

## **DELAWARE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MRS. MARY ANN OLSOMMER**

- Students at DVES got an up-close look into beekeeping. Cherry Ridge Honey, owned and operated by James Mang, DVES Library/Media Specialist, displayed various items involved in the process of maintaining honey bees and also gave students the experience to see a live hive by the use of an observation hive. From the flower blossoms to the bottle, students in all grades witnessed the steps involved to produce local honey. Students in Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Genovese, Ms. Casey, and Mrs. Navitsky's 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes participated in a larger demonstration as they were learning about the importance of honey bees in their science classes. They were able to experience wearing protective beekeeping clothing, what the insides of a hive and frames of bees would look like, and the extraction of honey from the hive and honeycomb frames.
- On October 6, the Matamoras Fire Department visited DVES to teach the preschool, kindergarten, first, and second grade students about fire safety. Students visited the Smokehouse and asked the firefighters lots of questions.
- Fourth and fifth grade classes held their student council elections on October 7. Student Council held two meetings during October and assisted with World Series Week, had a "Guess the Pumpkin" contest, and organized a collection for active service members with the American Legion.
- An informational Title I Parent Meeting was held on October 13 by the reading department. On October 28, the reading department also celebrated "Super Readers" as a summer reading incentive. The Summer Reading Challenge challenged DVES students to read and track their summer reading minutes. In order to be a qualified Summer Reading Superhero, students had to log a total of at least 400 minutes. Students then were treated to prizes, mask making, and ice cream by the DVES Reading Short Vowel Superhero Team (A, E, I, O, U). Reading is truly our Superpower at DVES!
- The PTA hosted the annual Harvest Festival on October 14. A parade started the evening, and the students and their families visited multiple stations with games, activities, and prizes. The event was attended by 300 children and their families. A fun time was had by all!