: Kelley Edison and Victoria Pizzaro

What do you like most about music?

The fact that music is made up of so many different notes that can be harmonizing, pretty, or even ugly, all combined to create something breathtaking.

How long have you been a part of the band?

I have been playing flute since 4th grade, so about 5 years.

What is your favorite song to play?

"Be Our Guest" from Beauty and

Who/what inspires you to play music?

I've never really had an inspiration, I just love to make music.

Do you want to pursue a career in music?

No, but I hope to play music for a very long time.

How often do you practice the flute?

2-3 times a week for at least an

*What would you say to younger kids who aspire to succeed in the music industry?*

Practice, work hard, and listen to your teachers. Practice even when you don't feel like it, and prac-

tice to music you enjoy!



Upcoming School Events

By: Joseph Bairelein

May 23—Awards Assembly



May 25-28—Memorial Day Recess



June 6—DVMS Field Day!



June 7—No school for students.

June 8—Last day of school!



Joke Time

By: James Roe



Joke #1: How does the gingerbread man make his bed?

Joke #2: What do you call cheese that isn't yours?

Answers:
#1—with cookie sheets!
#2—Nacho cheese!



Poetic Terms Word Search

By: James Roe

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DICTION	PLOT
EPIC	PYRRHIC
AMB	SESTET

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