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Student Council Elections

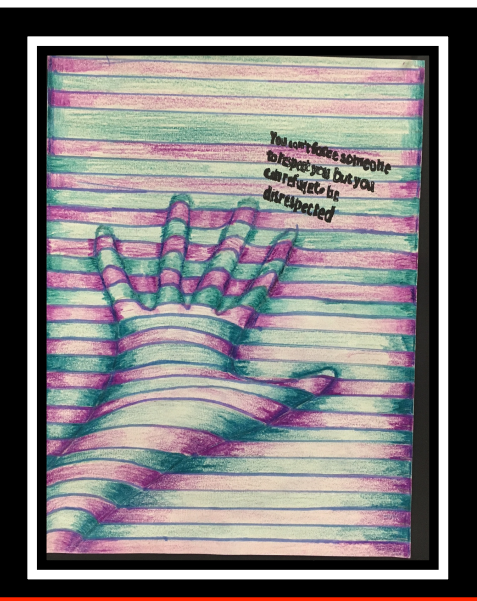
The Student Council Officer Elections took place on September 23, 2016. This year, there were twenty-three candidates for the different positions, and each candidate came prepared and determined. Every speech was original and engaging, demonstrating the uniqueness of the students here at DMS. The new officers are as follows: Jess Freeman- President; Catie Frank- Vice President, Andrew Kyung- Treasurer; Connie Yu- Secretary. Ms. Ruberto and Ms. Schoepflin look forward to a wonderful year with all members of Student Council.



Week of Respect

DMS will participate in the New Jersey Week of Respect from October 3-7 through various activities.

- Fifth Graders will read and discuss, *The Sneetches*.
- Sixth Graders will engage in “The Compliment Project” and read an article related to kindness in schools.



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- Seventh and eighth graders will watch and discuss the film “The Bully Project.”
- The Visual Arts classes will combine typography with artwork symbolizing respect.





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Quipus in 7th Grade

Imagine not being able to text, call, Facetime or e-mail to communicate over long distances. This is what Mr. Lefer's 7th grade Social Studies classes did when studying the Incas. Living in the Andes Mountains of South America, the Incas created a way to communicate throughout the empire using strings and knots called quipus. In class, students learned how to read the quipus, feeling for knots in the string and noting the place values to determine the number the string was expressing. Then the students used their math skills to add and subtract the quipus from one another. After the math activity, the class analyzed the benefits and drawbacks to using quipus and fostered an appreciation for another culture.



Upcoming Events

- **October 3rd & 4th**
School Closed for Rosh Hashanah
- **October 7th**
Picture Day
- **October 10th**
Half Day for Students
- **October 12th**
School Closed for Yom Kippur
- **October 13th**
Parental Program at NVD for Students in Grade 8
- **October 14th**
Grade 8 Trip to NVD
- **October 14th**
Peace by Piece with Grade 7
- **October 14th**
Breast Cancer Carnival
- **October 16th**
Breast Cancer Walk

Global Read Aloud

Sixth Grade Language Arts students will once again be participating in the Global Read Aloud this year, along with over 800,000 students from all over the world! We will be reading *Pax*, a dual narrative coming of age story, and connecting with several classes through various forms of technology including: hyperdocs, blogs, Edmodo, Twitter and Skype (including "Mystery" Skype). To conclude our novel study, we will Skype with author Sara Pennypacker in November!



<https://www.smores.com/39pc5-global-read-aloud?ref=my>

