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5th Grade Visits Science Center

The fifth grade students recently visited the Buehler Challenger Science Center in Paramus, NJ. Students participated in a simulated space mission entitled *Rendezvous with Comet Halley*. We are happy to report that all students had a successful mission.

Social Media Program

On December 6th, DMS students participated in a social media safety program. Students learned about topics ranging from social media use and addiction, cyber bullying, online safety, protecting personal information, and understanding your digital footprint.

Table to Table

On Tuesday, November 22nd, Middle School students received a paper bag for the "Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch" initiative, sponsored by KARE Club. This is a fundraiser for the organization Table to Table, which delivers food to those in need all across New Jersey. Students were encouraged to return the bag the next day with the amount of money they would normally spend on lunch. Simultaneously, Student Council sponsored a food drive for the same organization. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to participate in the giving spirit of Thanksgiving.





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5th & 6th Grade Dance

On December 2nd, fifth and sixth graders held a school dance in the DMS gymnasium. Students were treated to music, food and fun! Thank you to the PTO for organizing this event.



Upcoming Events

- December 14th Winter Concert 1:30 and 7pm
- December 15th Grades 7-8 attend the NVD Holiday Concert
- December 23rd Spelling Bee, Talent Show, Holiday Parties & 12:30 Dismissal
- December 26th -30th No School
- January 10th Franklin Institute Science Event



Alice in Wonderland

DMS students have begun to plan, rehearse, and participate in the musical *Alice in Wonderland*. Come out to see the show on February 3rd and 4th.



Basketball Season

The DMS boys and girls basketball season is off to a successful start. Over the next two months, the Wildcats will square off against all other Northern Valley communities. The girl's team is coached by Ms. Jessica Schoepflin and Ms. Christine Reynolds. The boys are coached by Mr. Chris Nerkizian.

Author Skype Chat

Sixth graders at Demarest Middle School recently read the novel *Pax* by New York Times best selling author Sara Pennypacker. On November 21st, all DMS sixth graders had the opportunity to discuss the novel with the author through a Skype conversation. This Skype session was the final event of the Global Read Aloud Project. Students have also discussed the novel with other classes all over the country, from coast to coast, as well as Alaska. A special thank you to the Cultural Arts committee of the PTO for their coordination.

GO WILDCATS!