



Demarest PTO Newsletter



Week of May 12, 2025

UPCOMING CALENDAR



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
Tue 5/27 LLE Field Day
Fri 5/30 Spirit Wear



Tue 6/3 Thanks a Brunch, DMS, 8:30am
Wed 6/4 Field Day – DMS
Thu 6/5 8th Grade BBQ
Fri 6/6 Spirit Wear
Tue 6/10 8th Grade Dance
Fri 6/13 Spirit Wear
Tue 6/17 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
Wed 6/18 4th Grade Moving Up Ceremony, LLE, 9:30am
Wed 6/18 8th Grade Graduation, DMS, 6pm
Thu 6/19 Last Day of School – Half Day, PTO party

NOTEWORTHY



SAVE THE DATE - The **Back to School Blast** will be back this **Fall 2025! Friday, 9/12**. Flyer below.



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.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Belated Mother's Day wishes to all the amazing Demarest moms! We hope your weekend was filled with relaxation, appreciation, and perhaps a well-deserved break from the chaos.

Let's rewind for a second: Last week's No Homework Night at El Taco Bar and Daniela's Ice Cream...a total hit! Thanks to everyone who showed up, chowed down, and supported our PTO!

We also had a week full of appreciation—**Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week was a RESOUNDING SUCCESS!** Thanks to the amazing committee who made it all possible. From themed treats to thoughtful touches, the week was packed with gratitude and garnished with rave reviews from our phenomenal staff. **Huge kudos to the team that made it all happen**—you served up a five-star week with a side of unforgettable!

Now, let's talk about what's coming up: the Principal's Challenge wraps up this week with the final session! But don't hang up your sneakers just yet—because the **Demarest 5K is THIS Sunday, May 18!** Whether you're sprinting, strolling, or cheering from the sidelines with coffee in hand, it's the event of the season. **Be sure to check the flyer below for race bib & shirt pickup details.** And **don't miss the Hero Fun Run at 10:30am**—free, fun, and open to all our little ones.

Lastly, we're still on the lookout for **new PTO Board members for next year**. Want to get involved, stay in the know, and help shape another amazing year at Demarest? Check the flyer below for open positions. **Submissions are due Friday, May 16**, and we'd love to have you on board!

With thanks, energy, and the determination to cross that 5K finish line—whether we're sprinting or just taking our time to appreciate the view,
Batool & Lauren

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS



Nothing but smiles! Our amazing teachers posed with just one of the many tokens of appreciation during a week filled with gratitude, treats, and heartfelt thanks. Huge kudos to the committee for making the magic happen!



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

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Demarest 40th 5K run is just around the corner!

There is still time to sign up!

Come join us on this fun community event

Sunday May 18, 2025

Please note: Event is rain or shine!

Early race bib & shirt pick up is available:

Thursday May 15 - 3:15 PM - 6:30 PM

Friday May 16 - 3:15 PM - 6:30 PM

Pick up at County Road School

130 County Road, Demarest NJ

to help on race day sign up here:

To volunteer, visit tinyurl.com/yvfhb9db

In addition to the 5K, we also have our exciting

Hero Fun Run

where the little ones can run alongside the heroes of our community, the Police, the Volunteer Firefighters, the Volunteer Corps, and more!

****Free and open to all children of the community and their families****

****No registration required!****

****We love our furry friends but no dogs are allowed on race day for the safety of the runners****

Don't miss out on this amazing community event!

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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



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**NEW
LLE PLAYGROUND
PROJECT!**

**THANKS TO GENEROUS
DONATIONS FROM THE
READ-A-THON AND SPRING GALA
WE ARE CLOSER THAN EVER!
BUT STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

**TENTATIVELY
SCHEDULED
FOR
INSTALLATION
IN
LATE 2026**

****RENDERING IS NOT THE FINAL DESIGN**

DEMAREST PTO NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL
BLAST**

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12**

4PM - 7PM

**GAMES, FOOD, & FUN
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

@ LLE

OPEN TO ALL DEMAREST SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES

TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS EVENT, PLEASE EMAIL
PRESIDENT@demarestpto.org

The Demarest PTO Presents the
class of
2025
8th Grade Dance

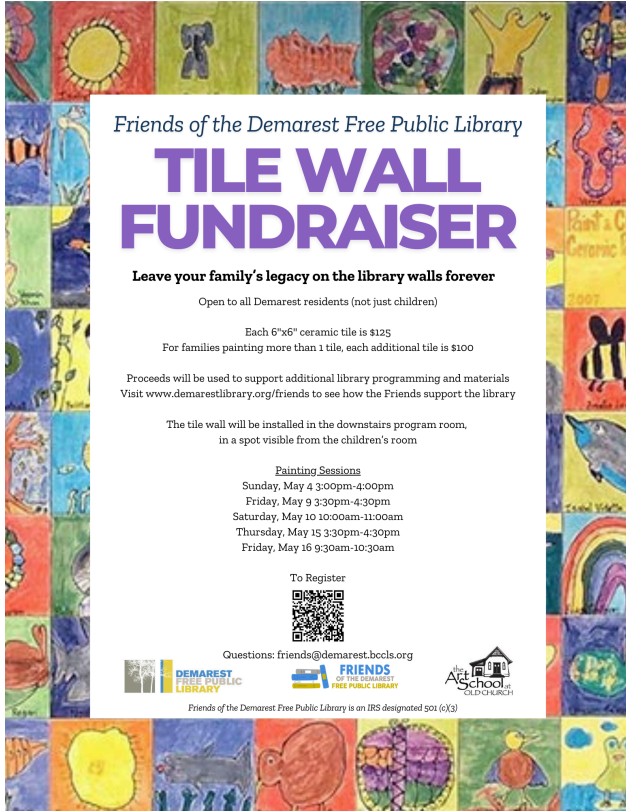
june 10, 2025
6pm-9pm

a night of dinner, dancing and fun!
dress to impress

brasserie memere
107 vervalen street
closter, nj

questions?
dmsvp@demarestpto.org

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.bcpls.org

DEMAREST FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY **FRIENDS OF THE DEMAREST FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY** **THE SCHOOL IS OLD CHURCH**



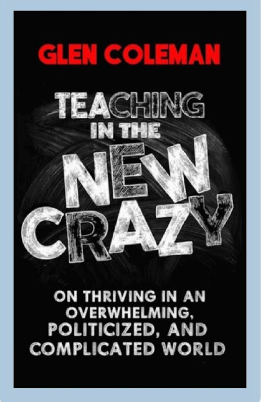
Friends of the Demarest Free Public Library is an IRS designated 501 (c)(3)



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

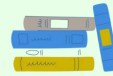




Dr. Glen Coleman, a Closter resident, will talk about one of the biggest questions educators face today - how to teach and reach students in our new chaotic normal. From book bans to AI to a loneliness epidemic, teachers find themselves in an existential quandary. He'd like to have opportunities to share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

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FRIENDS
OF THE DEMAREST
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY



ORIGAMI STORYTIME & CRAFT

At the Children's Room of the
Demarest Public Library
Ages 6+
No Registration Required



Create your own Origami!



Wednesday, May 14
3:30 - 4:15 pm

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!**

<https://nj01001706.schoolwires.net/Page/4450>