



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of May 5, 2025

UPCOMING CALENDAR



Mon 5/5	Staff Appreciation Week Starts
Wed 5/7	No Homework Night Fundraiser, Tacos & Ice Cream
Thu 5/8	PTO Meeting, LLE, 8:30am
Fri 5/9	Spirit Wear
Fri 5/9	LLE Field Day
Fri 5/16	Spirit Wear
Fri 5/16	CRS Field Day
Sun 5/18	Demarest 5K
Tue 5/20	COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
Fri 5/23	Memorial Day Weekend – Schools Closed
Mon 5/26	Memorial Day – Schools Closed
Fri 5/30	Spirit Wear

NOTEWORTHY



LAST OFFICIAL **PTO Meeting** of the school year will take place this **Thursday, 5/8 at 8:30am!**



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** New members can purchase membership at demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com.



To access the PTO Directory and the Store, go to the App Store and download the **Membership Toolkit app**.



Stay up to date by visiting our website at www.demarestpto.org. Like us on **Facebook** at Demarest PTO and follow us on **Instagram** at demarestpto.

Demarest Parent Teacher Organization
A Tradition of Serving Demarest Schools for Over 80 Years

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Happy May, Demarest families! It's **Teacher Appreciation Week**, and we're going full **Cinco de Mayo**—because let's be real, our teachers deserve a whole fiesta (and maybe a few siestas to rest their superhero capes). Thanks to your generous support and contributions throughout the year, the **PTO** is thrilled to **sponsor** a **fun-filled week** to celebrate our INCREDIBLE teachers and staff! We've got something fun planned every single day, so be sure to check the flyer below to see how we're turning appreciation into a weeklong celebration of guac-worthy greatness.

Spring Enrichment wrapped up last week—unless you're one of the lucky few with a makeup session —check your Flex account to confirm any makeup classes.

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 7th**—it's our **No Homework Night Fundraiser!** That's right: no homework, no dishes, and no shame in eating your body weight in tacos AND **Daniela's Ice Cream**. Meet us at **El Taco Bar**, and don't be surprised if you bump into half the Demarest crew while you're there! Check out the flyer with more deets below!

Our next **PTO Meeting** is **Thursday, May 8th**, and this one's in person! Come hear the latest updates, connect with fellow parents, and learn more about the open board positions for next year. Whether you're curious or ready to jump in, we'd love to have you involved.

While we're in the spirit of appreciation—save the date for **Tuesday, June 3rd!** We're throwing a **Member & Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** to celebrate all of YOU. Come hungry, leave appreciated (we hope!). Take a peek at the flyer below! RSVP required for this one— forms.gle/Srg8629ZoAKL7Vub6

Lastly, if you're thinking about joining the PTO Board for next year, take a peek at the flyer in this newsletter. Open positions are listed, and submissions are due by Friday, May 16th. Don't hesitate to inquire and apply—we'd love to have you on the team!

With endless appreciation for our everyday heroes—capas optional, coffee encouraged.

Batool & Lauren

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS

HOMEWORK FREE NIGHT FUNDRAISER



EL TACO BAR & DANIELA'S ICE CREAM
7TH MAY | 12 PM - 8 PM

Mention Demarest PTO when you order and a portion of the check will go directly back to the PTO for our schools

40TH ANNUAL Demarest 5k run for your health

Sunday
May 18, 2025
9:30 AM 5K // 10:30 AM Fun Run
Demarest5k.org

Call for Race Volunteers!

We need race week and race day volunteers! We have plenty of opportunities to get involved and be a part of this fun event.

Click on the link below to
volunteer!

<https://tinyurl.com/yvfhb9db>

Questions?

Email Demarest5k@demarestpto.org

scan here
to
volunteer



To volunteer, click on tinyurl.com/yvfhb9db.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 5 - 9

MONDAY

STAFF LUNCH

Happy Cinco de Mayo!
Enjoy a Mexican fiesta in
the Staff Lounge.

TUESDAY

I SCREAM

I scream, you scream, we
all scream for ice cream!
The ice cream truck is
coming!

WEDNESDAY

BAGEL BREAKFAST

Thank you for everything
you do 'round here. Enjoy
bagels in the Staff Lounge.

THURSDAY

ROLLING CART

The treat cart is rolling
your way to say thank you
for all you do everyday!



FRIDAY

A GIFT FOR YOU

Our students are so lucky
to hang with you! Thank
you for all you do!

Thanks to your generous support and contributions throughout the year, the PTO is thrilled to sponsor a fun-filled week to celebrate our INCREDIBLE teachers and staff!

Luther Lee Emerson and The Demarest PTO present:

4th Grade Moving Up Celebration

**LUNCH, DESSERT, DJ,
GAMES, KEEPSAKES
AND FUN!**

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 18, 2025**

Following the Moving Up ceremony, there will be a celebration for the students made possible with the generous support from the 4th grade parents and a contribution from the PTO

We kindly request \$35 per student, which can be made on Membership Toolkit (demarestpto.org) by May 7th. Please also indicate on Membership Toolkit your child's T-shirt size.

If you would like to sponsor a certain aspect of the party as well, please email LLEVP@demarestpto.org

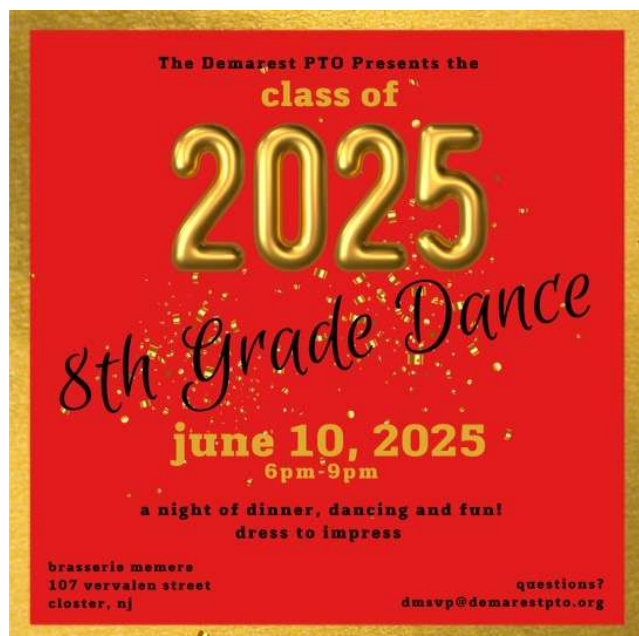


DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

The PTO is seeking 1 volunteer for the **CRS Field Day Coordinator**. If interested, please email secretary@demarestpto.org. Please note that you must be a PTO member to volunteer

for any PTO positions.



DEMAREST PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

A Tradition of Serving Demarest Schools for Over 80 Years

*Interested in volunteering as a
PTO Board Member?*

The experience is not only gratifying and fun, but it's also a great way to give back to the schools and the community

The positions that are open for the next school year are:

President/Co-President
Board Secretary
CRS Vice President
LLE Vice President
DMS Vice President

For descriptions of each position and details on the application process, please go to www.demarestpto.org

The deadline to submit applications is May 16, 2025

Questions? Feel free to reach out to us at
president@demarestpto.org or secretary@demarestpto.org

The Demarest PTO invites you to

**Thanks a
Brunch!
Volunteers,
Parents &
Members!**

Advance registration required
so that we can order food
accordingly!

RSVP @

<https://forms.gle/Srg8629ZoAKL7Vub6>

**Tuesday, 6/3 at 8:30am
in the DMS Cafeteria**

**Thank
you! :)**



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Friends of the Demarest Free Public Library

TILE WALL FUNDRAISER


Leave your family's legacy on the library walls forever
Open to all Demarest residents (not just children)

Each 6"x6" ceramic tile is \$125
For families painting more than 1 tile, each additional tile is \$100




Proceeds will be used to support additional library programming and materials
Visit www.demarestlibrary.org/friends to see how the Friends support the library

The tile wall will be installed in the downstairs program room,
in a spot visible from the children's room

Painting Sessions
Sunday, May 4 3:00pm-4:00pm
Friday, May 9 3:30pm-4:30pm
Saturday, May 10 10:00am-11:00am
Thursday, May 15 3:30pm-4:30pm
Friday, May 16 9:30am-10:30am

To Register


Questions: friends@demarest.bocls.org

Friends of the Demarest Free Public Library is an IRS designated 501 (c)(3)

AUTHOR TALK by Glen Coleman

Author of *Teaching in the New Crazy*

Thursday, May 15 2025
6:00-7:00 PM

90 Hardenburgh Ave, Demarest



Dr. Glen Coleman, a Closter resident, will talk about one of the biggest questions educators face today - how to teach and reach students in our new chaotic normal. From book bans to AI to a loneliness epidemic, teachers find themselves in an existential quandary. He'd like to have opportunities to share actionable strategies to employ in and out of the classroom with fellow teachers and parents.

Coleman has been teaching social studies at River Dell High School for over twenty-six years. He organizes his teaching around essential questions to encourage divergent thinking and believes students must be afforded ample opportunities to fail "gloriously" and try again. When given those opportunities with the support of

constructive feedback and a caring community, all boats rise. In 2019 Glen was named an HP Teaching Fellow for helping to reinvent the classroom and employing powerful learning with technology. His work has been praised as innovative by two former NJ Commissioners of Education. His publications include articles for the JEA Review and Digital Promise.



DEMAREST RECREATION CAMP

June 23rd- August 1st

9:00 Am - 2:00 PM

For Students entering Kindergarten to 8th
Grade as of September 2025

**\$700
6 WEEKS
DEMAREST
RESIDENT**

**\$800
6 WEEKS
NON
RESIDENT**

**\$200
PER
INDIVIDUAL
WEEK**

The price will increase by \$50 after June 1st!

**Registration Opens
March 21st**

www.demarestrecamp.membershiptoolkit.com

Camp is located at Luther Lee Elementary School on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays. Tuesdays the camp will be at Demarest Pool and Thursdays are camp trip day.

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Tutor.com

ONLINE TUTORING AND HOMEWORK HELP PROVIDED TO DEMAREST K-8 STUDENTS FREE OF CHARGE!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE
DEMAREST SCHOOL DISTRICT HOMEPAGE!**

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