

**DELAWARE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**"Where Dreams Become Reality"**

**HELPING THE COMMUNITY:** Mr. Mady's 6th grade homeroom in F-5 showed great generosity during the annual DVMS Holiday Food Drive. In early November, after learning about the food drive, the class set a lofty goal of 500 collected items. At a steady pace, the class reached 399 items on December 11th. That same day, they **placed 2nd** in the DVMS Door Decorating Contest. The next day, **the class voted to donate their \$50 prize** to buy additional items to meet their 500-item goal. In the end, the class donated **509 items to the DVMS Food Drive, the most of any homeroom** this year! These students showed dedication, thoughtfulness, and altruism towards the local community.



**Way to go F-5 Homeroom!**

**HOLIDAY DANCING:** The PTA Sponsored a holiday dance on Friday, December 15, 2023. The DJ sleighed it! Over 100 students came to dance the afternoon away. This was a fun afternoon and special thanks to the PTA for sponsoring and chaperoning the event. Several DVMS staff stayed to join in the fun.





**CONGRATULATIONS SUPER SPELLERS:** Students from DVMS participated in the first round of the school spelling bee. This written component yielded the **top 22 student spellers** in the building. This group will now move onto the next round being held on stage on January 8 in the high school auditorium. Good luck moving forward!!!!



**Mary Cetin, Julia Conway, Jordan Delahoz, Ryan Haggerty, Emersyn Delrio, Alia Arias, Kaylee Connaughton, Dalila Garcia, Ming Lang Zhang, Gianna Neilson, Asher Onofry, Richard Hoar, Lily Mangiaracina, Henry Hoeper, Maryah Nuhn, Daisy Scott, Adele Kahmar, Brooke Nielsen, Lily Red, Ayden Eames, Lyla Mieczkowski, Aila Jones**



**MUSIC MAKES THE HOLIDAY EVEN BETTER:** Band, chorus, and orchestra students participated in **two** very special evening concerts. Students in grades 7 & 8 started the holiday season off with a winter concert held on the evening of December 19, 2023. The following week on December 21, 2023, the holiday spirit continued with performances by our grade six students in band, chorus, and orchestra. Each of the groups on both nights entertained the crowd with holiday favorites and showcased a full sleigh's worth of musical talent. Great job to our teachers **Mr. Horst, Mr. Bullock, Ms. Flack, Mrs. Reece** in preparing the groups for wonderful winter concerts.



**Chorus Grade 6**



**Band Grade 6**



**Orchestra Grade 6**

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDING PARTY:** Construction of gingerbread houses took place after school under the supervision of **Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Gandolfo**. Over **40 students**

participated in this fun event. Each group created the perfect house adding their own individual group styles. It was great watching the students work together in a festive mood. Best of all, finished gingerbread houses were delivered to the **convalescent home** so the seniors could appreciate the hard work. This brought joy to many of the residents, demonstrating another way our kids contribute within the community.



**HOLIDAY SCHOOL SPIRIT & DOOR DECORATING:** This was another great year of door celebrations at DVMS!







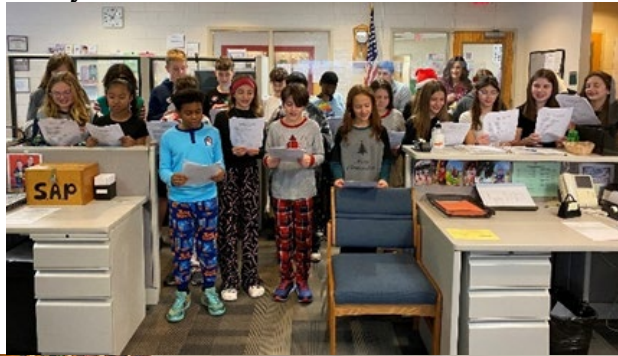
**SOME OF DVMS'S DOOR DECORATIONS**

**PAJAMA DAY AT DVMS:** Truly a Christmas miracle!!! The students and staff received permission to demonstrate their holiday spirit celebrating Friday, December 22 wearing pajama pants and other holiday spirited clothing. We also were happy to see many sporting our school colors black and white. On this day, most wore pajamas! The students and staff did an outstanding job being responsible with this opportunity.



We had a very special visit from the most jovial and festive Santa Claus of them all!!!!

We were also blessed with a few student groups sharing songs with our office staff. This was a very special and enjoyable day!!!



#### **DECEMBER TEACHER OF THE MONTH**



**Mike Mady, ELA Teacher**

#### **DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINEES**

**Samuel Robinson  
Connor Stewart  
Adele Kahmar**

**Charlotte Salvato  
Jeremy Gesualdo**

**Christian Sell  
Jacob Cosman**

**Ayla Martine  
Eva DeLauro**



## DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



**Gabriel O’Sullivan, Brooke Nielsen, Eliza Padgett, Kayla Snyder, Brody Feely**

## JANUARY HAPPENINGS

- January 16 School Closed, Martin Luther King Recess
- January 24 End of Second Marking Period (anticipated based on weather)
- January 31 Report Cards Distributed (anticipated based on weather)

Hello, 2024! I hope every single person had an outstanding holiday season. With two weeks remaining in the second marking period, please take the time to conduct a review of how close you are to achieving your academic goals. This reflection will also identify what you can still accomplish with the time remaining. If necessary, please take advantage of our after-school tutoring. Take advantage of this natural opportunity to establish goals. Celebrate each step of your journey.

Have a great start to a happy and healthy new year!

Sincerely,

Pete Ioppolo, Ed. D.  
Principal