

DELAWARE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
"Where Dreams Become Reality"

DRUG & ALCOHOL AWARENESS: Road Radio USA generously came to our school on Friday, September 6, 2024, sharing a high impact presentation related to the ill-effects of drugs and alcohol. This is the fourth time in the past 19 years that Jim Mothersby and his talented group has come to share positive messages with our group. Several students remained behind afterward to thank the Road Radio USA team for their presentation.

START WITH HELLO WEEK: September 16, 2024, marked the beginning of the national initiative, "Start with Hello Week." This initiative is designed to promote student engagement and deter anyone feeling isolated from their peers. **DVMS wore green** as a symbol of hope, peace, and empathy for others in our school on Wednesday September 18. Our students also signed the national pledge to promise to reach out to peers who may feel alone to just say hello.



SHOWING MUCH SPIRIT: Spirit Week was held the week of September 9, 2024. Each day that week the students participated in different themes of dress. The students and the staff really enjoyed sporting different outfits or accessories to represent each themed day. Each Friday throughout the school year, students and staff are asked to wear black and white in support of our school district and representing school pride!





PERFECT THE WAY YOU ARE: September is **Suicide Awareness and Prevention month**. DVMS heard announcements to help guide students to get help for themselves or peers with trusted adults both in and out of school. Dr. Bruno, school social worker, with the help of staff and teachers, decorated the school with yellow ribbons. DVMS students, staff, teachers, and administrators wore yellow on World Suicide Prevention Day. All students in the middle school were also given yellow hope cards related to suicide prevention and resources.

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH: DVSD adheres to attendance policies that are state-mandated. Please look in your student handbook to see what the protocols for attendance are. In the meantime, let's make sure your child is engaged in school by joining clubs or sports, connecting to a teacher, administrator, or counselor. These connections decrease absenteeism as well as promote consistency and structure for academic success. We, at DVMS, are all glad to be here. Stay in communication with the school so that we can all work together to promote the importance of attendance!

NEW CLUB ALERT: The DVMS Stem Explorers Club is a dynamic gathering designed for eager students to dive into the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The club will provide a fun and collaborative environment where students can explore new STEM topics, work on hands-on challenges, and build teamwork skills. Students will innovate, create, and compete!

Winter sports season tryouts will begin on Friday, November 15th.

To try out for a winter sport, you must have a cleared physical dated May 2024 or after but before November 15th, 2024.

This physical must be uploaded on to our planeths.com site.

If you have already participated in a fall sport you DO NOT need another physical unless you were injured and need a clearance.

We are offering an in-school physical on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024!

To get on the list for that date, you need to bring the attached two forms to the athletic office with \$20.00 cash or check payable to DVSD.

1. A health history completed & signed by athlete & guardian
2. A physical form with just the top completed
3. \$20.00 cash or check payable to DVSD.

OCTOBER NEW STAFF MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



Ms. Ortiz, ELA Teacher

What made you decide to become a teacher?

Many things went into my decision to go into teaching; however, one of the main factors was the teachers I had along the way who made an impact on me. I want to make an impact on student's lives the way they did on me. I want to make a difference to my students.

What do you love most about teaching?

That's a hard one! I think what I love the most is the bonds I get to build with my students. I love building those bonds and watching our relationships grow and evolve over time.

What do you enjoy doing in your leisure time?

In my free time, I love to be outside with my dogs! Hiking in the Hudson Valley is one of my favorite ways to spend time.

Who is your best role model and why?

My role model is an old teacher I had in college. He was amazing and passionate, and never lost that spark. I hope to emulate him in the classroom.

SEPTEMBER STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH



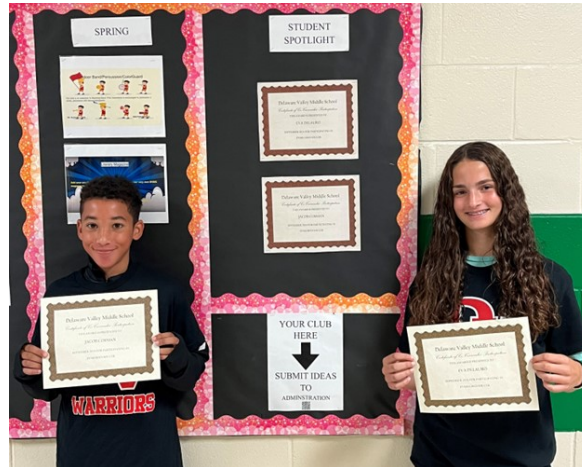
Mr. Bell, Social Studies Teacher

SEPTEMBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE WINNERS



Thomas Famoso, Landan Clarke, Zoe Bocaletti, Jayden Anderson, Lyla Sustak, Clara Clark

CO-CURRICULAR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Jacob Cosman = Boys Soccer
Eva DeLauro = Girls Soccer

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH NOMINEES

Ayden Armstead
 Peyton Copertino
 Brody Feely
 Angelina Giovane
 Griffin Navitsky
 Olivia Pitrelli

Angelo Ciarelli
 Milah De Freese
 Justin Fumasoli
 Adele Kahmar
 Rocco Paradiso
 Ava Kimberlin

Kaylee Conaughton
 Alexis DeGraw
 Jeremy Gesualdo
 Ayla Martine
 Rajendra Ramnauth

Julia Conway
 Diane Ewings
 Mya Haffner
 Amaya Ruiz
 Liam Reeve

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Jovey Thiele, Madilyn Latini, Skyla Maldonado, Nyjah Musah, Eduardo Arias, Ayden Buchell, Lily Red,

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

October 9	8 th Grade Career Day
October 14	School Closed, Teacher In-Service Day
October 24	Life Touch, Student Picture Make-Up Day
October 30	Halloween Costume Dance 2:50 - 4:30, DVMS Cafeteria

This school year has started off extremely well. It has been a pleasure meeting so many of our new sixth grade students while rekindling relationships with many of our upper-class students. Before getting too far into the school year, if your child is having difficulty adjusting to increased workloads, please remind him/her to take part in our after-school tutoring opportunities. If students are struggling with mental health issues, please direct those students to our school counselors and our school social worker.

It is always important to recognize our secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, and food service staff for all the work they did behind the scenes to ensure all the children got off to a great start to the school year. I also would like to thank our parents for the work you are doing in your homes. As we have just passed the middle of quarter 1, please review your child's academic standing to ensure he/she is performing at their best. Do not hesitate to reach out to a teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a fantastic fall season enjoying family and friends!

Sincerely,

Pete Ioppolo, Ed. D.
Principal