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Mystery Skype

DMS students have recently been using the web application Skype to connect with a couple of classes around the world to discuss literature. Mrs. Heffler's sixth graders recently connected with Canadian students to discuss a novel that both classes were reading, while Mrs. Worgul's class connected with a London based BBC reporter to learn about journalism.

Franklin Mineral Museum

Our 6th grade students recently visited the Franklin Mineral Museum in Sussex County. In conjunction with their science unit on minerals, each class learned about geology and mining history. 6th graders visited the mineral collection and engaged in a scavenger hunt to identify various rocks and minerals using criteria learned in class. A dark room with identification kits was also utilized for investigation.

Volleyball & Soccer

Congratulations to our soccer and volleyball teams on a successful season. Both teams competed this fall against the other Northern Valley School based teams. Our volleyball team ended the regular season in first place and won the post season Northern Valley tournament!

Brain Busters

The 7th and 8th grade DMS Bergen Brain Busters team is off to a great start. The Brain Busters, led by Mr. Quillen are an academic decathlon team that competes in quiz bowl competitions across Bergen County against other middle school students.





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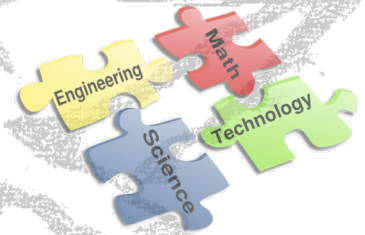
Breast Cancer Events

The October Breast Cancer Carnival was well attended and raised approximately \$2400. The Breast Cancer walk was attended by approximately one hundred and fifty people and raised \$4600 toward research and finding a cure. DMS is proud to have sponsored these tremendous student centered service-learning experiences for our school community.



Upcoming

- 4th grade visits to the DMS STEM lab



- No School for the November 5-6 NJEA Convention



- Release of the 8th grade student newspaper



S.T.E.M. Update:

All students at DMS will have the opportunity this year to take S.T.E.M., an integrated approach to Science Technology Engineering and Math. During the first marking period our students created robotic hydraulic arms, hover craft devices, motorized Ferris wheels and many other age appropriate feats of engineering.