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Week of Respect

The week of October 1st-5th, Demarest participated in the Week of Respect. Students participated in spirit days, such as wearing spirit wear to respect their school, and wearing blue for world day of bullying prevention. The week also included classroom activities revolving around respect and students considered actions that they can take to make the school a welcoming and supportive environment for all learners.

Skype Visit

This year DMS students are reading a whole school novel entitled *Restart*. During this anti-bullying themed novel the protagonist falls and suffers from amnesia. On Friday September 28th, Dr. Rikki Racela, an Englewood Neurologist, visited DMS sixth graders in Ms. Heffler's reading class through Skype. Dr. Racela described the science behind retrograde amnesia so students could better understand the condition and character development in the novel.





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Bullying Prevention

To kick off the Week of Respect, Mrs. Rinckhoff taught a lesson to the fifth grade on the power of the bystander in a bullying situation. The students reviewed the difference between a bystander, someone who is present during bullying, and an upstander, someone who helps the victim being bullied. Lastly, the students worked in groups to analyze different bullying scenarios and come up with the best way to handle each situation.

Brandon Lee White

On Thursday October 4th, motivational speaker Brandon Lee White visited DMS students. The presentation focused on leadership and character development. Students were presented with inspiring ideas such as kindness and taking ownership of your school community. Thank you to the PTO for organizing this event.

Student Council Elections

On September 24th, eighth graders took part in the Student Council officer elections. Each candidate had an original and enthusiastic speech, keeping the audience engaged from start to finish. Congratulations to Jonah Lavin as president, Evan Celaj as Vice President, Criss Guzman as secretary, and Ella Cho as treasurer. We look forward to the upcoming school year and all the events the Student Council has planned.

