



# DMS News

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## Fairview Lake Trip

From April 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders embarked on their annual trip to Fairview Lake in Newton, New Jersey. Students engaged in many activities from a three-mile ridge hike on the Appalachian Trail to perfecting their archery skills on the shooting range. Through these activities, students faced

obstacles independently and as a group, testing their limits and collaborating with one another to overcome these challenges. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders demonstrated exceptional leadership, problem solving, and teamwork skills throughout the trip, but without a doubt they left with much more than that: many laughs, friendships, and unforgettable memories.



## Math Team Trip

DMS math team entitled the "Pi-Rates" went to the MoMath (Museum of Mathematics in NYC) for a field trip in April. Students enjoyed many hands-on (and feet-on) math activities, learned about "knot theory," and mingled with all math team members from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **Math rocks!**

## PARCC

DMS students began taking the PARCC assessment on May 1<sup>st</sup> and will conclude by May 9<sup>th</sup>. The PARCC test assesses a student's progress in mastering the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Math. All DMS students are simultaneously taking one section each morning and then attending abbreviated yet regularly scheduled classes for the remainder of the day.





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## KARE Club and Student Council Teach Acceptance

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade members of the KARE Club and Student Council visited County Road School to participate in Acceptance month. The middle school students were each assigned a classroom to teach a lesson on acceptance using a children's book. The books helped the elementary students learn the importance of accepting their own and other's differences. The trip was enjoyed by all.



## Upcoming Events

- 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 (Science)

## Novel Inspires Fund Raising

6<sup>th</sup> graders thoroughly enjoyed reading *A Long Walk To Water* by Linda Sue Park as part of their literary analysis unit. This powerful novel, (based on a true story) explores the journey of The "Lost Boys" of Sudan as they search for safety and clean water in order to survive during a civil war. The global water crisis was an additional focus, and students were truly inspired to make a difference. As a group effort, the entire grade took part in The H2O Project, and raised close to three hundred dollars to help build wells in Southern Sudan.

