ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT – DR. NICOLE COSENTINO

- During the month of May, several initiatives were undertaken to support instructional excellence, professional learning, and student engagement across the district.

- A districtwide 2026–2027 Professional Development Survey was conducted with all teachers. The results are currently being analyzed and will directly inform the design and offerings of next year's professional development program to ensure training opportunities align with staff needs and district priorities.

- Work continued in support of the district's transition to a focus on Structured Literacy across all disciplines. As part of this effort, I met with a principal from a Brooklyn school that has partnered extensively with the AIM Institute for research-based literacy training. The discussion provided valuable firsthand insight into the implementation process, staff experiences, and student achievement outcomes associated with AIM's professional learning model.

- I participated in a Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) presentation with our teacher focus group, collaborating closely with our middle school team and Department Chair, Jackie Weston. This session provided teachers with an opportunity to explore the CKLA resources in depth, ask questions, and evaluate the program's potential impact on instruction.

- On May 14, I attended the United Way of Scranton Breakfast Awards Ceremony, where Delaware Valley School District was honored with the School District Leadership Award. We were proud to have members of our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) organization represent the district and accept the award on our behalf.

- A team of teachers attended the annual STEELS Expo, providing an excellent opportunity to participate in professional learning sessions and connect with educational vendors. The event allowed staff to evaluate high-quality instructional resources while identifying cost-effective solutions for classroom implementation. Teachers were especially excited to hear keynote speaker Paul Andersen, a nationally recognized science educator highly regarded within the science education community.

- Planning and execution of the district's Second Annual Mini-THON Celebration was completed successfully. Students raised more than $4,500 for Four Diamonds, and those who individually raised at least $50 were recognized with an afternoon celebration featuring activities on the turf field, lunch, and DJ entertainment. Looking ahead, COMBO 11 students will assume leadership of Mini-THON fundraising efforts for the upcoming school year.

- Finally, Joy Sweller and I conducted our annual LINKIT! end-of-year debrief meeting, during which we reviewed current implementation practices, established goals and professional learning priorities for next year, and communicated plans with key stakeholders. LINKIT! continues to serve as a valuable data warehouse and analytics tool that supports informed decision-making for both teachers and administrators.

- It was an amazing end of the year filled with student centered events such as all of the concerts, awards nights, Prom, and the ultimate conclusion of Graduation. I was able to attend

many of these events and I am always impressed by our students and the way they present themselves. We are lucky to have had the opportunity to join their journey.

Thanks for reading!

ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT – DR. JAYSON POPE

- On May 4, I participated in a retreat for the United Way of Lackawanna, Wayne, and Pike Counties' Board of Directors. The retreat was held at Lackawac Sanctuary and provided collaborative opportunities for both board members as well as United Way staff members. Monthly board meetings are held in Scranton, so I generally participate remotely, so it was good to meet with fellow board members in person.

- On May 5, the Center for Developmental Disabilities held its annual Night at the Races fundraiser at Back Road Brewing Company. Local restaurants and community leaders donated their time and talent to help make this a successful event for CDD. As our Pre-K Counts partner agency, it's always nice to have the opportunity to show CDD our support.

- The Delaware Valley Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the members of the Class of 2026. Dr. Cory Homer ('08) and Allison Sekol Mackley ('88) will be inducted into the Academic/Professional Wing while the 2006 State Champion Varsity Baseball Team will be inducted into the Athletic Wing. In addition, Dr. Candis Finan and Dr. Thomas Finan will be inducted into the Legacy Wing. Hall of Fame Weekend coincides with Homecoming Weekend, scheduled for September 18-20. Inductees and their families will be invited to participate in activities and events throughout the weekend, culminating in a banquet on Sunday, September 20 at the Tom Quick Inn. Tickets will go on sale this summer.

- On May 6, the Milford-Matamoras Rotary Club hosted the district's six school spelling bee winners during one of its regularly scheduled meetings. The students and a guest were treated to a delicious lunch and even participated in an impromptu spelling bee with Rotarians. The school district continues to be grateful for its partnership with Rotary.

- On May 11, I represented the Greater Pike Community Foundation at the 2026 CEO and Board Leadership Summit, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Community Foundation Association. Key focus areas from this event included Civic Engagement and Resilience, Philanthropic Leadership, as well as opportunities for networking.

- On May 14, the school district received the School District Leadership Award at the annual United Way Community Awards Breakfast. The two organizations enjoyed a productive and collaborative relationship during the school year, which kicked off with a successful employee pledge drive. Thanks to the generosity of school district staff, the United Way was able to increase funding to nonprofit organizations throughout our local community. DV's own Jasmine Davis was the lucky raffle winner of over $400 in Proctor and Gamble supplies thanks to her contributions to the United Way. In addition, the Day of Caring event returned to the high school, with over 100 students and staff members participating in service projects throughout the area. Furthermore, the high school's Future Business Leaders of America Chapter worked closely with the United Way's leadership team throughout the year, including fundraising efforts through FBLA's Holiday Bingo event. FBLA officers Deborah Kim, Ava Troup, Veronika Martin, as well as FBLA Advisor Mrs. Audrey Dennis, accepted the award on the district's behalf.

- On May 14, I attended the annual regional meeting on homelessness and foster care, held at Pocono Mountain School District. Facilitated by the leadership team of Region 7's Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program, local school district leaders and Children and Youth staff members received legislative updates and best practices for effectively identifying and supporting students living under these circumstances. Delaware Valley recently received its performance review from the state, achieving a perfect score that reflects compliance and outreach efforts to support students in our school district who experience homelessness.

- On May 22, Pike County Veterans Affairs, in conjunction with the Greater Pike Community Foundation, held a fundraising luncheon to honor women veterans. The DV Educational Foundation proudly sponsored a table, which was filled with graduating seniors who have enlisted in the military. The organizers hope for this to be an annual event.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES – MR. CHRIS LORDI

- Participated in district-wide interviews for Administrative, Professional and Classified staff
- Attended weekly Zoom meetings with Frontline for the new time clock system
- Participated in PASBO HR Committee meeting
- Held two discussions with a substitute teacher regarding classroom management and district expectations
- Held a discipline hearing for employee discipline
- Held interviews for districtwide employment openings
    - Professional, and
    - Classified
- Recruiting new employees for open positions
- Interviewed substitute professionals and classified staff
- Completed grievance settlement
- Worked through Workers Comp cases with our insurance company
- 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
    - USDA financing meeting
    - Act 537 planning
    - Monthly meetings
- 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
    - HR Development
- Held two (2) Workplace safety meetings

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 US Department of Education announced a $144 million investment to expand resources for students with disabilities. This funding, awarded under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), is designed to support state and local governments in enhancing special education and early intervention services for infants, toddlers, and youth. The US Dept of Education is investing non-expiring funds that have been returned to the agency in recent years into special education services.
    - Roughly $123.6 million will go toward IDEA Part B, which serves individuals ages 3 to 21, and $20.5 million will fund Part C, which provides early intervention services for infants and toddlers through age 2. The money will be distributed via formula grants on July 1 and October 1. State departments of education distribute these funds to local school districts and early intervention service providers based on student demographics and specialized local needs. States and districts will receive these additional funds this year for services to infants, toddlers, children and young adults with disabilities. The Education Dept released guidance on how states can use funds from IDEA Act to help expectant parents of children with disabilities prepare for their child's birth and plan for services after birth. This represents a major departure from traditionally allocated early intervention funding, which supports children with disabilities and their families after a child's birth. Language was included in the fiscal year 2026 appropriations legislation.
    - In FY26, IDEA Part B was funded at $14.2 billion, which topped the previous year's allocation by $20 million. Part C received $540 million in FY26, the same amount as the year before; consequently, the additional $144 million represents less than a 1% (.87%) increase in the IDEA Part B appropriation and a 3.87% increase in Part C. The Education Dept over the past 16 months under the Trump administration has made drastic cuts to its overall workforce and transferred significant oversight for programs in its effort to downsize the agency.
    - Future oversight for federal special education programming remains uncertain. No plans have been finalized; however, the Education Dept currently has 10 interagency agreements with five other federal agencies for managing education programs.

DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES – MR. MARVIN EVERSDYKE

Activities for the month of May to support facilities and grounds maintenance and transportation operations included:

- Scheduled substitute personnel to fill absences
- Reviewed the ML Schedules and Schedule Star Calendars each day to assure my staff was informed and had plans to prepare for events in buildings and athletic activities scheduled
- Scheduled vehicles and personnel for home-to school, educational, and athletic team trips each day

- Managed repair service and maintenance for all transportation and maintenance vehicles, and equipment
- Assigned and followed through with work order requests
- Assigned and followed through with Preventative Maintenance work orders
- Reviewed and processed all invoices for payment
- Prepared payroll each pay period for all support staff
- Prepared and submitted monthly and quarterly DEP Wastewater and Domestic Drinking Water Reports
- Managed the daily work activities of seventy employees and our transportation contractor
- Implemented adjustments to home-to-school bus stops and routes as requested by parents and for 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 personnel to assure parking areas, common areas, and driveways were prepared for school openings each day and for all after school activities
- Started preparations for graduation; prune bushes, mulch, power-wash bleachers, assign staff, etc.
- Scheduled custodian staff for summer cleaning exercise
- Held interviews and selected new hires to fill open positions
- Started developing route for ESY
- Started preparation of red-light minibuses for the annual State Police Inspection in June

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

Mental Health

- May was Mental Health Awareness Month. Faculty and staff actively participated in wearing green every Thursday. The HS Business and Market CTE students designed mental health clothing for sale. Some of the proceeds will be donated to ACT Through Music, an organization that supplies DV with suicide prevention kits in the Fall for students who are struggling emotionally.
- During Mental Health Awareness Month, various announcements were made at DDMS and DVMS reminding students that there are support resources available to them and to remember to take care of their mental health.
- HS Social Worker Amy Letwinsky met with over 60 students - both individually and in various groups. One peer mediation was held and a presentation for students on Depression, Anxiety, Feeling Overwhelmed and Stress was also held. The presentation was attended by 26 students who played games and discussed role plays.
- SES/DDES/DDPS Social Worker Gabrielle Westfall had her final group sessions which focused on reviewing and reinforcing key concepts learned. She also celebrated students' progress and encouraged them to continue applying the skills they learned independently moving forward.
- Particular attention was given to the 5th Grade students preparing to transition into middle school. Preparatory conversations have centered around empowering students, processing concerns related to change, identifying support systems and reviewing what established regulation tools work for them when applicable. Ms. Westfall will continue to collaborate and network with the middle school counseling departments regarding students transitioning into their care to help ensure smooth transitions and continuity of support where needed.

- Ms. Westfall and DDES school counselor Kathy VanWie will be participating in a Zoom meeting with Girls on the Run in early June to discuss plans to establish a club for students in the 26-27 school year.
- Social Workers have been reflecting on various ideas that have come up throughout the school year. These ideas are being documented and prioritized for future Social Work PLC discussions in an effort to proactively plan and build initiatives heading into the next school year.
- Social Worker, Dr. Vivian Bruno, attended training on DBT in Schools to promote evidence-based interventions in schools for student success.
- Dr. Bruno went to DVES and SES with DVMS administration to meet with 5th grade students to share information about middle school including key people, DV expectations, clubs, groups and shared academic, social and emotional considerations.
- Green Mental Health Awareness bracelets were given to 5th grade students and 8th grade students in all buildings as these students are transitioning to new school buildings next year.
- On May 7, Tiffany Meno (CMP MH/DS) met with our school counselors and social workers to share a new support for our families called Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS). This process will allow our counselors and social workers to refer our students through this process to receive timely care with doctor or therapy appointments.
- Dr. Bruno made three Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality referrals this month and sent the parents information about the program.

Support Services

- We celebrated our school Nurses this month for School Nurse's week! We are very grateful to have such caring and dedicated nurses and health room assistants at DVSD.
- We wrapped up our IST meetings for the year and met to discuss additional ideas for improvement in our process next school year.

Achieve Academy

- Achieve Academy started the Month of May with three students. Two students returned to DVHS this month and three new students came into the program. We ended with four students in attendance. Two of these students will stay until graduation in June. The other two students will carry over into the next school year.
- Dr. Bruno continued to meet with the students weekly for supportive counseling sessions. She also met with the two graduating seniors for additional support on what their next steps after graduation would be.
- Dr. Bruno continues to check in with students who have returned to their school buildings to offer additional support.

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

Health Occupations CTE class met with students at the DVMS Learning Support and Life Skills classes on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. CTE students reviewed first aid basics including what to do if you have a bloody nose, basic first aid for cuts and scrapes, choking, staying hydrated, allergies, poison safety, and when to call 911. They also showed students the contents of a first aid bag and reviewed the uses for each item. Finally, the students completed a review worksheet activity.

The Delaware Valley High School and The Pike County Career Center hosted College/Career Night on May 5, 2026. Students and Parents had the opportunity to meet with and gather information from 25 vendors. The vendors represented colleges, vocational schools, military branches, and employers.

Delaware Valley students participated in a program called Professional Connections Foundations with the provider, Merakey. The Professional Connections Foundations is a program addressing career interests, work opportunities, skills needed for employment, and the process of getting a job. Students completed 15 hours of in-class activities followed by 15 hours of community work experience.

SUPERVISOR OF ACADEMIC SERVICES – MS. JOY SWELLER

- Participated in interview panels for multiple high school positions in science, English, and special education to support high-quality hiring decisions aligned to district instructional priorities.
- Attended The Reading League Summit in Syracuse, New York, engaging in sessions focused on using data and assessment to inform effective literacy instruction.
- Participated in a featured session with Anita Archer on explicit instruction, with an emphasis on practical strategies teachers can use to improve clarity, modeling, and guided practice.
- Organized and delivered a professional learning presentation for teachers on CKLA/ELA, highlighting alignment to the science of reading and opportunities to strengthen core literacy instruction.
- Consulted with a principal from New York City Public Schools regarding implementation of structured literacy training through the AIM Institute, gathering insights to inform potential district planning.
- Coordinated with the Intermediate Unit to schedule professional learning sessions for next year's district professional learning days, prioritizing coherence and alignment with district initiatives.
- Met with Dr. Bixby to review and plan improvements to elementary IST meetings for next year, focusing on making them more streamlined, data-driven, and centered on instructional decision-making.
- Attended Title I family nights at DDES, SES, and DVES to support school-based engagement efforts and strengthen home–school partnerships around literacy and learning.
- Worked with teachers to finalize and close out Student Learning Objectives (SLOs), ensuring alignment with state requirements and accurate documentation of student growth.
- Oversaw the administration of online Keystone Exams in the middle and high schools, monitoring implementation and supporting test security and smooth operations.
- Collaborated with gifted teachers to ensure GIEPs were closed out for the year, supporting compliance and appropriate documentation of services and goals.
- Guided staff and administration through PVAAS roster verification to ensure accurate attribution of student data to teachers for upcoming reporting and analysis.

SUPERVISOR OF TECHNOLOGY – MR. DYLAN SATURNO

- From 5/1/26 to 5/31/26 267 work orders were created by the staff
- From 5/1/26 to 5/31/26 214 work orders were completed and closed by the technology department
- As of 5/31/26 there were still 53 work orders in process by the technology department in various buildings
- Set-up Wi-Fi for PSSA, Keystones and AP testing
- Set-up camera and Wi-Fi in the district office for the May Board Meeting
- Set-up Wi-Fi for College Career Night

- Researched and resolved the Wi-Fi issues in the S-Wing of DVHS
- Set-up Wi-Fi for the Youth Baseball sign-up, Financial Literacy Seminar and Scholarship Night
- ClassLink QCard Logon Issue
- Enable STP across core switches
- Scope out for on-prem storage appliance replacement
- Rebuild O365 CA Security Policies
- Retire DVSDAPPSRV01

DELAWARE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – MR. LOU DELAURO

Top 25 Students (April 30) – On April 30, DV began celebrating the top 25 students in the senior class by posting a countdown featuring one senior each day until graduation. The students' future endeavors and their extracurricular involvement at DV were highlighted.

Decision Day (May 1) – Seniors had the opportunity to wear a shirt representing the college they will be attending.

Fire Drill (May 1) – During 7th period, we conducted our state-mandated monthly fire drill.

Scholastic Superstars (May 6) – Dominic Agron and Jackson Hancock were recognized as Scholastic Superstars at a banquet held at Lackawanna Community College. Dominic and Jackson were two of twenty-five students selected from schools throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania for their overall contributions and success in academic and extracurricular activities.

Athletic Signing Day (May 13) – DV hosted its second Athletic Signing Day. Student-athletes and their families were recognized in the Media Center. Photos of the athletes and their families were taken for the newspaper, and refreshments were provided. This is an event we will continue to grow and develop next school year.

AP Research and Engineering Presentations (May 19) – Students from both classes presented their year-long projects in the Learning Commons, showcasing their work to family members and community members.

Prom (May 15) – Senior Prom was held at Kalahari Resort. All students in attendance had a great time. Seniors Connor Giblin and Taylor Spears were recognized as Homecoming King and Queen.

Career Day (May 15) – Our Guidance Department organized a Career Day for all underclassmen, providing opportunities to learn from professionals representing a variety of career fields.

Envirothon (May 20) – The Delaware Valley Environmental Club's Envirothon Team represented Pike County at the State Envirothon for the fourth consecutive year, following its win at the Pike-Wayne Envirothon. The team of Jackson Hancock, Ella Dong, Andria Prime, Daisy Olivo Heller, and Ruby Bailor, along with advisor Bernadine Salak, placed 6th out of 66 teams at the State Envirothon Competition. They completed testing in six environmental disciplines: Forestry, Aquatic Ecology, Wildlife, Current Issues, Soils, and Land Use.

Senior Citizen Dinner (May 21) – The Junior Historians were proud to serve approximately 30 guests at this year's Senior Citizen Dinner, held on May 21 at DVHS. Our honored guests and their families were treated to dinner from John's of Arthur Avenue. Student volunteers from the Junior

Historians Club waited on guests and assisted with food preparation. This event would not have been possible without the help and organizational skills of Mike Guzenski.

Odyssey of the Mind World Finals (May 25–31) – Three Delaware Valley Odyssey of the Mind teams traveled to Iowa State University at the end of May to compete at the World Finals alongside nearly 700 teams from 10 countries and 32 states. All three teams competed to the best of their abilities. Congratulations to all participants on their outstanding efforts.

Powder Puff Game (May 28) – The 2026 Spring Powder Puff Game resulted in another victory for the senior class. The game remained competitive throughout, with the lead changing several times. More than 20 girls participated, with boys serving as coaches and advisors on the sidelines. It was a great experience for everyone involved, and SAAC looks forward to hosting the event again in the fall.

Scholarship Night (May 27) – The Class of 2026 celebrated Scholarship Night on May 27. More than 150 scholarships were awarded, totaling over $250,000.

Pass the Spirit (May 29) – The second annual event was held on May 29. Students visited one of the three elementary schools and spent time engaging with kindergarten students. The passing of the DV spirit was well-received by both the high school seniors and the kindergarten students.

Spirit Games (June 1) – The annual Spring Spirit Games were held on June 1. In the freshman-versus-sophomore competition, the sophomores defended their fall title with a hard-fought comeback victory, winning the tiebreaker balloon relay. In the seniors-versus-juniors competition, the seniors finished on top by defeating the juniors.

Keystone and AP Testing – Keystone Exams and AP tests were administered throughout May. Our guidance counselors and teachers did an excellent job organizing and proctoring these assessments.

Senior Barbecue (June 1) – Student Council and Senior Class Advisor Jen Marchetti organized the event from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Eric Theile, John McElhaney, Dan Quinlan, and Richie Matz prepared hamburgers and hot dogs for the seniors.

Academic Awards Night (June 2)- Delaware Valley High School hosted its annual student academic recognition awards night, honoring over 175 students for their academic achievements.

National Spanish Exam – In addition to taking their AP Spanish exam in May, AP Spanish students competed nationally and regionally through the National Spanish Exam, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Since 1957, the exam has been administered annually to students in grades 6–12 and has served as a benchmark of achievement in Spanish-language education.

Receiving a Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Honorable Mention award on the National Spanish Examination is a significant accomplishment, as the exam is the largest of its kind in the United States, with more than 80,000 students participating this year. Delaware Valley High School had five students earn recognition: Dominick Agron, Joseph Benavides, Liam Orben McDaniel, Grace Stevens, and Nathaniel Carso, who earned first place.

DV FBLA – The Delaware Valley High School FBLA team has qualified 12 students for the National Leadership Conference, which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, from June 27 through July 3.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION – DR. CHRIS ROSS

- **Early Childhood Education:** The Early Childhood Education Level I students completed their clinical rotations at the DVHS Preschool, Mt. View Early Learning Center, Green Trees Early Learning Center, and the Center for Developmental Disabilities this week. Throughout the school year, students participated in a total of 65 visits to these educational settings. These experiences provided invaluable opportunities to observe and work with young children in professional environments, enhancing both their classroom learning and career readiness skills.

  Early Childhood Education Levels II and III concluded their preschool program on May 29 with their annual end-of-year celebration and the completion of their classroom clinical rotations at DVES. In addition, all students successfully completed the NOCTI examination and earned Advanced-level scores, demonstrating exceptional achievement in their program of study.

- **Business and Marketing**: Over the past month, the Business and Marketing CTE program has continued to demonstrate outstanding success through meaningful collaboration with the Digital Media class and the Journalism team, producers of *The Del-Aware*. By combining their strengths in marketing, content creation, and storytelling, students worked together on a variety of projects that highlighted school events, programs, and student achievements. Most notably, this partnership resulted in the creation of a senior tribute video for graduation, showcasing the talents of our students while fostering a strong sense of school pride and community.

- **Cooperative Education / Diversified Occupations:** The Co-op Program served 16 students during the 2025–2026 school year, with participation projected to increase to 22 students next year. The program currently partners with 14 employers, all of whom have the required clearances and documentation in place.

  Several students have secured continued employment with their co-op placements and plan to pursue additional training and professional development while working. These opportunities allow students to strengthen their skills, gain valuable industry experience, and position themselves for future career advancement.

  One notable success story involves a former co-op student who has since purchased the plumbing company where he completed his placement. He now serves as the business owner, overseeing both field operations and company management.

  In addition, many students are continuing their career pathways through post-secondary education, trade schools, and industry-specific training programs as they prepare for successful careers in their chosen fields.

- **Health Occupations:** Twenty students from the Healthcare Careers program and HOSA recently participated in an educational field trip to the Misericordia University cadaver laboratory. During the visit, students had the unique opportunity to observe human anatomy firsthand and develop a deeper understanding of body systems, disease processes, and pathology. Students examined human organs and learned how various medical conditions affect the body. Examples included observing coronary artery bypass grafts, metastatic colon cancer that had spread to the lungs, and the long-term effects of seizure medications on brain

tissue. This experience provided valuable connections between classroom instruction and real-world healthcare careers. Students represented Delaware Valley professionally and respectfully throughout the trip, making it a meaningful and successful educational experience.

The Healthcare Careers Level I students also welcomed Dr. Cathleen Mattos of the Pike County Tick Task Force. Dr. Mattos provided an informative presentation on tick safety, prevention strategies, and the growing concern of tick-borne illnesses in our region. Students learned how to protect themselves outdoors, recognize the symptoms of common tick-related diseases, and understand the importance of early detection and treatment. The presentation reinforced the connection between public health education, healthcare practices, and community wellness initiatives.

In addition, students attended a presentation by representatives from the Victims' Intervention Program, who discussed advocacy services, crisis intervention, and resources available to individuals and families facing difficult circumstances. The presentation highlighted how abuse can impact individuals and families in different ways, including its effects on healthcare access and outcomes. Students learned about the importance of adapting patient history collection, prevention strategies, and treatment approaches to meet the unique needs of those affected by trauma. This experience provided valuable insight into careers dedicated to supporting and advocating for individuals during times of crisis.

DINGMAN DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL – MR. BRIAN MCCARTHY

- The Dingman-Delaware Middle School proudly presented their Spring Concert on May 7th. The DDMS Jazz Band, 7th and 8th Grade Chorus, and the 7th and 8th Grade Concert Band played to a packed house and everyone in attendance had a wonderful time. The 7th and 8th Grade Band performed the 8th Grade farewell song-"You'll Never Walk Alone" featuring some DDMS alumni.
- The DDMS 6th Grade Chorus, 6th Grade Concert Band, 6th Grade Orchestra and the 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra combined for a concert on May 14th in the DDMS Auditorium. Over 22 selections were performed for the audience.
- The DDMS PTA presented an old school semi-formal dance, for the 8th Grade class, in the DDMS Gymnasium. The gym was decorated with string lights and table decorations along with a DJ playing dance tunes. Over 130 8th Grade students were in attendance and were treated to a catered dinner, cake, refreshments and a photo booth. Everyone in attendance had an outstanding time.
- The DDMS auditorium played host to the DVES Cadet Band on May 19th.
- The Music Department took over 170 students to Dorney Park with the annual Music in the Parks Trip. It was a very successful day as our Concert Band took 1st Place; DDMS Jazz Band took 1st Place; DDMS Orchestra took 1st Place; and DDMS Chorus had a 2nd Place finish.
- The DDMS Art Department held their annual "Chalk Walk" on May 26th and created some excellent artwork displays on the sidewalk.
- The DDMS PE department had their Field Day on the beautiful fields of the Dingmans campus. The kids had an outstanding day with water-ballon competitions, kickball, dodgeball, volleyball, and many other activities. The PTA served some cool refreshing treats for the students as well. The PE department did an amazing job organizing a great day for our DDMS kids.
- DDMS held their Yearbook Dedication followed by the 8th Grade Barbeque on June 2nd. The PTA treated the kids to burgers, hot dogs, refreshments and music.
- The DDMS Awards Day was held on June 3rd in the DDMS Auditorium.

- DDMS held their Moving Up Ceremony on June 4th on the football field and parents flooded the campus to celebrate the last day of school on the DDMS campus for our 8th Grade class. Many parents stayed after the ceremony to take pictures with their children and just enjoyed the special time.
- Fire Drill: June 3, 2026

DELAWARE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL – DR. PETER IOPPOLO

- A fire drill was held on Friday, May 1, 2026, lasting 2:57.
- The Delaware Valley Middle School Parent Teacher Association recognized our staff the entire week of Teacher Appreciation Week. Each day our team was provided with a reminder of how special a group they are. We very much appreciated the made-to-order pancake breakfast, an excellent luncheon, candies, and all other goodies and thoughtfulness toward our staff throughout the week.
- The DVMS Administration and Staff would like to thank the DVSD School Board for providing a fabulous luncheon on Thursday, May 7, 2026. Your support of the students and staff continues to have a positive impact on our school and is greatly appreciated. Thank you all for what you do!
- Mrs. Gonzalez and Mrs. Scott took a group of students in the 6th and 7th grades to a Math 24 competition at the Colonial IU20. Math 24 is a game that gives you 4 numbers. The goal is to try and add, subtract, multiply or divide all 4 numbers to obtain an answer of 24. It was an exciting day for these students, as they participated in three thrilling rounds of competition. For each round, there was a set of cards for the proctor to flip over. The amount of effort and diligence displayed by all the students in the competition was outstanding. The combination of their hard work and mental math abilities proudly represented DVMS!
- Two outstanding evenings of music were held on Tuesday, May 12 and on Wednesday, May 13, as the choral students and jazz band performed first. Each ensemble presented pieces demonstrating the wide array of musical talent found throughout the school. As expected, the concert band and orchestra performed at extremely high levels and really enthralled the audience. In addition, all in attendance were treated to the outstanding artwork that was on display by Mrs. Green's art students.
- Huge congratulations to our DVMS Odyssey of the Mind Technical team for coming in third place out of 48 teams at the 2026 World Finals competition at Iowa State University on May 24.
- On Wednesday, May 20, Drs. Ioppolo and Bruno visited DVES and SES to meet with the new incoming grade 6 students. The students were able to ask questions about coming to our middle school. Each group was well-behaved and shared their excitement to come to DVMS next school year. We are very excited as well!
- The Keystone examinations and all PSSA make-up exams concluded on Friday, May 29. Special consideration goes out to guidance counselor Mr. Chickeletti and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Scarfalloto, for their successful planning and implementation of the exams. Thank you to all the staff that proctored during the exams and to our students for putting forth their best effort throughout the entire testing window.
- The eighth graders completed their middle school careers with an outstanding day at the park. Costas Amusement Park continues to be a wonderful host to our students. While the water was chilly, the sun was shining and the smiles across the student faces were evident. This was also a great day for staff as well! Best wishes to this group moving forward!
- Upcoming Events:
    - June 4 End of year ceremony, DVHS Auditorium, 9:30 – 10:45

DELAWARE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MRS. MARY ANN OLSOMMER

- Miss Paz's 3rd grade students read informational texts about Irma Rangel and Ruby Bridges. The lessons inspired meaningful conversations about future goals and how the students hoped to make a difference in the world. Each student shared what kind of "Future Leader" they wanted to become. Miss Paz took a photo of each child and used an AI application to create a 25-year-old version of them in their future profession. The students also created their own inspirational quotes and wrote a short paragraph explaining how they hoped to change the world. To complete the project, students designed their own bulletin board displays, including a 4x6 printed photo of what they may look like in the future! It was a wonderful way to integrate multiple content areas while allowing students to dream big and share their excitement about making a positive impact on the world, just like Irma Rangel and Ruby Bridges did.
- Students at DVES counted down the days until the end of the year using the alphabet. Each day throughout the grade levels, the students completed different activities relating to the letters. For example, on T day, students dressed in tie-dye, on Q day, they painted with Q tips, and for D day, it was everything Disney.
- Kindergarten registration was held on May 6. Thirty-three incoming kindergarten students and their parents/guardians met some of the faculty and staff and learned about DVES.
- The kindergarten teachers held the annual Mother's Day tea for their students and their invited guests. They were served cookies with tea or coffee, had their pictures taken, and the tables were decorated with placemats made by the students.
- Each grade level attended a field trip. Pre K went to Space Farms, where they saw lions, tigers, and Kodiak bears! They observed snakes up close and got to feed sheep and goats. Kindergarten visited Shop Rite, 1st grade visited the Pike County Library, the Matamoras Fire Department, and Firefly Park, 2nd grade went to Quiet Valley, 3rd grade attended a Railriders Baseball Game, 4th grade traveled to PEEC, and 5th Grade visited Bethel Woods.
- Two teams from Delaware Valley Elementary School earned the opportunity to compete at Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Ames, Iowa from May 27th-30th. There were over 600 teams from 10 different countries represented. The DVES technical team had to design, build, and operate a Technical Trip Assistant whose voice activation malfunctions lead the team on a hilarious adventure. The team placed 13th out of 48 teams. The DVES structure team had to create a humorous performance about throwing a party and build a balsa wood structure that is tested by supporting weight. The team structure held 675 lbs. They placed 6th out of 46 teams.
- A fire drill was held on May 28, 2026, at 2:00. It was 95 seconds long.

SHOHOLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – DR. NATHAN KROPTAVICH

Shohola Elementary conducted a successful fire drill on May 14. Students and staff evacuated the building safely and efficiently, achieving a total evacuation time of 1 minute and 39 seconds.

Our school hosted Kindergarten Registration on May 12, welcoming incoming students and families. Students met kndergarten teachers and reading specialists, while parents participated in an orientation session and connected with other families. Appreciation is extended to PTA volunteers for assisting with registration, student groups, and refreshments. Students also enjoyed a school bus ride to help familiarize them with the transportation experience.

On May 12, 4th and 5th grade students performed in a well-attended chorus and chamber choir concert at the high school auditorium. The program featured an extensive repertoire, including five selections by each grade-level chorus and six chamber choir performances. Several students provided instrumental accompaniment on saxophone, cello, and piano.

On May 29, Shohola Elementary welcomed the DV Warrior mascot and graduating seniors for a special “Pass the DV Spirit” celebration with kindergarten students. The event included a poem read by a graduating senior, a gift exchange between the seniors and kindergarteners, and a final walk through the building. Staff and students lined the hallways to applaud and celebrate the graduates as they reflected on their educational journey and prepared for graduation.

Students demonstrated outstanding community spirit through participation in the Mystery Slime Food Drive, donating more than 1,000 food and toiletry items to the local food pantry. Students earned raffle tickets through their donations, with selected winners earning the opportunity to “slime” participating staff members. Additionally, members of Student Council visited the local food pantry to learn about its operations and community impact.

Shohola Elementary enjoyed a successful Field Day, providing students with a fun-filled day of physical activity, teamwork, and school spirit. Special thanks are extended to physical education teachers Miss Molnar and Miss Weston for organizing the event, as well as the many staff members and volunteers whose support helped make the day a success.

DINGMAN DELAWARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MRS. JENNIFER MORIARTY

A fire drill was held on May 29. The building was clear in 2 minutes, 32 seconds.

A weather safety drill was held on May 19. Students practiced what to do in case of a weather emergency.

DDES Field Days were held on May 5th for 3rd and 4th grade students and on May 8th for 5th grade students. Students rotated through a variety of activity stations with support from parent volunteers and DDMS student helpers. Favorite events included Four Square, Water Balloon Volleyball, the 40-Yard Dash, Tic-Tac-Toe Relay, Capture the Flag, Ball or Fall, and snow cones. The days provided students with opportunities for teamwork, friendly competition, and outdoor fun.

The PTA-sponsored 5th Grade Dance was held after school on May 29th. The glow-themed event featured a DJ, games, temporary tattoos, and face painting. Students enjoyed pizza, chips, and bottled water while celebrating with their classmates.

Warrior Games were held on June 1st to celebrate the end of a successful school year. Teachers participated in activities such as Pizza Box Knockout, Pictionary, relay races, an obstacle course, a hula hoop contest, dodgeball, and pie-in-the-face challenges. Students also had the opportunity to win raffle baskets by redeeming Warrior Bucks earned throughout the year for demonstrating positive behaviors and being responsible, respectful, and ready.

Third and Fourth Grade BBQs were held on May 29th and June 1st. Students enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and drinks while spending additional time outdoors with classmates and teachers in the sunshine.

Fourth Grade Field Trips to PEEC took place on April 30th and May 1st. Students traveled to the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC), where they participated in hands-on environmental education activities designed to deepen their understanding of local ecosystems and conservation. Students explored hiking trails, observed wildlife habitats, and learned about the plants and animals native to the Pocono region. The experience reinforced science concepts taught in the classroom and encouraged students to appreciate and protect natural resources. As part of the visit, all students received passes providing access to public parks, encouraging continued outdoor exploration with their families.

Fifth Grade Field Trips to Bethel Woods were held on May 20th and 21st. Students visited the historic site of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair and toured the museum and grounds at Bethel Woods. Through interactive exhibits and guided learning experiences, students explored the cultural, historical, and social significance of the event and the impact it had on American history. The trip provided students with an opportunity to connect classroom learning to a local landmark while gaining a greater understanding of the people, events, and values that shaped the era. The experience promoted critical thinking, historical inquiry, and an appreciation for the region's rich history.

Fifth Grade LEAD Graduation was celebrated on May 15th. Students received a t-shirt and certificate from Officer Todd and enjoyed pizza and ice cream as part of the celebration.

Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Choir, and Grade-Level Concerts were held throughout the month of May in the DDES auditorium. Students showcased their talents and demonstrated the results of their hard work and preparation under the guidance of their teachers.

The Reading Department's Parent Engagement Night took place on May 13th. The Lulu-themed event was well attended and provided engaging literacy activities for students and families. Participants enjoyed a variety of interactive stations, including Reader’s Theater, Family Feud, a Reading Scavenger Hunt, Giant Scrabble, and Mad Libs. Families also explored creative and cultural activities such as Tiki Mask making and ukulele and drum experiences. Additional attractions included family games in the gym, a photo booth, tattoos, and refreshments from the PTA concession stand. Parents were invited to complete a survey and received goodie bags to take home. The event provided a fun and meaningful opportunity for students and families to strengthen literacy skills while enjoying time together.

On May 13, third grade students attended the STEM School Day game at PNC Field, where the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders took on the Syracuse Mets. In addition to enjoying the game, students participated in STEM-related activities and explored interactive exhibits from local organizations. The RailRiders defeated the Mets 7–0

On May 14th, Ms. Johanson hosted her annual Art Show. The two-hour event was well attended, with a steady stream of families visiting throughout the evening. Student artwork was proudly displayed throughout the hallways, transforming the school into a gallery of creativity and talent. Families enjoyed walking through the building to view and celebrate the many showcased pieces.

The local fire department's Dive Team visited DDES to share information with fourth grade students about water safety and lifesaving techniques used on rivers and local lakes. The presentation connected to fourth grade's ongoing water safety instruction and experiences at the DVHS pool throughout the school year.

- Upcoming Dates
  - 6/1 Warrior Games
  - 6/1 5th Grade Concert
  - 6/3 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony and Awards
  - 6/4 Last Day of School/Early Dismissal
  - 6/5 Teacher Workday/DVHS Graduation

DINGMAN DELAWARE PRIMARY SCHOOL – MS. KIMBERLY BUTAITIS

The sun and the students shine in May at DDPS!

- Mrs. Batista, School Counselor, wrapped up the last "Feelings & Friendship" group counseling session. Mrs. Batista and her group practiced a breathing strategy for dealing with big feelings- "Turtle Shell Breathing." Afterwards, they created their own turtle crafts out of cardboard. The kids had fun playing together with their turtles!
- The PreK students had a busy month with their letter Z unit, where they learned about zebras, read "The Animal Strikes the Zoo," and they "dazzled" with their zebra puppets. (A group of zebras is called a dazzle!). They concluded their learning with Pin the Tail on the Zebra! PreK also visited Space Farms where they watched baby bears be fed with a bottle.
- May was a busy and exciting month in kindergarten! Students wrapped up end of the year assessments and showed tremendous growth in their reading and literacy skills. They are doing an excellent job writing and manipulating words independently. The month ended with lots of fun and memorable activities, including Field Day, Pass the Spirit, and the Kindergarten Pizza Party. It was a wonderful way to celebrate all the hard work and growth from this school year!
- The 1st grade students experienced a very busy and productive month of May filled with meaningful learning and celebration of student growth. Students completed end-of-year IXL diagnostic testing, which demonstrated clear progress across both math and reading skill areas. Teachers used this data to reflect on individual and class growth, and students were proud to see how far they have come since the beginning of the year. The final days of school included an exciting 10-day countdown designed to celebrate learning and build anticipation for summer while reinforcing academic skills. Each day featured a themed experience such as Camping Day, Glow Day, Bubble Day, and additional fun spirit days that integrated review activities in reading, writing, and math. Overall, the month of May highlighted student growth, learning, and a successful year!
- May was Mental Health Awareness Month. DDPS staff wore green every Thursday in the month of May to raise awareness.
- DDPS enjoyed Staff Appreciation Week! From the Appreciation Lunch from the School Board of Directors to the daily treats and recognition from PTA and Ms. B., the week was a fun-filled week for all. Staff enjoyed subs from Jersey Mike’s for the Appreciation Lunch! DDPS PTA recognized our staff during the week with a decorated lounge and daily treats: a nacho bar, coffee, and ice cream from Everly & Bro’s Party Services! Students and families sent in beautiful cards and flowers, too. It was a wonderful week of appreciation for DDPS faculty and staff.
- DDPS participated in our second annual "Pass the Spirit" event which bridged our high school seniors and kindergarteners. This heartfelt event embodied what it means to be a Warrior. During the event, our seniors took the opportunity to pass down their Warrior spirit to our littlest warriors, fostering an environment where hard work, resilience, and kindness are deeply valued. The kindergarteners were thrilled to partake in this tradition and eager to carry the torch of school spirit forward during their journey at DV. It was exciting to see the joy and enthusiasm as the seniors inspired the younger students to embody our DV values of lifting

each other up, never giving up, and taking pride in being part of the DV community. Thanks to Mrs. Jenna Snyder and Miss Kiley Sloan for organizing the kindergarten team for the event.

- The DDPS Student Leadership Team did a school grounds beautification project. The team planted a variety of flowers in planters and placed the pots along the front entrance of the school, helping to brighten up our favorite place!
- A fire drill was conducted on May 5th. The time was 2 minutes and 5 seconds.
- A fire drill was conducted on June 3rd. The time was 1 minute and 55 seconds.
- Upcoming Summer Events:
    - Jump Start: July 6-July 23