



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of February 12, 2024

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

- Tue 2/13 Valentine's Day Kits pick up, Train Station
- Tue 2/13 BOE COW and Regular Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Wed 2/14 Valentine's Day Class Party
- Wed 2/14 DMS Hot Chocolate Truck, 8am
- Fri 2/16 Spirit Friday
- Mon 2/19 – Fri 2/23 Mid-Winter Recess – Schools Closed



MARCH

- Fri 3/1 Spirit Friday
- Wed 3/6 – Thu 3/7 DMS Book Fair
- Fri 3/8 Spirit Friday
- Sat 3/16 International Heritage Day
- Thu 3/21 – Fri 3/22 DMS Musical
- Tue 3/26 Me & My - CRS
- Fri 3/29 Good Friday – Schools Closed

## NOTEWORTHY



Check out the super helpful [Quick Links](#) section on [www.demarestpto.org](http://www.demarestpto.org). Be sure to read through this newsletter for lots of upcoming volunteer info!



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** To become a member and 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](http://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

Dear Demarest Families,

Exciting news alert!!!!!! The **CRS Playground addition** is officially **open** for play! It's not just a playground addition, it's a testament to the incredible **generosity** and **community spirit of our Demarest Families** and **PTO**. Thanks to their boundless kindness and support, we were able to play a big part in making this a reality! Let the adventures begin! (Check out the pic below!)

This week, we bid farewell to the **Winter Enrichment session**, with only the **Tuesday** Enrichment classes **extending** for **two additional sessions** (after the Winter Break) to make up for earlier weather-related cancellations. We hope your students have thoroughly enjoyed their classes, and we extend our heartfelt **thanks** to the **Enrichment Committee** for their dedication in providing enriching experiences for our children.

Don't forget to swing by the train station between **2-4pm** on **Tuesday, 2/13**, to pick up your **Valentine's Cookie Kit** for some tasty cookie decorating fun! We extend a big thank you to the volunteers who organized this delightful treat for our kiddos – they're the real icing on the cookie! **There's plenty of volunteer action on the horizon, be sure to check out all the opportunities below!**

As we gear up for Winter Break next week, don't forget to mark your calendars for the exciting events lined up for when we return. From **CRS** and **LLE Me & My Dances** to **Spring Fundraiser** meetings, the exclusive performance by Mr. Regan at the **DMS Bookfair**, and the Shrek-tastic **DMS Musical**, there is something for everyone. And guess what?! The **Principal's Challenge** is BACK this year (be sure to find registration details below), so get ready for a post Winter Break marathon of community fun!

Happy Valentine's Week!

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**Demarest PTO Co-Presidents**  
[president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org)

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS



### NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!!!

One of the best parts of our 5K is our amazing

Principal's Challenge Training Program  
brought to you by

nextlevel  
CAMPS

for grades K-8 starting the last week of March!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER,  
VISIT [demarest5k.org](http://demarest5k.org)

Any questions?

Please email [demarest5k@demarestpto.org](mailto:demarest5k@demarestpto.org)



The **Principal's Challenge** is a gradual training program leading up to the 5K that is run at **CRS**, **LLE**, and **DMS**. Demarest school children (K-8) participate and run weekly with their Principal to build healthy habits, stamina, and sportsmanship. \*\*\*Registration for Principal's Challenge only available at [www.demarest5k.org](http://www.demarest5k.org)\*\*\*



The PTO is seeking 6 volunteers for the **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Committee**. If interested, please email Leslie at [llep@demarestpto.org](mailto:llep@demarestpto.org).

Please note that you **must** be a PTO member to volunteer for any PTO positions.



The PTO is seeking 4 volunteers for the **CRS Me & My Dance** and 4 volunteers for the **LLE Me & My Dance**. **Must** be a PTO member to volunteer. Please contact Lana for CRS at [crsvp@demarestpto.org](mailto:crsvp@demarestpto.org) and Leslie for LLE at [llep@demarestpto.org](mailto:llep@demarestpto.org).



Mark your calendars for the **DMS Book Fair - Wednesday, 3/6 and Thursday, 3/7**. Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair during their LA classes. Explore and purchase books highly recommended by our very own DMS teachers... stay tuned for more exciting details!

**DEMAREST PTO FUN-RAISER  
VOLUNTEER MEETING  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 6 @ 7:45-9:00 PM**

**DON'T MISS IT**

SUPPORT THE PTO - OPEN TO ALL!  
MIX & MINGLE WITH NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS  
ENJOY REFRESHMENTS WHILE SHARING IDEAS,  
SECURE SPONSORS & DONATIONS  
HELP OUR SCHOOLS!

EMAIL [SPRINGFUNRAISER@DEMARESTPTO.ORG](mailto:SPRINGFUNRAISER@DEMARESTPTO.ORG)  
TO RSVP & RECEIVE MEETING LOCATION DETAILS



## DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



Thanks to the PTO and generous donors, CRS has added an addition to the existing playground.



**PTO Membership** includes eligibility for After School Enrichment Program, PTO Committee positions, and more. Discounted admission is also available to members for certain PTO-sponsored

events. Additionally, members can access our online directory of PTO member families. Be sure to purchase your membership today!



Wear your **Spirit Wear** items or school colors every **Friday** to get points for the week!

**PLEASE NOTE**

**CONTACT US**

The best way to contact us is by emailing [president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org). We may not get to any other form of communication (such as Facebook Messenger) on a timely basis. If you are interested in submitting news for the newsletter, please email [ptonews@demarestpto.org](mailto:ptonews@demarestpto.org) by 3pm, Friday of each week.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**LUNAR NEW YEAR 2024**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at the Demarest Library with read aloud stories, games, snacks and a festive craft led by the Korean PTO and Teen Advisory Board!

Date/time: Feb 12th 3:30 – 4:30 pm  
Location: Children's Room @ Demarest Library  
No registration required

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Help our Hungry Neighbors: Donate food for **Dumont/Norwood Food Pantry!**

Upcoming collections: Monday, **March 4**

Drop Off: **8 John Street**

Sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A4AA2EA1FB6-dumont#/>

**COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd**

  
*Valentine's Day*  
**BABYSITTING NIGHT  
FUNDRAISER**

Drop your kids off at the library for movies, crafts and games with TAB babysitters, while you enjoy a night out for Valentine's Day!

**At the Demarest Public Library  
February 14th, 5:00pm - 7:30pm**

*Pizza, drinks and snacks will be served*

**\$20 per child - Cash only please, at the door  
Children should be age 5 and up**

**Space is limited and registration is required.**



**Friends of the Demarest Library  
Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

*Celebrate*  
**Black History Month**

**Tuesday, February 27th  
3:30 - 4:30 pm**



**Honoring Inventors  
George Crum & Lewis Latimer  
with storytime, crafts, and snacks**



**Suitable for children ages 5 +  
Register here →**

