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DMS Teacher Featured on, Classroom Close-Up

On Sunday, December 10th, 7th grade Social Studies teacher Andrew Lefer will be featured on NJEA's Classroom Close-Up. The lesson, which was filmed in May, will focus on student engagement. Students participated in a Historical Crime Scene investigation related to the American Revolution and its connection to local history. Classroom Close-Up airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays on NJTV. Check your local listings for NJTV at the following link : (http://classroomcloseup.org/where-to-watch/).

5th & 6th Grade Winter Dance

On December 1st, 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. Demarest Middle School • Demarest Middle School • Demarest Middle

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Science & Engineering Team Competes in Tournament

The DMS Science and Engineering Team competed in the First Lego League Bergen Qualifying Tournament on November 18. The theme this year was hydronamics. All aspects of the competition were related to finding problems in the human water cycle and developing solutions. The problem our team chose was contamination to water from stormwater runoff. They developed a hypothetical filter and particulate separator. Prior to competition

the team also built an autonomous Lego ev3 hardware and programming software. This robot had to complete specific, preprogrammed minutes during three two-minute matches. The team did a fantastic job. learned a great deal, and is now very excited for next year's competition.

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"Hook" is **Coming to** DMS

Last week DMS students began preparing for their theatrical rendition of the play "Hook." This

adaptation Peter Pan will ultimately be performed on February 9th and 10th. Thank vou to the PTO for facilitating this program.

Art Work on Display

6th and 7th grade artwork is being displayed for the next few weeks in the Demarest Public Library. Both grades completed work in pastels. The 6th grade created land-

scapes, while the 7th grade created still life pictures. All work was completed in Visual Arts classes with Ms. Desmond.

Upcoming Events

- December 13th 7th & 8th Grade trip to NVD Holiday Concert
- December 14th Winter Concert 1:30 & 7 pm
- December 21st KARE Club Trip
- December 22nd Spelling Bee, Talent Show, Holiday Parties
- December 22nd12:30 Dismissal December 25th-January 1st
- Holiday Break