

Dingman-Delaware Middle School – MR. JAMES MITCHELL

- On April 6th and 7th, the DDMS Theatre Club presented an outstanding performance of “Lady Pirates of the Caribbean” which is a musical comedy centered around “good” Pirates vs. “bad” Pirates. The DDMS students were able to transport the audience through song, dance and word to Parrot Island and with many a sneaky disguise and sword battle Lucy Lu and Her Lawless Ladies were able to defeat Snake Fang Fidoodle, Rosie the Rat and all their henchmen. Fifty middle school students were on stage and another eight were behind the scenes running lights and sound. In addition, eight DV high school students were involved building and running the set which included two ships and a throne room. The auditorium was filled to the brim with parents and friends at both performances. The students had a wonderful time and so did the audience!
- PSSA's: The students at the Dingman Delaware Middle School participated in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) in English/Language Arts and Mathematics over a two-week period. The eight grade students also participated in the PSSA Science The test was held over a two-day period on May 1 and May 2, 2018. The students were motivated to take the test and did their best.
- The Strengthening Families/Prosper program was run at DDMS for 7 consecutive weeks, beginning on March 20th and is to conclude on May 1st. This evidenced based program is divided into parent, youth and family sessions during the seven weeks. We began each session with a full course dinner provided by The Warrior Café. We then split up into our respective parent and youth sessions for an hour where activities were provided by our district trained faculty based on the Iowa State University curriculum. The parent sessions promoted better communication, love and limits, discipline with appropriate consequences and overall positive skill building. Youth sessions were engaging as they were in small and large group discussions, participated in games and projects that promoted communication, bonding, handling peer pressure and how to better appreciate their parents. The family met for the last hour, where they engaged in joint problem solving activities and hands on projects to promote positive communication among all family members. At the end of each session there is a Parent, Youth and Family Creed read by all participants to reinforce the importance of each family component. The Strengthening Families/PROSPER curriculum promotes protective factors for our youth that include, how to resist peer pressure through learned skills, engaging in pro-social peer relationships, learning how to empathize with parents and how to manage emotions in a positive manner. This program is part of the Penn State Cooperative Extension and is highly encouraged by Pike County Commissioner's Office. At this time, DVSD has run the program twice, once in the Fall at DVMS and once in the Spring at DDMS. We look forward to providing the program again next Spring on both middle school campuses to be run simultaneously.
- On Friday, April 13, 2018, Chief Mark Moglia conducted ALICE training assembly for our student body at the Dingman Delaware Middle School. ALICE is a training program that provides staff and students with an option-based response to an active shooter gaining entry into a school, a business or any organization. The ALICE Training is conducted by an onsite instructor-led demonstrations, practical scenarios, and evaluation drills. Chief Moglia met with each grade level providing important information as well as receiving great feedback from the students.
- It was with great pleasure Dingman-Delaware Middle School Staff were invited again to participate in, "Bring Your Child to Work Day," on Friday, April 27, 2018. In the business of education, we are undoubtedly interested in helping students link the value of their education to the world of work. Most people, including the children of educators, don't realize what it takes and what it's like to be staff in a school setting. DDMS hosted thirty guests, who ranged in age from five to eighteen years. Our staff was asked to think about how they could most successfully integrate their child into our environment. Our young guests were treated to a special appearance on DDTV, a pizza luncheon, juice boxes, a dessert treat, a goodie bag, photograph opportunities throughout the day, as well as what each individual classroom had planned. It was a really great, educational day for all!
- Fire Drill: April 23, 2018: 2 minutes 45 seconds