

. DINGMAN-DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL – MR. BRIAN MCCARTHY

- Over the summer the Dingman-Delaware Middle School Auditorium Stage received some major renovations. A new Cabernet Grand Curtain was installed along with three pair legs, three borders, a two-piece full stage black curtain, traveler track, and a Fire Curtain which made our stage look brand new! A new sensor dimming rack, external processing rack and a control station were also added to the upgrades.
- On Tuesday, August 25, 2020, the Dingman-Delaware Middle School hosted an orientation for all new students enrolling at the DDMS for the 2020-2021 school year. The students were given an overview of the middle school facilities, course offerings, after school activities, and rules and regulations. Parents and students were given a tour of the school. The school counselors also performed placement testing on these students to help insure they were properly placed.
- On Wednesday, August 26, 2020, the Dingman-Delaware Middle School hosted an “open house” orientation for all incoming sixth-grade students. All sixth grade students, along with one parent, were allowed to visit the school (broken down into four time slots) locate their classroom and practiced opening their lockers. Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Staub, School Counselors and our PTA were present to help students not only open their locker but also answer any questions. Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Staub posted a video of a virtual tour on the DDMS school website prior to the orientation to help everyone get started.
- On Thursday, August 27, 2020, the Dingman-Delaware Middle School staff was welcomed back for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. DDMS welcomes Jeanne Mulcahey (Financial Secretary), Mr. John Staub (Assistant Principal), Rebecca Walls (IA) and welcomes back Jessica Howey to the staff. The custodial and maintenance staff worked very hard getting the middle school in great shape for the first day of school.
- On Wednesday, September 2, 2020, three hundred and fifty-one students arrived at the Dingman-Delaware Middle School in-person, one hundred and sixty-three were joining our instruction through Zoom and thirty students were enrolled in the DV Cyber School.
- The Dingman-Delaware Middle School recognized Suicide Prevention Week, September 7th through September 11th. Daily Announcements were presented with facts about suicide prevention and awareness. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number is posted throughout the building. Our School Counseling Department Schoology webpage posted all numbers, warning signs, Do's and Don'ts, how to get help and facts for students who were using Zoom or in DV Cyber-school.
- DDMS recognized September 11th by a student reading a passage followed directly by a moment of silence. Teachers also included aspects of Patriot Day in their planned curriculum throughout the day as a remembrance for the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.
- On Tuesday, September 15th, the Dingman-Delaware Middle School held its Virtual Open House. Parents were able to join each of their child's educators in their classrooms, using Zoom, for a ten-minute informational presentation of what the class is about and the expectations of the teacher.
- Start with Hello Week was celebrated from September 21st through September 25th. Monday's goal was strive for a good dead citation; Tuesday was “Hey Day”; Wednesday was Compliment Day; Thursday was Wear Green in support of Sandy Hook and finally School Spirit Day was held on Friday.
- On September 17, 2020 the DDMS performed a fire drill using the new Navigate Prepared App. The staff did an outstanding job utilizing this new technology and the drill was very successful.

Fire Drill---September 17, 2019 (1 minute 57 seconds)