

Dingman-Delaware Middle School – Mr. Brian McCarthy

- The Dingman-Delaware Middle School held its Open House to parents and guardians on Tuesday night September 11th. Parents / Guardians had the opportunity to meet with administration in the auditorium to discuss the upcoming school year after which they followed their child's schedule and met each of their teachers.
- The Dingman Delaware Middle School recognized Suicide Prevention Week, September 10th through the 15th. Daily announcements were presented with facts about suicide prevention and awareness, highlighting that the best way to prevent suicide is to talk about it. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number is posted throughout the building. On Monday, September 10, 2018, DDMS recognized World Suicide Prevention Day. Students and faculty wore yellow in hopes of raising awareness for suicide prevention.
- The Dingman-Delaware Middle School celebrated Spirt Week during the week of September 10th. Monday, September 10th was wear yellow (suicide prevention day); Tuesday, September 11th was wear red, white and blue day (America Day); Wednesday, September 12th was Wacky Wednesday; Thursday, September 13th was Twin Day and Friday, September 14th was wear school colors or your DDMS team jersey.
- The Dingman-Delaware Middle School recently partnered with the Parent Teacher Association to put on a Scholastic book fair. It took place during the week of September 10, 2017, and was in operation during the open house. The book fair raised over \$2,000, a portion of which will be donated to our library.
- The Dingman-Delaware Middle School welcomed Tony Hoffman, a Substance Abuse and Motivational speaker, who spoke to the eighth grade students on September 20, 2018. His main message is delivered around the theme that "One choice can change the rest of your life". Tony is a world class BMX Coach and has coached world class athletes from all over the world, leading them to National Championships, World Championships, and Olympic finals.
- The Dingman-Delaware Middle School Library has received it's zSpace technology and it is currently up and running. It delivers a stunning interactive experience by integrating the latest AR/VR technology. It is the ultimate reality learning experience that improves student outcomes and increases student engagement.
- The entire DDMS teaching staff was trained in the Leader in Me program on September 20th. It teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. DDMS is currently in the first year of implementation and looks forward to making leadership development a part of the everyday student experience, including teaching leadership principles in meaningful ways, creating a culture of shared leadership within the school, and helping students take more ownership for their academic learning and goal achievement.
- The professional staff at the Dingman-Delaware Middle School has developed professional learning communities (PLC) to continue their efforts in improve student learning. The PLC teams will meet regularly during the school year, working collaboratively to achieve better results for students.
- A DV2020 committee was established and continues to meet at the Dingman-Delaware Middle School to develop a strategic plan for the next five years. This committee of staff members will meet to review our goals and action plans for school improvement both in and out of the classroom for this school year.
- The Dingman-Delaware Middle School welcomes our new staff members for the 2018-2019 school year! Mrs. Heather Santarelli is serving as the Assistant Principal at DDMS; Mrs. Maury Bevilacqua has returned to the DDMS teaching staff and Mrs. Nicole Riccio has joined our cafeteria staff.

Fire Drill (September 24, 2018): 2 minutes, 23 seconds.