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## DVMS Talent Show By: Saida Bery



On Friday, February 6, 2015, the Delaware Valley Middle School Annual Talent Show, hosted by the Student Council, was held in the DVHS auditorium. 14 amazing acts participated in the competition. Three of these acts were awarded with trophies for their excellent performances.

In third place was "Around the World in 5 Minutes", performed by Jessie Bello, Jessy Freer, Danielle Anderson, and myself, Saida Bery. This act involved an Irish Step Dance, a jazz-themed dance, and a Bollywood dance.

In second place was "The Boy Scouts" with their hilarious comedy act that had the judges and the audience laughing very hard. Maks Henzel-Kedzior, Matt Lombardo, and John Babbitts were all comedians who gave us some great laughter and entertained us. Emma Dove was also featured in this act, and had her own act with Lakshmi Ramkissoon who sang with Emma while she played "Once Upon a Dream" sung by Lana Del Ray. Congrats to the Boy Scouts and good job to Emma and Lakshmi.

And in first place, our champion was Eliana Evers, who shocked us all with her brilliant singing voice! Eliana amazed the judges and audience with her rendition of "Popular" from the Broadway musical *Wicked*. The judges and audience found Eliana's performance to be breathtaking and awarded her with first place.

All of the acts this year made the show delightful. Good job to the other splendid acts that participated in the DVMS talent show and gave us a remarkable night to remember.



Above: the beautiful judges, Mrs. Masker, Mrs. Kratz, and Mrs. Shedlauskas.



Above: the charismatic hosts of the evening, Katie Gandolfo and Aiden Kane.

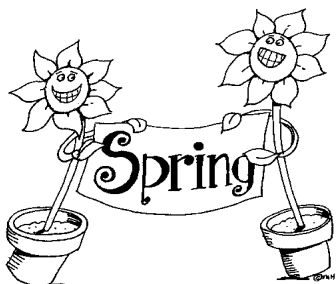
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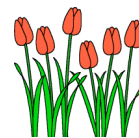
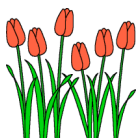
See, read, and enjoy the Spring poetry contest winners on page 5 & 6!

Check out interviews with Mrs. Terrones and Mr. Ioppolo on page 2!

What are you most looking forward to this Spring? See how your peers responded to that question on page 4.

Read up on the latest school happenings on page 3.





## Staff Profiles

By: Saida Bery

### Senorita Terrones



Q: Mrs. Terrones, you're the only Spanish teacher at DVMS. How does that make you feel?

A: It's really no different because I work with other high school Spanish teachers.

Q: How long have you been teaching at DVMS?

A: About 12 years.

Q: What inspired you to become a Spanish teacher?

A: I was inspired because when I moved to Mexico to learn Spanish, I LOVED it so much that I wanted to share the knowledge with everyone!



Q: Many students who have you think you're a fun-loving and awesome kind of a teacher. Name 5 adjectives that you would use to describe yourself.

A: SILLY, MOODY, FLEXIBLE, DEMANDING, and SACRASTIC.

Q: Are there any activities you like to do outside of school?

A: I'm a secretary for the Wallenpaupack Little League. I just retired as Cub Master. I'm a WEEK-END-WARRIOR-BASEBALL MOM and also a personal taxi.



Q: Do you have any children? If so, what are their names and how old are they?

A: Alex-10 years-old, and Carmen-5 years-old.

Q: What were you like as a student in Middle school?

A: I have selective memory for obvious reasons. 😊

Q: If you had a choice, would learn to salsa or do the tango?

A: Salsa.



Q: Any student who has you knows you make up silly dance moves to remember terms in Spanish. What is your favorite move that you made up and what is it called?

A: "Put an accent on them all." You put your hand in the air like you're doing the disco.

Q: For anyone who wants to be a Spanish teacher, just like you, what would your advice be to them?

A: With the current job market, go into interpreting or translating.



### Mr. Ioppolo



Q: Mr. Ioppolo, how long have you been principal at DVMS?

A: This is my ninth year.

Q: How would you describe your work?

A: **FUN**, **FRUITFUL**, and **FULLFILLING**.

Q: How long did you have to go to school to become a principal?

A: I first went to college for a business degree, then went back for education, and I'm currently going for my PhD. For the purpose of being a principal I have been a student between 4-5 years, but I've been going to school for about 14 years.

Q: Are there any activities you like to do outside of school?

A: Yes. I like to spend as much time with my children and watch what they are doing. I like to do yard work and play poker. I like to stay physically fit.



Q: What has been the highlight of your career?

A: When this team won the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2010.

Q: If you were to sing one song on American Idol, what would it be?

A: I'm not a very good singer, I have proven that. But if I had the opportunity to sing one more time it would be Pink Floyd's "Momentary Lapse of Reason".

Q: If there was a movie produced about your life, who would play you and why?

A: Brue Willis. His bald head is similar to mine.





*Pictured above: the five DVMS Spelling Bee winners who went on to the tri-state bee!*

## DVMS 2015 Spelling Bee & Tri-State Bee

**By: Julian Connaughton**

The 2014-2015 DVMS Spelling Bee was held in the DVMS Library at 9 A.M. Out of the 600 students who took the written test, only 30 of them moved on to the school spelling bee, and I was one of them. Mrs. Masker was the pronouncer (the person who gives us our word to spell). There were 3 judges. Parents were invited to come see their children spell. Before the actual bee started, there was a practice round so the participants and the parents would understand how the bee works. I was the 22th person to spell, and my practice word was "diabolical".

Round one began, and about 14 of the participants were eliminated. The words were hard to spell because they got harder and harder every round. My first word was dim sum, and I spelled it correctly. The other 15 students spelled their words correctly, too.

It was now round 2, and the words got harder as we went along. 9 kids got their words wrong. My word was hydroponic, and I asked for everything: language, a sentence, parts of speech, and to have the word repeated. I just took a guess on the spelling, and it was a shocker to me that I actually got it right. It was round 3, the final round, and the last 2 spellers were eliminated, and that concluded the spelling bee. It was very stressful to spell in front of everyone, but I managed to not let the pressure get to me.

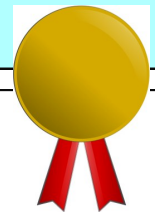
At the end of the bee, there were 5 top spellers who moved on to the tri-state spelling bee: 6th graders Josh Caraballo and Julian Connaughton, 7th grader Darius Bermudez, and 8th graders Theo Bookey and Skylar U'Glay.

At the tri-state bee, Skylar U'glay, Darius Bermudez, and Josh Caraballo swept the competition with first, second, and third place winning! (pictured left, from left to right). Congratulations winners, and all those who participated!



## DVMS Reading Olympians Snatch Third

**By: Saida Bery**



The DVMS Reading Olympians recently traveled to Easton Area School District to compete in the annual competition.

Led by Mrs. Kratz, the team took third place! Here's how it works: every reading Olympian gets a list of books to read throughout the school year. The competition tests their knowledge of the books by asking questions. The schools who answer the most questions correct, wins. Great job team!





## Commentary by Connaughton

Video Game Review

Review by: *Julian Connaughton*



Hello, this is Julian Connaughton, your video game guy, with a review about not just a video game, I am reviewing a video game console called the Wii U. The Wii U is better than a 3DS, a Wii, and a computer. The Wii U got really good reviews ranging from 3.5 to 5 stars. It has a lot of features that you will find really cool and awesome. The games on the Wii U let 1-8 players play (8 only on Super Smash Bros. The rest are usually 2-5 players.) The boxes pictured above contain the Wii U game pad and system, the charger, and a sensor bar. (the deluxe set contains a charging cradle, the game Nintendo Land, a console stand, etc.) This console has Nintendo Tvii, an Internet Browser, Nintendo e-shop, Miiverse, Wii and Wii U menu, Mii Maker, etc. All of these features the Wii U has, you will find amazing. Not only can the Wii U play Wii U games, and it could also play Wii games as well (GameCube games are pending). The Wii U is such a fascinating console to me because it does all of the cool things I had just listed above. To me, the Wii U is better than any other gaming system around. I love the Wii U, and so will you! A Wii U costs \$299 (\$349 or higher depending on which bundle you buy).



**Q: Should you buy the Wii U?**

**A: Totally!**

## DVMS School Poll: What's your favorite thing to do in Spring?

Spring is HERE and that means no more SNOW! We been waiting for Spring to come and we're glad that it's here. There are so many things to do in Spring, but what's your *favorite* thing? We asked some of the teachers and students of DVMS to see what they said. How will you enjoy this season, DVMS?



Arianna Peters: I love to take a vacation with my family in the Spring!



7<sup>th</sup> grader Corilye Muller- "Spring sports and going outside!"



Mrs. Kratz- "My favorite thing to do in Spring is to take my kids to the park and ride bikes."



Algebra Teacher Mr. Salus- "My favorite thing in Spring would be to mountain bike with my family and enjoy nature."



Mrs. Gray- "To get outside and enjoy the weather! Also to watch Spring sports and do some spring cleaning."

Mr. Sweeney- "To observe the sunlight. It brings a smile to my face."



April is National Poetry Month! Enjoy the contest winners' odes to Spring!



## Knuckleball

By: Kyle Ziemba

The grip of the baseball feels nice on my skin

I dig the earth with my cleats

It feels like the field has been watered to have our cleats have a  
better grip

I look in for the sign....knuckleball.....perfect

My favorite pitch

I lift my leg up start to throw

Yes!

STRIKE ONE.



## *"Out of the Woods"*

By: Michelle Andia

*I walk outside and see a white blanket suddenly starting to melt. The sun shines like a light bulb. The cold wind turns into a warm breeze. I can hear the birds chirping and I can the squirrels once more. Bears are back from their hibernation, deer skip around the trees, and rabbits hop along. They all cheer for spring, for it is near. The weather is warmer and the skies are blue. I also love spring but not for its warm weather or breeze. I love spring because my furry friends come out of the woods. People may not notice and may not even care, but it is special to me. This is the gift I get from spring.*



## **Spring**

By: Sophia Fouse

**Watching the dark clouds fade away**

**In a tall grassed meadow we will lay**

**Looking at the light blue sky**

**With everyone's spirits risen high**

**Flowers blooming everywhere**

**Sunshine lighting up in our hair**

**There is more time to spend together**

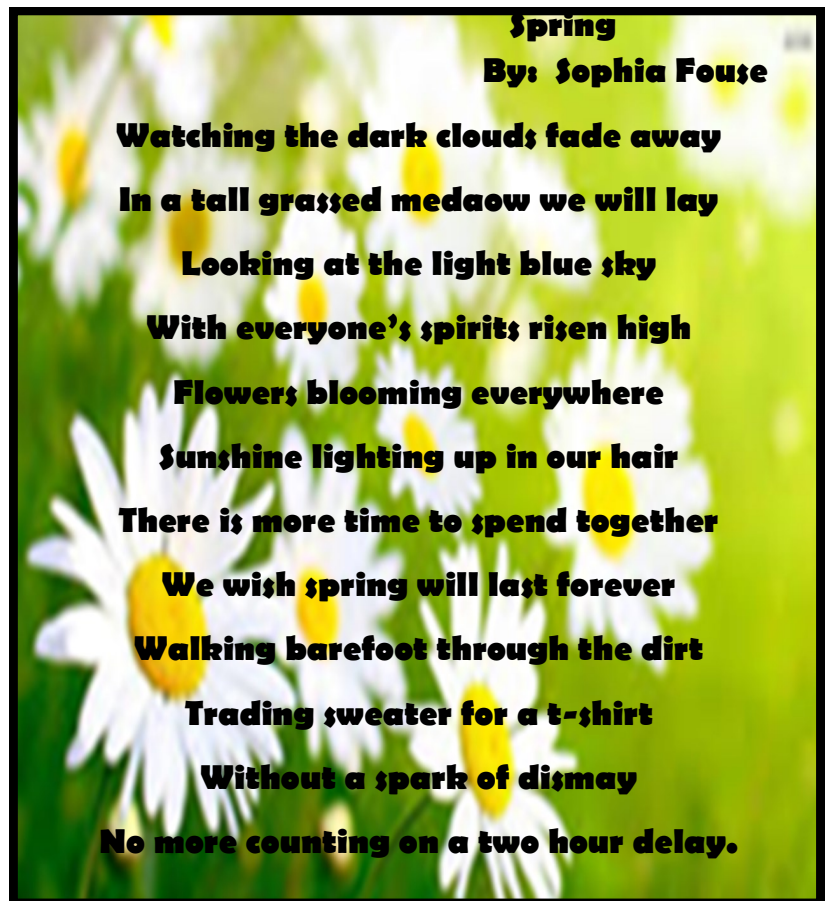
**We wish spring will last forever**

**Walking barefoot through the dirt**

**Trading sweater for a t-shirt**

**Without a spark of dismay**

**No more counting on a two hour delay.**

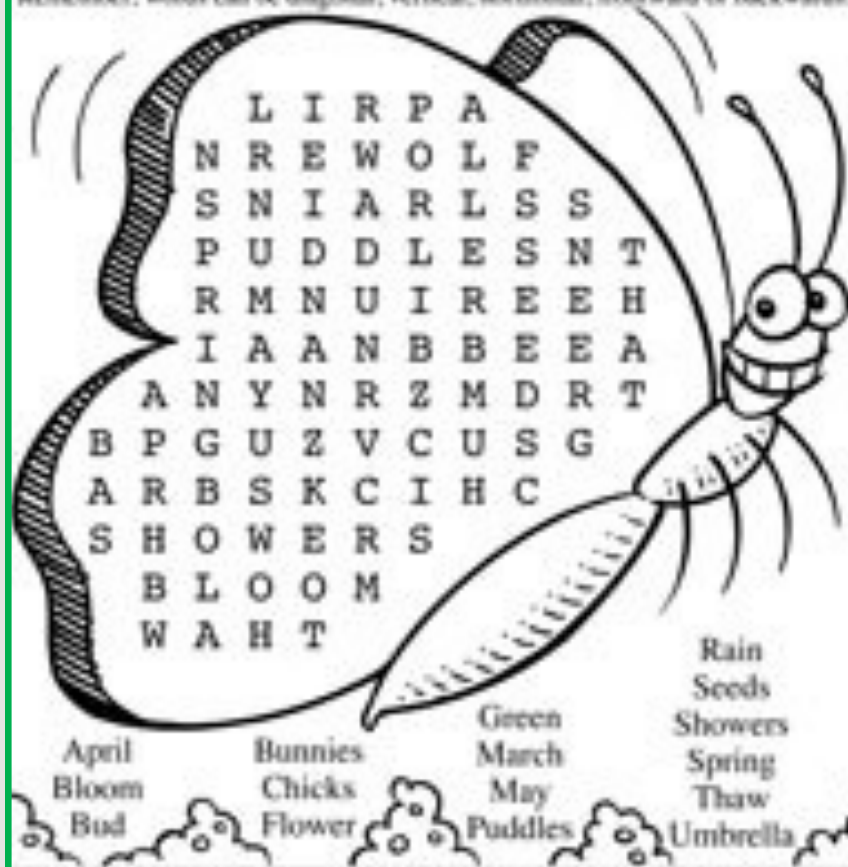


**"Springtime"****By: Amy Bellino**

**Spring, Spring come soon  
I would enjoy to see those  
Amazing flowers bloom  
NO MORE SNOW!  
I would like to feel that  
Breeze blow.  
BOOM goes the thunder,  
I'm just waitin' for the flut-  
ters  
From the butterflies that  
are a  
Variety of colors.  
The bunnies hop and bees  
buzz  
The frogs croak and the  
chicks hatch  
The cows moo and the pigs  
oink.  
The rain beats down gen-  
tly, then  
Comes to a stop  
The sun peeks out from the  
clouds  
And the blue sky shows.  
Spring, spring has arrived.  
During this wonderful  
time, I'll  
Be in the green grass,  
watching the changes.**

**Spring Word Search**

Try to find all of the hidden spring related words in the puzzle below.  
Remember, words can be diagonal, vertical, horizontal, forward or backwards.

**Upcoming School Events****May 25**—Memorial Day Recess**May 28**—DVMS Chorus & Band Concert**June 18**—Last Day of School/Early Dismissal!**Spring Riddles**

1. Can February March?
2. What is a Spring chick after it is 5 months old?

1. No, but April may.
2. 6 months old.