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## American History

In January the 7th grade participated in a Slavery Gallery walk to experience the harsh conditions forced on African slaves. Learners explored 40 artifacts detailing the horrors of slavery. It was truly an eye-opening experience that led to a higher-level discussion regarding one of the darkest chapters in American history.

## parents of 7<sup>th</sup> graders and the Demarest town mayor. The presenters demonstrated the importance of the subjects they learned in middle school, and how these subjects carry on into the professional world. Careers in the fields of science, civics, math, and the arts were

## K.A.R.E. Club Trip

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, the DMS K.A.R.E. Club and the chorus went to the Bergen County Health Care Facility for their annual Valentine's Day trip. The students on the trip participated in making a crafts with members and sang some Valentine's Day tunes!



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## **Engineering & Experiments**

8th grade students in Mrs. Werner's class recently built basic cars powered by rubber bands. Once they were sure the car could run, they had to make modifications to get the car to move as fast as possible.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mystery

To begin the argumentative writing unit, each 7<sup>th</sup> grade language arts class took the role of investigators solving their own DMS crime scene. Starring DMS faculty, students performed, and listened to, a skit in order to develop a claim about which they believed to be the culprit. Students also had to support their claim using the script as evidence.

#### Harlem Wizards Visit

Sudden Sam, from the Harlem Wizards, visited DMS on Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>. Several DMS students played basketball with Sam in preparation for the March 6<sup>th</sup> game against Northern Valley teachers. This event is a fundraiser for project graduation. Tickets can be purchased at <a href="http://www.harlemwizards.com">http://www.harlemwizards.com</a>.

## **Upcoming Events**

February 15-19<sup>th</sup>: School is closed All of March: "March Book Madness"

March 2nd: National Read Across America

March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Student Council and Kare Club school visit March 12<sup>th</sup>: Math League Competition in Princeton March 17<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Quinton Quark Science Assembly

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Bollywood Assembly

March 23<sup>rd</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fairview Lake Parent Meeting