



Daily Announcements



Monday, March 21, 2022

Welcome back scholars. It's great to see you.

This week's positivity project character trait is - perseverance.

What does perseverance mean? You complete what you start despite obstacles. You never give up. Perseverance is a uniquely human characteristic that identifies an individual's ability to spend long periods of time devoted to a single goal or set of goals. People demonstrating high levels of perseverance are able to handle significant, sometimes repeated, setbacks in pursuit of goals. Those who persevere through setbacks often reap the benefits of the success gained by refusing to give up. Sometimes, this comes with the added benefit of increased knowledge and skill as a result of the work needed to achieve.

March is Reading Month! Each day we will highlight a different staff member and their favorite book. Today's teacher is Mr. DeRosa, who loves the book *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. He does a great job telling the story of three sets of refugees during three points in history. Three different kids have one mission in common: ESCAPE. All three young people will go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers - from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But for each of them, there is always the hope of tomorrow. Every chapter ends in a cliffhanger so it makes you want to continue reading.

Are you an avid reader? Have you read every book on your shelf twice? If so, you should check out the DMS Book Swap Table! You can bring any middle school appropriate book that you no longer want at home and leave it on the Book Swap Table across from the main office. If you happen to see a book that you want to read, you can take it from the table, as well! The table will be across from the main office all through March!

This week is Reading Spirit Week! The schedule will be as follows:

Monday (3/21): Team Up for Reading (Sports Jersey Day)

Tuesday (3/22): Hats Off to Reading (Hat Day)

Wednesday (3/23): Reading Jogs the Mind (Workout/Exercise Wear Day)

Thursday (3/24): Snuggle Up and Read (Pajama Day) AND Read-A-Thon Day

Friday (3/25): No school for Students!

Reminder for 8th grade parents: We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the 8th grade farewell party. The party will be held on Friday, June 10th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. More information will be available at the next Parent Network meeting on Monday, April 11th at 5:30 PM.