

#### **DMS Garden Club**

The DMS Garden Club has been busy preparing, planting and weeding in the courtyard raised garden bed. The students chose an assortment of herbs and vegetables, carefully planted them and now enjoy checking on their growth progress. Artful plant name markers were also designed and created. The club is looking forward to tending to the garden during the summer months and harvesting into the next school year.

## **Readathon for Africa**

In response to the wonderful author visit this year, Demarest Middle School held a readathon to raise funds for Seeds Of Africa. This organization raises money for children in Zimbabwe to receive an education. In total, students raised over \$500 dollars.

## Field Day

On May 31st, DMS students participated in the school's annual Field Day. Despite the light rain, the red and white teams came ready to play, sporting positive attitudes, teamwork, and most importantly, fun! The white team ended with the victory over the red team. Student Council would like to thank everyone for their participation in not only Field Day, but all events this past year, and we look forward to next year!



### Fifth Grade Career Day

The fifth graders participated in Career Day on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Each student chose a career and related the math that was taught in the classroom to that field. Students dressed to show their career choice and set up a very professional display of information demonstrating the relationship between math and the real-world!

#### **Genius Hour Presentations**

The fifth graders were proud to present their Genius Hour projects to their parents and peers on June 13th. Genius Hour is a project based learning class that allows students to explore their own passions; it encourages creativity in the classroom and promotes inquiry, perseverance, problem solving and innovation, among other lifelong skills. Each student chose a topic of personal interest to research.

# Student Council Parkinson's Foundation Fundraiser

On June 11th, DMS' Student Council and Kare Club hosted a volleyball tournament to raise awareness and support for the Parkinson's Foundation. Students in grades five through eight came out to spectate and participate in a student verse student volleyball roundrobin, ultimately to face the teachers in a final game. Congratulations to the "Average Joe's" team on defeating the DMS staff, and a special thanks to everyone who came out to support this wonderful cause!

