



DUDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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The Winter Ball

By: Natalie Smith

On the evening of Friday, January 20th, seventh and eighth grade students had the time of their lives at the Winter Ball! The Winter Ball was a semi-formal dance hosted



8th graders Emily Arnold and Natalie Smith at the Winter Ball

by NJHS which took place in our school gymnasium.

This dance was one to remember! Music was loud and people were dancing left and right. The halls were well-decorated with gorgeous string lights and the gymnasium had spotlights. Everybody looked stunning and the energy in the room was beyond palpable.

As students said themselves, the 2023 Winter Ball was "my favorite dance we've ever had." Other reviews included, "It was very fun and everyone looked great. It was fun to

> hang out with a bunch of friends and to scream and shout songs," "Seeing everyone dressed up was cool, and NJHS did a great job with the decorations," and "I thought the Winter Ball was amazing... the disco lights made the experience a

lot better and gave it a strong positive vibe."

From my own personal experience, this Winter Ball was a night I will never forget. It was a huge highlight in my eighth grade year, and I will hold onto the



7th grader Carly Moody dribbles up the floor

memories forever!

Titan Girls Continue to Improve

By: Tommy Ide

The girl's basketball team at DMS's season is in full swing. They have played more than half of their scheduled games. The team is full of new players and athletes playing basketball for the very first time. The girls are coached by Mrs. Packard. At a recent practice, coach Packard told

the players, "You may not believe this, but every single one of you has improved immensely this year." Coach Packard has high hopes for the team's future.

Returning eighth graders Kaylin Marsh and Kayla Pauquette are two of the leaders of the team. When asked about the team, Kaylin Marsh stated, "I

think the team moves very

well and hustle is important to us." A clear focus on this team is playing hard and playing together. Kayla Pauquette told the Times, "I think we have become more of a team, and we have been improving." Carly Moody has played a significant role as a seventh grader and will undoubtedly be ready to play an important role next season. cheer team when I say, the money from the carnations and lollipops will definitely make some great improvements for us. To place your order, go to the main office during lunch or at the snack shack. The snack shack is only open on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Thank you Mrs. Brunelle, Miss. Kobel, and last but certainly not least the DMS cheerleaders for running this event for valentines day.

The Titans have three games left,

including the annual season-ending match-up against main rival, Charlton, at Shepherd Hill. Coach Packard and all the players intend on improving and working hard in the remaining weeks.

Valentine's Day Carnation ど Lollipop Grams

By: Rianna Ruo

The DMS cheer team is selling carnations and lollipop grams from February 6th -10th. To celebrate valentine's day, you can buy a carnation for \$2.00 and a lollipop for \$1.00. You could buy them for yourself, friends, teachers, even

someone in a different grade. On valentine's day the cheer team will deliver the flowers/candy at the end of the day. The money will be used towards cheer mats and new uniforms for the cheer team. I can speak for my friends on the



Titans Cheerleaders pose in the bleachers at a recent basketball game

Cartooning

By: Cecelia Donahue

Sergeant Poplawski holds cartooning in the Science Lab room as an after school program. In cartooning, you learn the basic cartooning skills such as art and comic timing. If you submit a comic; it might be featured here in Titan Times!

While in the lab, you'll be seated in pairs and be given paper. Then you can start drawing. If you don't have any ideas, it's okay. Sergeant Poplawski

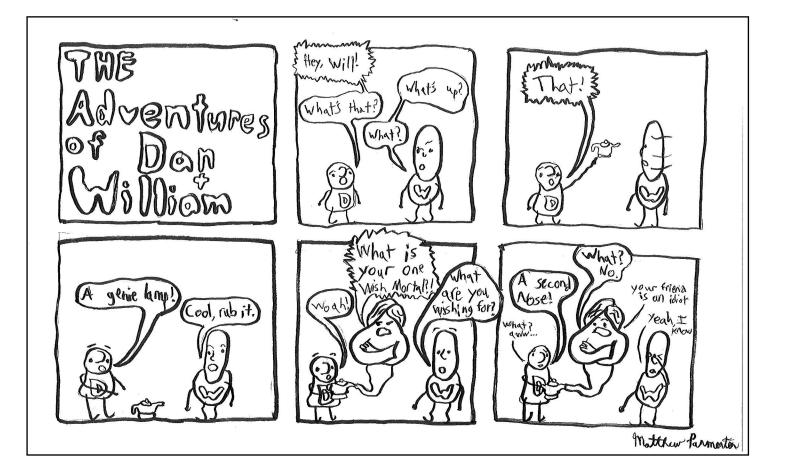
is available to help. When you finish the sketch of your comic then it's time to outline. Sgt. Poplawski brings art supplies like fineliners and markers for your use, but make sure to treat them with respect. Eighth grader Matthew Parmenter, a club member, said, "I've liked drawing comics for a while. Kids who were new to it definitely learned some techniques from Sgt. Poplawski. He encouraged us all to keep drawing."

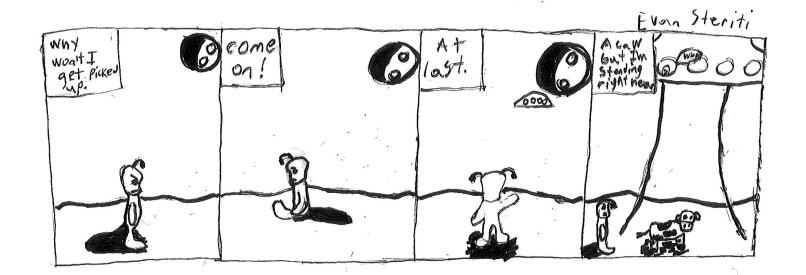
Please enjoy some samples of actual cartoons drawn during Cartooning Club on the next page! If you like what you see, maybe give Cartooning with Sergeant Poplawski a try this Spring.











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