



# DMS News

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## Student Council

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, DMS conducted a student council election with seventeen eighth graders running for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each candidate conducted a three-minute speech complete with a policy platform. All students in grades 5-8 engaged in voting using a secure Google Form. Special congratulations to Justin Lee, Dillon Frank, Corey McLaughlin and Merrick Reiss. Student Council is going to be led by Ms. Danielle Ruberto and Ms. Christina Korines.

## Week Of Respect

The week of October 5<sup>th</sup> in New Jersey is the official "Week of Respect." DMS Eighth grade peer leaders visited fifth graders for a lesson on recognizing our similarities and differences and the importance of respecting each other. Sixth grade students were read Fish In A Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt and discussed how we are all talented in different ways. The Bergen County Prosecutors office visited seventh grade students for a lesson on Internet safety and respecting each other on social media. Eighth grade students had a presentation on creating healthy relationships that was given by the Bergen County Department of Human Services, which focused on respecting yourself and others.

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## High School Visits

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, parents of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were invited to visit NVD for an overview of the high school experience, an electives presentation and a tour of the facilities. On October 9<sup>th</sup>, our eighth grade class took a half-day trip to NVD to receive information on course selection, athletics, and setting academic goals.

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## Global Cardboard Challenge

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, sixth grade students led by Ms. Wendy Heffler participated in the global cardboard challenge. The intent of the challenge is to “foster creativity and entrepreneurship in children around the world to raise a new generation of innovators and problem solvers who have the tools they need to build the world they imagine.” More information can be found at <http://cardboardchallenge.com>

## Upcoming Events

- **October 12<sup>th</sup>**  
½ Day for Students  
(Professional Development  
In-service for Teachers)
- **October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Picture Day
- **October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
DMS Breast Cancer  
Carnival
- **October 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Breast Cancer Walk

BUEHLER



CHALLENGER  
& SCIENCE  
C E N T E R

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, our fifth grade students visited the Buehler Challenger & Science Center. Each class engaged in a mission entitled “Rendezvous with Comet Halley”. Students learned that Comet Halley made its last approach to the sun in 1985-86. Halley’s last visit was its thirtieth recorded passage by Earth. Comet Halley will next round the sun in 2061.

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## Journalism

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mark Krulish, staff writer for the Ridgewood News and Northjersey.com, visited the DMS Journalism class. Students learned about local reporting, news media and interviewing techniques. Journalism is a pull out academic enrichment course open to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and is co-taught by Mr. Toby Sorge and Mr. Patrick Rochford.