



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of November 28, 2022

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



November

Wed 11/30 First Day of LLE Book Fair



December

Thu 12/1 Last Day of LLE Book Fair – Family Fun Night

Fri 12/2 DMS Musical Auditions

Fri 12/2 Spirit Friday

Fri 12/9 Spirit Friday

Tue 12/13 BOE COW and Regular Meeting, CRS, 7pm

Wed 12/14 No Homework Night Fundraiser, TBD

Fri 12/16 Spirit Friday

Fri 12/23 Holiday Recess – Half Day

Mon 12/26 – Holiday Recess – No School

Fri 12/30

2023 January 2023

Tue 1/3 BOE Reorganization Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm

Fri 1/6 Spirit Friday

Thu 1/12 PTO Meeting, DMS, 8:30am

## NOTEWORTHY



Stay tuned for info on the **holiday staff appreciation lunches!**



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** New members can purchase membership at [demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://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](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

**Demarest**, welcome back! We hope you had an amazing and relaxing **Thanksgiving** holiday weekend. That sure did fly by, and it's already Monday again.

While you had some downtime, you may have thought 'wow, we sure need something to read'. Well guess what? We can fix that for you! 'How', you ask? You guessed it, the **BOOK FAIR** is back.

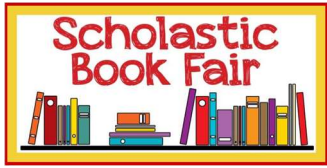
Let's talk about an event for everyone. You guessed it, it's the **Book Fair** again. Over two days, **Nov 30th** and **Dec 1st**, the **LLE gym** will transform into an oasis of publications. There will absolutely be something for everyone. On Wednesday, we will have **after hours** for **pre-K families** only from **3:15pm to 4pm**. After that, from **4pm to 5pm**, all are welcome. On **Thursday, 12/1**, we will have the second annual **Family night**. These hours will be **3:15pm to 5:30pm**.

What happens at **Family Night**??!! Let us tell you! **Mr. Mazzini** will do **story time**, the **DPD** will bring some **treats**, and there will be raffle prizes. Also, please don't forget to return your **scavenger hunt forms** to your teacher for a chance for your classroom to **win gift certificate** towards classroom library. Important: please don't forget, there are two ways to contribute to the classroom library. One is by purchasing books at the fair and the other is by contributing to your classroom teacher e-wallet. E-wallet links can be obtained by contacting the class parent or teacher.

We encourage all families to get involved! We are a completely volunteer driven organization – so the more help we have the better! If you have not yet joined the PTO, sign up here ([demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com)) Please volunteer and get involved!

Have a great week,  
Vanessa and Mary  
**Demarest PTO Co-Presidents**  
[president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org)

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS



The annual CRS/LLE Book Fair will be held on **Wednesday, 11/30** for CRS students (grades K-1) and **Thursday, 12/1** for LLE

students. **Pre-K students** are welcome to attend after school hours with a parent or guardian on **Wednesday, 12/1 3:15pm - 4pm**. All families are welcome **Wednesday, 11/30 4pm - 5pm** and **Thursday, 12/1 3:15pm - 5:30pm**. Visit the link below for more information regarding **volunteer opportunities**, signing up for a cash-free payment option (**eWallet**), and details on our **Family Fun Night** with Mr. Mazzini as our guest reader, special raffle prizes, and a special visit from the DPD! <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/demarestfair>



# Got Books?

Donate your gently used books  
to children in need  
Benefiting Hindi's Libraries

**November 28th - December 2nd**

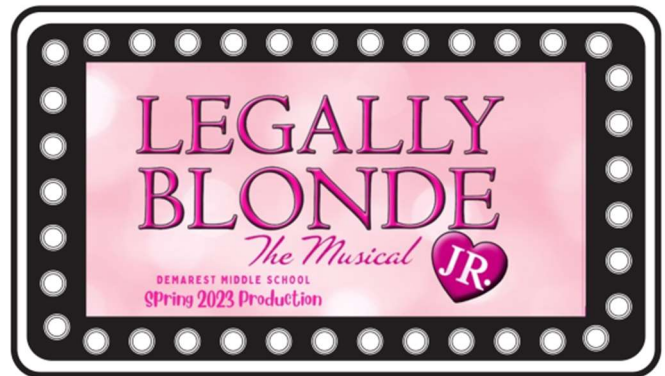
Drop off your donations at the bins located  
outside both schools all week!

More opportunities to donate books  
after school at our extended Book Fair hours  
on November 30th and December 1st!



The **PTO Enrichment Committee** is excited to announce the new After School Enrichment **WINTER** program! Classes will run **01/09 – 02/17**. Brand new classes including but not limited to Food Science, Little Vet School, Film 101, and Magic Illusions! Also returning are fan favorites such as Grit Ninja, Chess, and Fashion Bag Designers. Our **Spring Enrichment Program** will run from **March to May** – more details to come! Winter Enrichment registration is available **NOW** until 11/30 through **Membership Toolkit**. Please note that students must be registered PTO members to be able to enroll in enrichment.

**DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL  
AND THE PTO PROUDLY PRESENT**



**SHOW DATES: MARCH 30 & 31ST**

**Auditions** are on **Friday, 12/2, 3:15pm to 5:15pm**. Sign up at: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea8a722aaf5c61-dmsmusical](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea8a722aaf5c61-dmsmusical)

**Rehearsal Dates** are on the following **Wednesdays** at **3:15pm to 5:15pm**: **1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22** and **Friday, 3/10, 3:15pm to 5:15pm**.

**Mandatory dress rehearsal** is on **Wednesday, 3/29, 3:15pm to 6pm**. You may not miss more than 2 rehearsals, and they must be cleared beforehand.

**Registration Info**: Once auditions are complete, you will register on Membership Toolkit. **Families must be PTO members to enroll**. Parts will not be announced until after registration. **Fee is \$180** for cast members. Crew registration and details will be given at a later date. Please email [juliefein@gmail.com](mailto:juliefein@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



Access the [Membership Toolkit Directory](#) for the **2022 – 2023** school year! PTO Membership includes eligibility for After School Enrichment Programs, 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 for parties and play dates! Be sure to purchase your membership today!

Looking for a great opportunity to join in and help the PTO? We are seeking a new Committee Coordinator for the Demarest 5K! Please contact Grace Lee at [secretary@demarestpto.org](mailto:secretary@demarestpto.org) for more information regarding this position.

CRS, LLE & DMS



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

### Support Demarest PTO.

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

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Please use this link to choose **Demarest PTO** as the non-profit you are supporting:  
[bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO](https://bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Demarest Schools - SACC Demarest



### SACC Demarest

The YMCA is still looking for at least two people to work for our Demarest SACC program.

Contact Sharon Twiddy at [SharonT@wyckoffymca.org](mailto:SharonT@wyckoffymca.org)  
201-891-2081 ext. 149

### Korean Demarest Parents Association



Calling **all** students who are currently enrolled in Taekwondo! We are looking for students in all grades **K – 8** to perform at the annual **Lunar New Year** assembly on **Friday, 1/27**. Help us ring in the Year of the Rabbit! For

more information and to register, please email [demarestkdpa@gmail.com](mailto:demarestkdpa@gmail.com).

### Teen Advisory Board

**Homework Help/Reading Buddies Program** will be

suspended until after the new year.

Please contact the TAB if you have any questions at

[DemarestTAB@gmail.com](mailto:DemarestTAB@gmail.com).



## COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



### DEMAREST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

#### EXTREMELY URGENT!

**Girls 3rd/4th Grade Rec basketball will be cancelled, if we cannot get a coach!**

**If we cannot secure a coach by Tuesday Evening, we will have to cancel their season and have registrations be refunded.**

**Please note, the season runs from Jan. - March, with one to two games a week (usually earlier in the week and Saturdays). Note: no games MLK or Presidents week.**

**There is no need to run practice, just to be there on game day. We can also find a high school assistant to help you out.**

**As always, any help is greatly appreciated. The program cannot run without your help. Hence, if any parents would like to help out at any age group for Boys/Girls, it will make an impact.**

-DAA Rec Basketball

Interested in  
Cub Scouting?



**JOIN  
TODAY**

#### Fun! Friends! Adventure!

Girls & Boys, Grades K – 5, are invited to join the Cub Scouts. Now is a great time to **START SCOUTING!**

Adventures include camping, model building and racing (Pinewood Derby), Field trips, games and

achievements with your den and overnights at museums and aquariums.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed strictly! Scouting Questions? Contact Cubmaster Leslie Correa at [cmclosterpack20@gmail.com](mailto:cmclosterpack20@gmail.com) or Committee Chair Andrew Correa at [bigbearpack20@gmail.com](mailto:bigbearpack20@gmail.com). You can also contact Demarest Parents Kathleen Doshi ([kazwebb@gmail.com](mailto:kazwebb@gmail.com)) and Maxine Nakamura ([wallybella@hotmail.com](mailto:wallybella@hotmail.com)).



#### Demarest Library Updates

Visit the website for more information about upcoming programs: [www.demarestlibrary.org](http://www.demarestlibrary.org) and subscribe to Miss Cara's newsletter for weekly email updates. Register for programs at: [bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest](http://bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest)

#### Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 4 and up)

Thursday, 12/1, 4 to 5pm @ Demarest Library  
Children can build confidence and practice reading one-on-one with an adorable and loving therapy dog! Children may register for one 10-minute session each day that the program is offered.

#### Korean Storytime

Monday, 12/5, 3:30 to 4pm – Korean Storytimes are coming back! Join us at the Demarest Library on 12/5 for Korean read aloud stories, read by a community volunteer! This monthly program is offered in partnership with the Korean Demarest Parents Association.

#### Demarest Middle School

# CALLING ALL

## Coffee Lovers ☕☕

**DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL IS ON A MISSION TO HELP REDUCE THE IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS!**

**WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP BY SAVING & DROPPING OFF USED K-CUP COFFEE PODS TO THE WOODEN BOX NEAR THE CORNER OF NORTHWOOD AVE. & PIERMONT RD.**

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF RECYCLING 10,000 PLASTIC PODS!**

