

Dingman-Delaware Middle School - Mr. Brian McCarthy

- The Dingman-Delaware Middle School PTA Sponsored a Valentine's Dance that was held on February 8th in our cafeteria. Students were able to stay after school to enjoy music and snacks with their friends.
- The Dingman Delaware Middle School Girls Basketball Team ran a fundraiser in which they sold carnations during lunches for the first few weeks of February. Students were able to purchase a carnation for a friend to show their kindness to one another. Carnations were distributed to homerooms on Valentine's Day.
- On February 8th our Dingman-Delaware Middle School Special Olympics students displayed their skills on the slopes. Many of our ski and snowboarding students were awarded medals. All students did an amazing job!
- The PTA at DDMS sponsored our second Scholastic Book Fair. Similar to the first book fair a portion of the proceeds goes towards our library to purchase books for our students and staff. This year scholastic gifted out teachers with a \$5 giftcard to be utilized at the book fair for a purchase of their choice.
- February 22nd our Music Department held their annual POPs Concert. The students' performance was a huge success despite the limited practice schedule as a result of the weather.
- Throughout the month of February our librarian Rachel Goldstein used the opportunity to promote reading outside of a student's comfort zone. She ran a raffle in the library in which students selected a 'blind book'; if they read and reviewed the book they were entered in to a raffle to win a half-dozen chocolate covered strawberries. It was a great way to make reading fun!
- On February 25th we hosted a speaker from Safe Haven in both Mr. Batista and Mrs. Favaro's Career Leadership classes. Mrs. Favaro has lined-up future presentations from several other outlets for the near future.
- February 27th students were able to attend and participate in our annual DDMS Talent Show. A variety of acts were performed and the amount of talent displayed was amazing! Between the staff, students, and community members who attended and/or participated we had well over 200 in attendance. The profits will go toward helping fund our Music Department's Music in the Parks trip later this Spring.
- On February 5th we ran our elimination round for the Spelling Bee in our DDMS Library. Students who proceeded to this round were asked and expected to spell a number of words unassisted. We have 5 outstanding spellers this year proceeding to the 41st annual Tri-State Spelling Bee which will be held March 10, 2019 at DVHS.
- We have started implementing our Leader-in-Me Program in which students participate in a lesson on the 7-habits of Highly Effective People. So far we have discussed Habits #2 and #3 with students. Several of the students who have really gone above and beyond were entered in to a raffle that has been used to reward them for their effort and participation during these sessions.

- Our 2nd annual King and Queen of Kindness were announced on February 22nd. Two individuals who display kindness in and out of the classroom were voted for by our student body.
- Fire Drill was held February 5th: 2 minutes 15 seconds
- Intruder Safety Drill was held February 28th