ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT – DR. NICOLE COSENTINO

AI
Work continued on developing clear procedures for the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in classroom instruction. These ongoing efforts aim to ensure that technology is used responsibly and effectively to enhance learning while maintaining academic integrity.

As part of this work, I met with the company Learnics, along with our English Department Chair and high school administrative team, to explore alternative tools to replace Turnitin in a landscape increasingly shaped by AI-generated content. This collaboration provided valuable insight into emerging technologies that align with our instructional goals.

Two of our high school teachers are taking the lead on AI integration for teachers. We meet to develop the plan for the March 13th training day.

STEELS
I also participated in a Zoom discussion with educators and administrators from the Northampton School District, who are currently in their second year of STEELS standards implementation. Their shared experiences have been instrumental in helping us define our next steps as we prepare for broader integration of STEELS across our own classrooms. Their perspective continues to be a valuable resource as we refine our approach to science education.

This helped frame the Science PLC work which is going to be facilitated by Jason Zimmerman, Content Advisor for PDE, on March 13th. We are very excited to bring Jason back to us as he is leading the entire state's work in Science Education.

Structured Literacy
In partnership with Joy Sweller and our Intermediate Unit leaders, we continued the development of a structured framework for curricular rewrites, K-8, to support the PDE-mandated Structured Literacy initiative.

This work includes identifying state-approved curricular resources and aligning our planning with The Reading League's recommendations to ensure consistency and high-quality implementation across grade levels.

IRB
Additionally, we continued the Institutional Review Board (IRB) process, reviewing and approving multiple student-led research projects to ensure compliance with ethical standards and academic integrity requirements.

Elementary Visits
I was able to coordinate a districtwide community-building initiative in celebration of our Boys Basketball Team's advancement to the state tournament. Visits were arranged for team members and mascots to all four elementary schools, where they connected with students and encouraged attendance at the weekend's state game. The result was an inspiring show of district pride and unity, as our first home state game drew an enthusiastic crowd and created a memorable moment for students and staff alike.

I was able to continue to work with our 2nd and 3rd year teachers through the observation process. This is a great opportunity to work in the various buildings and engage in the wide range of classroom activities.

March 13th Professional Learning
Many meetings were held to plan a robust menu of offerings for March 13th's professional learning day. We have created 82 sessions for our teachers to select from. This volume of offerings and presenters takes a tremendous amount of planning with a clear vision in order to execute. We are very lucky to have this time with our staff. We were able to secure outstanding presenters.

ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT – DR. JAYSON POPE

On Thursday, February 5, Jersey Mike's Subs presented the DV Educational Foundation with a check for $3,500 as part of their grand opening partnership. The donation was used to support the Coaches v. Cancer event held at DVHS and will also be used to support the April 15 Special Olympics event that will be held on main campus. Thank you to Jersey Mike's for their generosity and support!

On Friday, February 6, Delaware Valley High School hosted the annual Coaches vs. Cancer event. The evening's festivities featured a boys/girls basketball doubleheader against Valley View. While cancer awareness is represented by many different colors, this year's theme was a "Pink Out." The high school journalism team held their second High School Game Day event, and a raffle/silent auction was held throughout the evening. The combined efforts of numerous students, staff, and members of the community resulted in $5,000 raised for the American Cancer Society.

On Tuesday, February 10, our Pre-K Counts specialist, Robin Fanelli, visited Ms. Mary Louise Byrnes' pre-K classroom at DVES. This visit was part of the school district's annual performance review to ensure our two pre-K programs (DVES and DDPS) are being run in accordance with the regulations and guidance set forth by the state grant we receive each year. On Thursday, February 26, our pre-K teachers and administrative team participated in a webinar that featured the release of the 2026-27 regulations and guidance. Our pre-K teachers and instructional assistants run a fantastic program that is consistently at or near capacity every year.

On Wednesday, February 11, the Warrior Cafe hosted the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club for its weekly meeting. While regular Rotary meetings are held at the Dimmick Inn, it has become tradition to move one meeting per year to main campus. Thank you to Chef Alex Niosi, Mrs. Cindy Luna, and the entire culinary program for preparing a delicious menu that included smashburgers, chicken Caesar salads, and Choco-Tacos for dessert.

On Tuesday, February 24 the school district hosted a bullying roundtable at Delaware Valley High School. Thank you to the parents, staff, and school board members who contributed to a productive conversation about the strategies the school district uses and will continue to use to address reports of bullying.

On Thursday, February 26, the school district hosted representatives from Northwell Health for a tour of main campus. Based on Long Island, Northwell Health recently opened an urgent care in Dingmans Ferry with plans to open a second location in Hawley this summer. Additionally, there are plans for Northwell Health to open a hospital in Pike County. The district looks forward to building a strong partnership with Northwell Health as they continue to improve health care options in our community.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES – MR. CHRIS LORDI

- Attended the Lehigh U. Career Fair
- Met with DVESPA for negotiations
- Held a discipline hearing for employee discipline
- Held interviews for districtwide employment openings both professional and classified
- Recruiting new employees for open positions
- Interviewed substitute professionals and classified staff
- Attended yearly audit review of business office operations
- Compiled grievance hearing materials and presented at a grievance hearing
- Worked through Workers Comp cases with our insurance company
- Attend classes for personal PD for a pHCLE certification – Professional Human Capital Leader in Education
- Met with DVEA leadership for monthly discussions
- Met with DVESP leadership for monthly discussions
- Attended IU #20 Emergency Preparedness monthly meeting
- Attended the Westfall Sewer Authority meetings
    - Working on District connection to system
    - Submitted work proposals on the project
- Attended IU #20 Human Resources meeting
    - Discussions regarding the need from ALL IU schools for IAs
- Attend various PASBO/PASBA/AASPA continuing ed webinars
    - Leadership Development
    - Workers Comp. Development
    - HR Development
- Held a Workplace safety meeting

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR – MR. WILLIAM HESSLING

- Review, approve and assist in compiling the 25 to 35 pages of Financial Reports, Treasurer's Reports, and Bills for Payment that appear as Business Office produced reports on the Board agenda every month. This includes journal entries, reconciliations, budget decisions on purchasing and bills for payments, budgetary monitoring and controls, revenue tracking, etc. for all district funds including the General Fund, Construction Funds, Capital Reserve Fund and Cafeteria Funds.
- The PA School Boards Association (PSBA) Government Affairs has reported that the 26-27 proposed budget by Governor Josh Shapiro on February 3 includes a total of $53.2 billion in state spending, which is an increase of more than $3.1 billion over last year. To address concerns related to the state's structural deficit, the proposed budget seeks to increase revenue through the legalization and taxation of recreational cannabis and the taxation of skill games. Some of the key education line items from the proposed 2026-27 state budget include:
    - Basic Education Funding (BEF): $50 million increase

- Special Education Funding (SEF): $50 million increase
- Ready-to-learn (Adequacy): $526 million increase
- Ready-to-learn (Tax Equity): $32 million increase
- School Safety and Mental Health: $111 million increase
- Career and Technical Education (CET): $14 million increase
- School Facility Improvement Grant Program: $125 million increase
- Student Teacher Stipends: $5 million increase
- Universal School Breakfast: The budget proposal includes funding to continue the universal free school breakfast program.
- Cyber Charter Reform: the budget proposal includes an additional $75 million in annual savings for school districts by making additional changes to the calculations used to determine cyber school tuition rates. When combined with the reforms made in last year's budget, the total savings to school districts is estimated to be around $250 million.

DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES – MR. MARVIN EVERSDYKE

Activities for the month of February to support facilities, grounds, and transportation operations included:

- Scheduled substitute personnel for absences
- Reviewed the ML Schedules and Schedule Star Calendars to assure my staff was informed and had plans for events and activities scheduled each day in their respective building
- Scheduled vehicles and personnel for Home-to-School, Educational, and Athletic Team trips
- Managed repair service and maintenance for all transportation and maintenance equipment
- Assigned and followed through with Work Orders
- Assigned and followed through with Preventative Maintenance Work Orders
- Reviewed and processed all invoices for payment
- Ordered new transportation and maintenance vehicles and equipment under the CAPEX Plan
- Prepared payroll for all hourly paid Support Services employees
- Prepared and submitted monthly DEP Wastewater and Domestic Drinking Water Reports
- Managed the daily work for seventy employees
- Implemented adjustments to home-to-school bus stops and routes as requested by parents, mostly related to new registrations
- Implemented adjustments to home-to-school and home-to-placement schools transportation for special needs students as requested by the Special Education Department
- Scheduled grounds maintenance to assure parking and driveways were prepared and ready for school openings and activities
- Supported the Superintendent with updated weather forecasts and PennDot reports pertaining to school opening delays, closings, FID, and early dismissals.

DIR. OF MENTAL HEALTH & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES– DR. DIANA BIXBY

Mental Health

We celebrated National School Counseling Week the week of February 2nd-6th.

High school social worker Amy Letwinsky met with students, both individually and in groups throughout the month. She also held two Diversity and Women's Empowerment groups.

Ms. Letwinsky had 15 participants in the Mental Health Reboot workshop at the high school. Students made goals for themselves and created a digital vision board for their phones. This is the second workshop we held this school year and look forward to expanding this endeavor.

High School Counselor Molly Blaut worked with the students on The Sources of Strength team who asked students and staff "What does love mean to you." Their answers were put on hearts and hung on the Sources of Strength tree located in the R Pod as a visual representation of love.

Social Worker Gabrielle Westfall has been extremely focused on her sessions with students as a large influx of student referrals resulted in the need to implement a waitlist. There is a consistent need for student counseling in all three buildings she supports. We are currently working on looking at how to create more efficient systems for counseling and social work referrals to support students and families.

Ms. Westfall is working on wrapping up her current groups and getting her new groups ready that will begin in March. Some groups will include Boys Coping Skills groups at DDPS and DDES, a Social Skills group at DDES, a Girls Friendship Group at DDES and a Boys Anger Management group at DDES.

The district psychologists, social workers, and counselors continue to have PLC meetings. Throughout the year we continue to work on role clarification so we can have more efficient processes and better support our students and families.

Members of the Counseling Plan met with Cara Doughterty, counselor at Wallenpaupack, to collaborate regarding best practices in completing our counseling plan. It is always great to collaborate with other districts to get feedback and brainstorm to improve our programs.

February was Random Acts of Kindness Month. Dr. Bruno led DVMS to celebrate our young leaders by awarding the Annual King and Queen of Kindness. This award celebrates middle school students that are making a difference by being kind and showing good citizenship while not expecting anything in return. These leaders promote a positive school culture where learning takes place.

Dr. Bruno also took part in the middle school PBIS training. She is currently using Check and Connect (Tier 2 intervention that Achieve Academy staff was trained in) with returning middle school students. She runs multiple groups, sees students individually and assists with crisis situations at both buildings.

Support Services

A District-wide Wellness committee was held on Wednesday, February 18th at Dingman-Delaware Middle School. Some members attended in-person and others attended via zoom. We discussed sharing reminders with building administrators about parents bringing healthy snacks to school. The nurses are going to share health information through our District social media. For example, since February is Heart Health Month, the nurses created a post to bring awareness and shared examples of activities that are healthy for your heart. We plan to do this monthly.

On Thursday, February 19th, the core teams from DVMS and DDMS met with CIU 20 and Dr. Bixby to continue to receive training and have discussions about the implementation of Tier 1 Behavioral Intervention-Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS). This process is not being rushed so that we can support our teachers and implement successfully at the middle school level.

Achieve Academy
The program started with five students in February, and we ended the month with six students. When students were asked what they liked about the program, one student reported, “The teachers are very helpful with work and with advice when you need it.” Another student shared that he “likes the way the program is structured because it is less stressful. I don’t feel as overwhelmed.”

Students continue to work with Mrs. Weston and Dr. Bixby in their neuroscience group to learn about self-regulation and coping skills. They also still receive two and a half hours of individual and group counseling with Dr. Bruno.

SUPERVISORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION – MRS. CHERYL NIELSEN & MRS. ASHLEY TURS

A speech group at DDPS completed a science experiment where the students made it "rain" in different colors. The students practiced answering “wh-“ questions about the materials and steps of the experiment. Students needed to take turns adding colors and sharing their observations. Group discussion was held at the end of the experiment to discuss what the students enjoyed about the experiment. This was a great hands-on activity that included expanding language, working together, and linking therapy with the general education curriculum.

Special Olympics winter events recently took place at Big Bear at Masthope, where 56 athletes participated in skiing events and 26 athletes competed in snowshoeing. Athletes participated in 5 days filled with determination, teamwork, and celebration as students showcased their skills on the slopes and trails. In addition, 26 dedicated high school student volunteers supported the event, assisting athletes with learning to ski and confidently ride the chairlift. Their guidance, encouragement, and enthusiasm helped create a safe and inclusive environment for all participants. Events like these, in partnership with Special Olympics Pennsylvania, continue to promote opportunity, inclusion, and meaningful connections within our school community.

The Northeast Polar Plunge took place on February 26, 2026, at Montage Mountain. Over 650 students from Northeast Pennsylvania came together to participate in the Polar Plunge. Delaware Valley had 34 students of all abilities participate in the Polar Plunge. Students fund raised a combined total of $2,960 and counting. After the plunge, students enjoyed lunch, a dance party, and participated in games to celebrate the day. All money raised helps support programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

SUPERVISOR OF ACADEMIC SERVICES – MS. JOY SWELLER

During the month of March, I continued to support the district’s academic programs and instructional initiatives across all grade levels.

- Facilitated the ongoing setup and readiness process for online state assessments, ensuring technological preparedness and compliance with PDE requirements.
- Supported the use of LinkIt! to analyze CDT data, with added emphasis in elementary schools as they engage with the assessment and data tools for the first time to inform instructional planning.
- Conducted teacher observations and follow-up conferences to provide targeted feedback and support for instructional improvement aligned with district goals and the Danielson Framework.

- Collaborated with the team to prepare the curriculum and assessment update presented at last month's school board meeting.
- Coordinated professional learning sessions for March 13, including training in IXL and instructional support from Intermediate Unit consultants, to strengthen classroom practices and data-informed instruction.
- Assisted with the student recommendation process using LinkIt! to streamline data review and ensure equitable support for student growth and enrichment opportunities.
- Attended multiple GIEP meetings to support effective implementation of gifted education plans and collaboration between teachers, parents, and gifted support staff.
- Partnered with reading coaches, principals, and Intermediate Unit representatives to coordinate the rollout of the reading coaching model in elementary schools, ensuring alignment with district literacy priorities.

This month's focus continued to blend instructional support, data-informed decision making, and alignment of professional learning to meet district goals for continuous improvement.

SUPERVISOR OF TECHNOLOGY – MR. DYLAN SATURNO

- From 2/1/26 to 2/28/26 397 work orders were created by the staff
- From 2/1/26 to 2/28/26 343 work orders were completed and closed by the technology department
- As of 2/28/26 there were still 54 work orders in process by the technology department in various buildings
- Set-up camera and Wi-Fi in the district office for the February Board Meeting
- Set-up Wi-Fi for the incoming freshman night
- Attended Pete & C Conference
- Exchange Server Incremental Upgrade
- On-Prem Autodiscovery Phase-Out
- After Hours Firmware and Server Updates
- Update & Testing of latest JAMF Server Version

DELAWARE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – MR. LOU DELAURO

National Merit Finalist – Dominick Agron, Joseph Benavides and Jackson Hancock were named as 2026 National Merit Finalist. The **National Merit Scholarship Program** is a nationwide academic competition that recognizes high-achieving high school students based primarily on their **PSAT/NMSQT** scores taken in their junior year. Students who advance to **National Merit Finalist** status represent the top tier of scorers in their state and must also demonstrate strong academic records, leadership, and a school endorsement to remain eligible for National Merit Scholarships.

Freshman Parent Night (Feb 3) – The counseling department hosted the parents of our incoming freshman class for an informational presentation on Tuesday, February 3rd. Approximately 90 parents attended the event and were provided with information on what to expect as their student transitions from middle school to high school. The counselors discussed freshman course options, the scheduling process, AP courses, dual enrollment courses, NCAA requirements, after-school activities, and supports/resources offered at the high school. This opportunity allowed parents to ask

questions about the high school in general and student-specific questions with their student's school counselor.

Athletic Signing Day (Feb 4) – The high school held their athletic signing day in the media center for prospective college athletes. Nine athletes, along with their parents, attended the event and took pictures published by our digital media students. This event is held twice a year for student athletes, with the next event being held in May.

AP Class Boot Camp Information (Feb 4 & Feb 5) – Before the scheduling process started, several Advanced Placement scholars presented to honor middle school students to help them learn more about AP courses and offerings. These AP scholars shared their experiences and passion for learning to promote the two available freshmen-level AP courses. In addition, middle school students were able to learn more about the Freshmen Boot Camp summer offering that will help them make the transition to high school easier.

Tri-State Cheer Challenge (Feb 8) – DVHS Cheerleaders hosted the 25th annual Tri-State Cheer Challenge on Sunday, February 8th. The cheerleaders hosted 16 teams across the tri-state area, and Minisink Valley High School took top honors. The DV varsity team exhibited routines as well as worked at the event to raise money to attend the National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando.

Midyear Class Meetings (Feb 11) – This year's midyear class meetings were held virtually for our students during 5th place classes to limit students' time out of class. The midyear class meeting video was approximately ten minutes. This meeting reminded students of important upcoming events and opportunities as well as reviewed student expectations.

Security Drill (Feb 12) – The high school held a classroom intruder/door barricade drill. During this drill, the teachers barricaded the classroom door with items from their rooms. Students also moved away from the door and windows. The teachers also spoke to students about an emergency requiring this drill.

Semi-Formal Dance (Feb 13) – On Friday, February 13, from 6-9 PM, the DVHS Student Council hosted the annual Semi-Formal dance. Juniors, seniors, and their dates were invited to attend the Great Gatsby- themed event. Students gathered in the new gymnasium to dance to music provided by CORE Entertainment and paused to take pictures at the photo station complete with Roaring 20's themed props, and a life-sized replica of Jay Gatsby's own yellow Rolls Royce. The concession stand was staffed with student council members from the freshman and sophomore classes to provide local *John's of Arthur Avenue's* pizza, baked goods, snacks and various drink options including a "Daisy's Green Dream" signature drink made with lemon-lime soda & pineapple juice and served in a flashing, glowing, green cup. The party space was redesigned to include a section of the gymnasium where high-top tables and complimentary candy were provided for the near 225 attendees.

Carnations (Feb 14) – The Student Council sold 500 carnations to students for Valentine's Day. Students could pay and either take the flowers to their person of choice or have them delivered to their homerooms.

Marvel Rivals Competition (Feb 17) – DV Esports won their first ever Marvel Rivals competition against Mishawaka High School. They won 3 out of 5 matches, pulling off an upset after the first two matches. Alex Pazitka and Jack Gross both received MVPs.

NEPA Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament (Feb 28) – Congratulations to all four DVHS Odyssey of the Mind teams for their spectacular performances at the NEPA Odyssey of the Mind

Regional Tournament, which was held on February 28th at the Pocono Mountain West High School. The Vehicle, Technical, and Structure teams each came in 1st place, and the Performance team came in 2nd place. The Structure team held 800 pounds on their 15 gram balsa wood structure, and the Technical team had to fit their devices and props into a suitcase this year! All four DVHS OM teams qualified to advance to State Finals, which will be held on Saturday, March 28th at the Pocono Mountain East High School. In addition, Angelica Barcia and Bailey Ryan were each awarded the Karl Schneck Memorial Scholarship, and Delanie Stumpf received an Omer's Award during the awards ceremony!

Waterwheel Cafe Art Display (Feb 26)– The DVHS art program is excited to share that select painting students are now exhibiting their artwork at the Waterwheel Cafe. Their work will be on display throughout the month of March—stop by to grab a coffee and pastry, enjoy the atmosphere, and support these talented young artists. A special thank you to CJ and Morgan, the new owners of the Waterwheel, for providing this wonderful opportunity to showcase our students' art. Their support means so much to our growing artists and our community!

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION – DR. CHRIS ROSS

- **Freshman CTE Tours:** At the end of January, freshman students had the opportunity to tour the high school's Career and Technical Education (CTE) wing. During these tours, students visited two CTE classrooms or labs aligned with programs they may be interested in enrolling in for the 2026–2027 school year. Students who demonstrated strong interest in a particular program were invited to attend an additional information session where they could speak with current students enrolled in the program. This process helps 9th grade students gain a better understanding of CTE opportunities before selecting courses for their sophomore year.
- **Automotive Technology:** The Automotive Technology program has partnered with Hudson Valley Imports to rebuild a Japanese mini Kei truck. Through this project, students are applying classroom knowledge to real-world diagnostics, disassembly, inspection, and reassembly procedures. The partnership also exposes students to the growing market for specialty and imported vehicles.
- **Health Occupations:** Health Occupations Level I students have been studying the nervous system and developing patient-care skills such as bed making and range-of-motion exercises that promote patient comfort. Level II and III students have been exploring health topics including multiple sclerosis, traumatic brain injuries, sleep health, and nutritional deficiencies.
- **Culinary Arts:** Culinary Arts students hosted a luncheon in the Warrior Café for 25 members of the Rotary Club of Milford. The menu featured the students' popular smashburgers and Caesar salad.
- **Diversified Occupations & Cooperative Education:** Annabelle Kornmeyer, an Electrical Capstone student, received an outstanding review in her employer's monthly evaluation highlighting her strong work ethic and developing customer service skills. Annabelle is currently employed at Luhrs' True Value.
- **Electrical Occupations:** Students in the Electrical Occupations program have completed several smaller hands-on projects to practice wiring techniques and proper tool use. They are currently developing a Jeopardy-style buzzer system that will be used during interactive classroom review activities. This project allows students to apply switching and basic control circuit concepts while creating a tool that will support future classroom instruction.
- **CTE Representation at Pike & Wayne County CTC Funding Presentation**: Two Career and Technical Education (CTE) students from Delaware Valley High School had the honor of attending a special presentation at Wallenpaupack Area High School featuring Congressman

Rob Bresnahan. The event marked the formal presentation of a $3,000,000 check in support of the new Pike and Wayne County Career and Technical Center.
Delaware Valley High School was proudly represented by one student from the Business and Marketing CTE program and one student from the Early Childhood Education CTE program. Both students conducted themselves with professionalism and represented the district exceptionally well, demonstrating the leadership, confidence, and career-readiness skills fostered through our CTE programs.

DINGMAN DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL – MR. BRIAN MCCARTHY

- DDMS PTA held their very popular popcorn day, on February 4th, during all three lunches for DDMS students.
- DDMS Librarian, Mrs. Goldstein, promoted a reading program titled: "Can't wait to fall in love with your next great read". Students were able to stop in the library during the month of February for a "Blind Date" with a library book. If participants read their "Blind Date" book they were entered into a raffle to win chocolate covered strawberries.
- Mrs. Grazilla and Mrs. Bowker held a jam-packed Baking Club on Tuesday and Thursday during the month of February. The students were excited to bake and show off many different foods.
- The DDMS Ski and Snowboard Club held their fifth and final trip of the season during February. This year's winter weather provided some excellent skiing conditions, and the students had a great time!
- The DVHS Counselors visited DDMS on Thursday, February 5th, to present and discuss high school scheduling, courses and activities for our 8th grade class to look forward to next year at DVHS
- The PTA sponsored "Penny Wars" during all three lunches for the month of February. Students were able to increase their grade level points by adding pennies or bills. Students were able to sabotage the other grades with silver coins to decrease point totals. The students had a great time with the Penny Wars with free popcorn and treats being provided for the entire winning grade level.
- The DDMS soccer team sponsored Valentine's Day Lollipops which DDMS students were able to purchase for a friend, favorite teacher, best bud or whoever. The lollipops were delivered on Valentine's Day and many DDMS teachers and students were the recipients of "bouquets" of lollipops with attached special messages!
- The DDMS Music Department presented their "Pops Concert" on February 18th to a packed house in the DDMS auditorium. This year's theme was a Disney theme and the participants even dressed as their favorite Disney Character for the show.
- The PTA sponsored a "Glow Dance" for all DDMS students on February 19th in the DDMS Gymnasium.
- DDMS Winter Sports wrapped up successful seasons during the month of February.
- The DDMS PTA presented a Staff vs Law Enforcement Basketball Game on Thursday, February 26 from 3-5. The game started at 3:30 to a packed house of students and families in the DDMS gymnasium. Approximately 15 staff members participated on the DDMS team against the Law Enforcement Team. Students were able to participate in a Half-Court Shot and a "Chuck a Duck" fundraiser during the halftime festivities. Money that was raised was split between "Troopers Helping Troopers" and DDMS PTA.

Upcoming Events at DDMS:

- **Middle Grades Music and Arts Festival**—March 12th at DDMS: Delaware Valley, Western Wayne, Wayne Highlands, Damascus, and Wallenpaupack
  - Art Show at 6:00 pm and concert at 7:00 pm

DELAWARE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL – DR. PETER IOPPOLO

- A big congratulations goes out to 7th grader, Eduardo Arias, as he will be moving on to the Diamond City Regional Scripps Spelling Bee final in Wilkes Barre on March 15th! Eduardo is 1 of 70 finalists competing to move on to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May!
- February is Random Acts of Kindness Month. DVMS celebrates our young leaders by awarding DVMS Annual King and Queen of Kindness! This award celebrates middle school students that are making a difference by being kind and showing good citizenship while not expecting anything in return. These leaders promote a positive school culture where learning takes place in a positive environment.
- This winter provided more than enough opportunity for The DVMS Ski/Snowboard club to successfully complete all their scheduled trips to Shawnee Mountain Resort. Across all grades the students in regular education and special education participated, going out to the mountain for some fun with friends. Thank you again Shawnee Mountain for continued outstanding hospitality.
- In February, the Student Council put on their second dance of the year, the Valentine's Dance on Thursday, February 12. This dance was a huge hit, bringing in almost as many students as our very popular Halloween Dance! Students jammed out to Justin Bieber and sang their hearts out to Taylor Swift, counting this as a success for the books. DVMS Student Council will be looking to donate some of the profits made from the dance to a local food pantry as well, giving back to the community and people in need. We are looking forward to spring, hoping to continue to have more fun opportunities for students!
- An indoor security drill was held on February 26, 2026, lasting 5:44.
- Triple congratulations to our three Odyssey of the Mind teams for their exceptional performances at the NEPA Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament, which was held on February 28th at the Pocono Mountain West High School. Ms. Orgitano's Structure team crushed the competition by holding an impressive 455 pounds and came in 1st place; Mrs. Lockwood's Technical team rocketed into 1st place, and Mrs. Barcia's Vehicle team raced into 2nd place. All three teams will be advancing to the State Finals competition at Pocono Mountain East High School on March 28. Best of luck at States!

Upcoming Events:

- March 13 - Staff In-Service Day-No school for students
- April 2 through 6 - School Closed Spring Recess

DELAWARE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MRS. MARY ANN OLSOMMER

- Many classes celebrated 100 days of school on February 6th. Some created pictures of themselves and wrote what they will be like when they are 100. Others shared 100 items they found at home and counted for math class. Many students and staff dressed as if they were 100 years old or wore party hats that they made to commemorate the day.
- Fifth graders in Mrs. Adrianna Nelson's class explored Quadrant I on a coordinate grid with the classic game of Battleship. Students strategically placed their "boats" using ordered pairs within Quadrant I, then took turns calling out coordinates to try and locate their classmates' ships. This engaging, hands-on activity gave students meaningful practice with plotting points

while reinforcing their understanding of the x- and y-axes. The excitement and friendly competition made learning both memorable and fun!

- The Sweetheart Dance was sponsored by the PTA and held on February 6th. Students and their guests danced the night away dressed in their best! A photographer was available to grab a portrait to remember the night, a raffle was held, and guests enjoyed cupcakes.
- On February 13th, the annual Lip Sync Assembly was held. Thirty-eight acts with 74 student participants from all grades danced and lip synced to their favorite song as their audience sang and clapped along.
- On February 28th, three OM teams from Delaware Valley Elementary School competed at the Northeast Pennsylvania Regional Competition at Pocono Mountain West High School. The primary team performed a humorous skit called "Clowning around with Science." This team of second grade students showed excellent creativity and teamwork. The technical team created a humorous performance with the theme "Lost in OMERland" and built a wearable technical device designed to complete tasks. The team won 1st place overall and will be competing at the State Competition. The structure team presented a performance with the theme "Life's a Ball" and built a balsa wood structure to be tested for weight. The structure held 860lbs and the team won 1st place. They will also be competing at the State Competition on March 28th.
- A fire drill was held on February 27th at 1:00. It was 134 seconds long.
- Upcoming Events:
    - DVES Drama Club Production, Gravestone Manor: March 7th at 7:00 & March 8th at 2:00
    - PTA Meeting: March 17th at 5:30
    - Art Show: March 24th from 5:00-7:00
    - PTA Book Fair: March 24th fromt 5:30 – 7:30
    - OM State Competition: February 28th
    - Orchestra Concert: April 7th at 6:30

SHOHOLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – DR. NATHAN KROPTAVICH

A Safe Schools intruder drill was conducted at 9:15 a.m. on February 18 in lieu of a fire drill.

On February 5, Miss Markowitz's class welcomed two retired teachers who led a kindness lesson using Fill Your Bucket. Students painted rocks with positive messages for the school rock garden and created collages highlighting respect and the power of kindness.

On February 6, students and staff concluded "Decades Days" by wearing 100 items to celebrate 100 days of learning. That evening, families attended the "Paint with Someone Special" event, with proceeds supporting end-of-year 5th-grade recognition activities.

All SES students participated in "Clash of the Classrooms" on February 13 as a school-wide incentive for meeting PBIS goals. Students wore DV colors and competed in spirit games organized by our physical education teachers, Miss Weston and Miss Molnar.

Many students and families attended the annual "Someone Extra Special Dance," sponsored by the SES PTA on February 27.

A 2nd-grade student earned over 300 Shohola Shillings by demonstrating respect, responsibility, and readiness, and served as "Principal's Assistant" on February 25. She recognized positive cafeteria

behavior, discussed leadership with Dr. Kroptavich, wrote a thank-you note to a teacher, and assisted with a building safety walkthrough.

On February 28, our three Odyssey of the Mind teams competed at the regional competition at Pocono Mountain West High School. All represented SES well, and Ms. Jackim's vehicle team advanced to states.

This month, one student was added to "Reading Millionaire," and two students joined the "100 Book Club."

DINGMAN DELAWARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MRS. JENNIFER MORIARTY

- Lockdown Drill took place on 2/10/2026. Students in each grade level also practiced where to go if we needed to lock down the cafeteria during lunch.
- The students in Ms. Monteith's class complete a Kindness Writing for February. We listened to a story about showing kindness called "The Jelly Donut Difference". The students then completed a "half a dozen ways to show kindness" writing. They wrote six sentences on how to show kindness. Then we made our own jelly donuts!
- In our Wonders Program, third grade students from Ms. Lesniak's class learned about Earth and its neighbors. As an extension activity, her third grade students were paired up to research a planet of their choosing while focusing on planet information (such as size, distance from sun, revolution and rotation time, surface temperature), planet description, and fun facts! Students learned how to use search engines and check out informational texts from the library to help research their planets. Each group presented their "Planet Pennant" to their classmates and has been displayed in our classroom!
- In Mrs. Kuttenberg's class, Angelique Glamann, a student teacher from East Stroudsburg University, had students focus on kindness for Valentine's Day. As a fourth grade class, the students worked on building rapport and friendship activities such as "Find someone who," "Learn something new about your classmates," and "Line up in order without talking". The class had a lot of fun working together to create a positive learning environment and celebrating kindness month.
- Students in Mrs. Keller's 5th grade class completed a Dinosaur Food Web as part of a Mystery Science Unit - Why did the dinosaurs go extinct? The students needed to investigate the hypothesis that an asteroid impact caused the extinction of the dinosaurs. In the activity, Create a Dinosaur Food Web, students use cards and construction paper connectors to create a food web from the time of the dinosaurs. Using this model, they follow the flow of energy through the food web and figure out why dinosaurs went extinct, but some other animals survived.
- In PE, Mr. Vigorita is teaching a unit on basketball. Dribble Knockout is a fast-paced, high-energy basketball activity perfect for physical education classes in the gym. It builds ball-handling skills, spatial awareness, control, and friendly competition. The objective .....players must maintain control of their own dribble while attempting to knock other players' basketballs away. The last player still dribbling wins!
- On 2/13, the PTA partnered with our PBIS team to create a buy in experience for our students. Students were able to cash in 25 Warrior Bucks to decorate a cupcake and eat it. Students also had the opportunity to take a picture in the Valentine's Photo Booth. We had approximately 230 students participate in this event.

Upcoming Dates:

- 3/2-3/6 PTA Scholastic Book Fair

- 3/3 Rotary Hoop Shoot
- 3/13 Inservice/ No School for Students
- 3/20 PTA Kid's Bingo
- 3/21 Choir Mini Golf Fundraiser

DINGMAN DELAWARE PRIMARY SCHOOL – MS. KIMBERLY BUTAITIS

February may be a short month, but it was a full one at DDPS!

- During Flexible Instruction Day #2 on February 20th, Mrs. Batista, School Counselor, shared stories about kindness during guidance class. Students then shared random acts of kindness they completed that week, or what act of kindness they plan to complete in the future.
- Students in the Gifted Program started a mini-research project about endangered species. Students choose an endangered animal from a curated list and use books from the library to learn about their chosen animal. When students are finished with their research, they will present their findings to the other students in class.
- Our PreK students celebrated the Lunar New Year- the Year of the Horse! First they read the book- "My First Lunar New Year". Next they made dragon masks and watched the lion dancers do acrobatic jumps. Everyone went home with a red envelope.
- Our first-grade students have been actively engaged in meaningful reading and writing activities. In reading, students practiced identifying the main idea and supporting details in a variety of stories. They also completed writing activities centered on the theme "What Love Means to Me," in which they expressed their thoughts and feelings through sentences and illustrations. In social studies, students explored what life was like long ago and compared it to life today, helping them develop an understanding of the past. They also learned about the continents and oceans, expanding their knowledge of the world around them. In science, students began an exciting new unit on animals, where they will learn about different animal groups, characteristics, and habitats. Overall, first graders continue to show enthusiasm for learning and are making steady progress across all subject areas.
- Second grade students finished 3-digit subtraction and started learning about the value of coins and bills, and adding money together. In ELA, students worked on irregular verbs, multiple-meaning words, commas, capitalization, punctuation, and improving fluency and reading comprehension. In Social Studies, students learned about US symbols. In Science, students continued to have fun with the hands-on experiments with Mystery Science, and learning about animal habitats.
- 100th Day of School - DDPS celebrated students being "100 Days Brighter," on Friday, February 6th! Classrooms and hallways were decorated. Students and staff wore bright, neon colors. Students loved celebrating being 100 Days Brighter! The staff did too! It was a BRIGHT day all over the building!
- Students involved in Odyssey of the Mind worked hard on their 2026 Odyssey! Students competed with their comical "Clown Around with Science" at the Regional Competition on February 28th. They did an amazing job!
- During the third week of February, DDPS Physical Education students got to experience our very own Olympic Games by participating in some fun stations! As the Olympic theme played, students proudly ran our own Olympic torch made from a pool noodle and a juggling scarf around the gym to pass it to a classmate. Speed skating on paper plates was also a fun station where students competed against classmates in a fun race. Students worked as a team at the team bobsled station and maneuvered their sled through a designed course through the gym. Finally, students pretended to be ski jumpers at our ski jump stations using pool noodles as ski poles! What a fun way to bring the Olympic spirit into the gymnasium here at DDPS!

- DDPS held its third annual STEAM Night, led by Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Hunt! Students explored, created, and had hands-on fun throughout the evening. We also loved having a sensory-friendly room, run by Miss Gallo and Miss Olivia, to make the night welcoming for all learners. A huge thank you to the DDPS teacher, Ms. Dowler, and the DV high school science students who volunteered their time and the students participated with so much enthusiasm, and the parents who donated items and brought their children out for the event. We are so grateful for our amazing school community. We can't wait for STEAM Night next year!
- A lockdown drill was conducted on February 12th.
- Upcoming Events:
    - Rotary Hoop Shoot: March 11th
    - DDPS PTA Book Bingo: March 11th
    - Inservice Day - No school for students: March 13th