



# DMS News

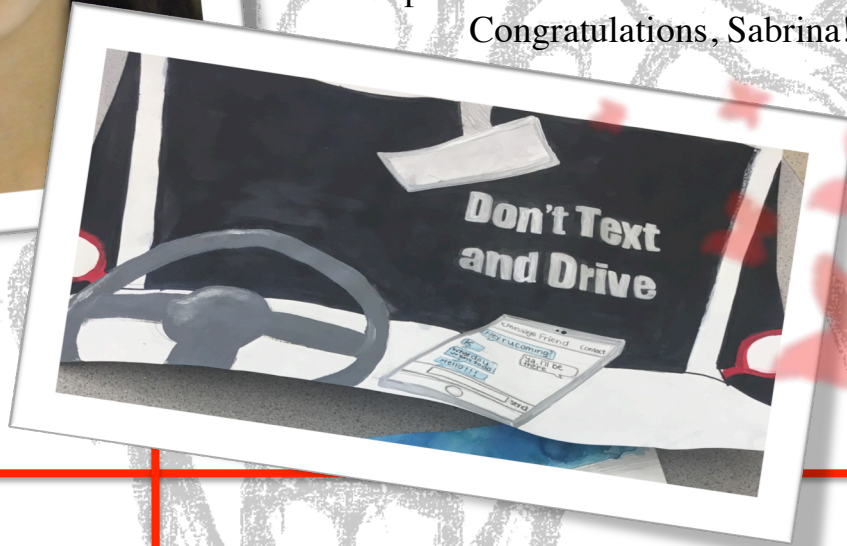
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## Poster Contest Winner

7<sup>th</sup> grade student, Sabrina Perez, won first prize in the AAA Traffic Safety Poster Contest. In addition to a monetary prize, her winning design may be featured in local and national AAA traffic safety education materials, social media pages, websites and promotions. Sabrina created her design in Selective Visual Arts class with Ms. Desmond, and the theme of her poster was “Don’t Text and Drive.”

Congratulations, Sabrina!



## Penny Wars

Student Council held their annual Penny Wars, a grade-level competition to raise money and awareness for the CASA Foundation. The first place winner was the sixth grade. The school as a whole raised \$455. Student Council looks forward to the next competition, which will be Field Day in May.

## Zumba for a Cause

On April 4th, students, teachers, and community members gathered in the DMS gym for a night filled with fun, exercise, fundraising, and acceptance. “Zumba for a Cause”, was hosted by the Student Council and KARE Club raised over \$1,200 which will be donated to the National Inclusion Project. The purpose of this event was to kickoff "Acceptance Month" at DMS in which students are led through a variety of activities in order to practice the idea of accepting each other and oneself.



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## Demarest Public Library assists 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade was fortunate enough to have a presentation done by staff from the Demarest Public Library. Ms. Kate Gorman and Ms. Orla Cassidy showed the students the resources available for them to assist with their research skills. In addition, they showed the website that has been created specifically for their research project, which can be found at <http://demarestlibrary.org/recapture/>

## NV Peer Mentors Visit DMS

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, peer mentors from the high school met with our eighth graders as another step in the transition process from middle school to high school. The peer mentors presented the students with helpful hints regarding what to expect as incoming freshmen. The event ended with an open forum for our students to ask the peer mentors any questions they may have about high school. Two more events the high school peer mentors will host are a barbecue in June and an orientation at the end of August.

## Upcoming Events

- April 21<sup>st</sup>** Report Cards Distributed
- April 24<sup>th</sup>** Grade 8 KARE Club and Student Council  
Visit to LLE / CRS
- April 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** Fairview Lake Trip for Grade 6
- May 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** PARCC Make Up Dates of May 10-12
- May 4<sup>th</sup>** PTO Meeting at DMS
- May 9<sup>th</sup>** Health Event Periods 8 and 9
- May 11<sup>th</sup>** Track Meet
- May 12<sup>th</sup>** Science Fair periods 8 and 9
- May 15<sup>th</sup>** PTO Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- May 18<sup>th</sup>** Spring Concert 1 and 7pm
- May 19<sup>th</sup>** Field Day
- May 21<sup>st</sup>** Demarest 5K
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>** Track Meet
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** Washington DC Trip for Grade 8
- May 29<sup>th</sup>** School is Closed for Memorial Day
- May 31<sup>st</sup>** Grade 8 NJASK