

# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of March 3, 2025

### **UPCOMING CALENDAR**

\*\*\*\* MARCH \*\*\*

Wed 3/5 – DMS Book Fair

Thu 3/6

Wed 3/5 Last Day – Register for Spring Enrichment

Fri 3/7 Spirit Friday

Sat 3/8 International Heritage Day
Tue 3/11 COW Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm
Wed 3/12 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm

Thu 3/13 No Homework Night Fundraiser, TBD

Fri 3/14 Spirit Friday

Fri 3/14 Spring Fundraiser Gala, Alpine CC, 8pm
Tue 3/18 Preliminary Budget & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm

Thu 3/20 – DMS Musical

Fri 3/21

Fri 3/21 Spirit Friday Mon 3/24 Half Day

Tue 3/25 CRS Me & My Dance, LLE, 5:30pm

Fri 3/28 Spirit Friday

## NOTEWORTHY



Last day to register for Spring Enrichment is Wednesday, 3/5!



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



Stay up to date by visiting our website at <a href="https://www.demarestpto.org">www.demarestpto.org</a>. Like us on Facebook at Demarest PTO and follow us on Instagram at demarestpto.



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

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### PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Happy Monday, Demarest Families! As we March toward Spring, it's time for a week of literary adventures! CRS and LLE will be celebrating Read Across America Week, so get ready for a pageturning good time. And here's a plot twist you'll love—every CRS student will receive a complimentary copy of the Principal's One School, One Book selection, courtesy of the Demarest PTO! Meanwhile, over at LLE, students are pumped for a special author visit from none other than the co-author of Save Me a Seat! It's going to be an unforgettable week of books, stories, and inspiration!

But wait, DMS isn't about to be left out of the bookish fun! The Scholastic Book Fair is HERE, folks! Classes will explore the fair during the day, but even more magic happens at our Family Fun extravaganza on Thursday, 3/6, at 3:15pm. We're talking sweet treats, a must-see performance by the one and only Mr. Regan, and a chance to chat with some of our amazing teachers. Don't miss it—it's going to be a bestseller of an event!

Speaking of teachers, let's show them some bookish love! Want to make your LA teacher's day? Drop a little reading magic into their eWallet (details below or check your email) and help stock their shelves with fantastic reads.

And the excitement doesn't stop there! International Heritage Day is THIS Saturday, 3/8, from 12pm – 2:30pm! LLE's gym will transform into a World Expo—no passport required! Skip the airport security lines and dive straight into a global celebration of mouthwatering cuisine, cultural crafts, and vibrant traditions. More details in the flyer below!

Last but not least, this is your **LAST** week to snag **Early Bird pricing** for the **Spring Gala**! This adults-only evening of elegance (and serious fun) is packed with delicious food, fantastic raffles, a live auction, and the best company in town. Secure your tickets before this **Friday**, **3/7**, because after that, the price goes up—and trust us, if you miss it - you will regret it!

Have a great week!
Batool & Lauren
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
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### DEMAREST PTO NEWS



DMS Book Fair is next week!!! Wednesday, 3/5 and Thursday, 3/6. Each grade level will attend the book fair during the day following a schedule provided by the school. Cash, checks, credit card, Apple Pay, and eWallet accepted.

If you would like to make a **contribution** towards the **LA** and reading teachers' classroom libraries, copy/paste the links below to the grade level digital book fund:

5th Grade: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/5thClassBooks">https://tinyurl.com/6thClassBooks</a>
7th Grade: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/7thClassBooks">https://tinyurl.com/7thClassBooks</a>
8th Grade: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/8thClassBooks">https://tinyurl.com/8thClassBooks</a>

DMS Family Fun Book Fair event on Thursday, 3/6 from 3:15pm until 5pm for all DMS families!!!

- \*Mr. Regan along with some of our very own DMS teachers will be present. This will be a great opportunity to mingle while shopping for books and helping our school!
- \*Enjoy exclusive performance by Mr. Regan!
- \*A "Teacher Class Wish List" table will be available at the Book Fair for parents to purchase books selected by our teachers to be donated to their LA or reading classrooms.
- \*The PTO will be hosting a hot chocolate and s'mores truck!!!
- \*If you would like to volunteer to help at the book fair, please keep an eye out for the signup link.
- \*If you would like to create an eWallet for your child to spend money at the book fair click

https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/dmsbooks for a cashless/cardless option\*



This is a very special auction since it's the 10<sup>th</sup> one the PTO has run. It offers amazing experiences with your children's teachers, special Demarest town experiences as well as a variety of unique items from fabulous businesses in our area.

# THE DEMAREST PTO SPRING GALA

ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB Friday March 14, 2025 8PM-11PM

#### FOOD | DRINKS | RAFFLES| LIVE AUCTION

Tickets available for purchase NOW on membership toolkit!

Cocktail Attire

Early Bird pricing available NOW until Friday, 3/7 for the Demarest Gala on March 14<sup>th</sup>! Click on the link for the membership toolkit store below to get your tickets! Go to Membership Toolkit at

demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com to purchase today!

### **DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd**



Join us for International Heritage Day! Travel to Belarus, Ireland, and the Netherlands Saturday, 3/8 12-2:30pm at Luther Lee Emerson School.

Always a highlight of our school year, International Heritage Day (IHD) celebrates the

diversity of our community. Various countries are represented each year by families wanting to share world cultures with our kids through food, games and activities. If you are interested in volunteering to help a country during IHD, please let us know by emailing us at: <a href="mailto:heritageday@demarestpto.org">heritageday@demarestpto.org</a>.

Looking forward to having our kids and the community take another trip around the world.





The PTO is seeking 4 volunteers for the CRS Me & My Dance and 4 volunteers for the LLE Me & My Dance. <u>Must</u> be a PTO member to volunteer. Please contact Grace for CRS at <a href="mailto:crsvp@demarestpto.org">crsvp@demarestpto.org</a> and Leslie for LLE at

llevp@demarestpto.org.



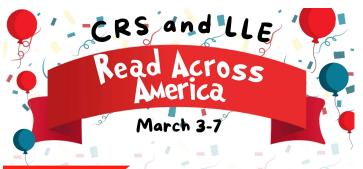
Wear your Spirit Wear items or school colors (red and white) every Friday! Email with the new fall lineup coming soon!!!



Don't forget to register for the Principals Challenge! This fun 6-week event prepares students to run the 5k or the fun run! Any student in K – 8th grade is encouraged to sign up for this exciting opportunity. All students who sign up receive automatic entry into the race on race day too! Questions? Please contact <a href="Demarest5k@demarestpto.org">Demarest5k@demarestpto.org</a> and we will get back to you asap.



### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



Mon 3/3

Book donations start today! Click <u>here</u> for flyer Author visit for <u>Save Me a Seat</u> at LLE One School One <u>Book</u> for CRS starts! CRS/LLE teachers read their favorite childhood book to their class!

Tues 3/4

Dress as your favorite book character today!

Wed 3/5

Wacky Wednesday Wear wacky clothes! Students will also view a wacky slideshow of their peers reading in wacky places!

Thurs 3/6

Book Buddy Day! Mystery guest readers for Pre-k/Kindergarten Yth Grade reading buddies with 1st Grade 2nd and 3rd Grade reading buddies

Fri 3/7

Wear your pajamas and bring in a small stuffed animal for DEAR time!







**SAT, MARCH 22 10 AM - 12 PM** 









### **DEMAREST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

The following programs are available for K - Gr 8 girls and boys:

- K Tee ball

- Gr 1 Boys Baseball

- Gr 1/2 Girls Softball - Gr 2 Boys Baseball

- Gr 3/4 Girls Softball - Gr 3/4 Boys Baseball

- Gr 5/6 Girls Softball - Gr 5/6 Boys Baseball

- Gr 7/8 Girls Softball - Gr 7/8 Boys Baseball

Registration is open on CommunityPass (follow the link on the DAA website <u>www.daarec.org</u>) for Demarest from now through Friday, March 14. Regular registration ends 3/8.

Please contact DAA for more info:

Baseball: Mitch Jain mitch@daarec.org

Softball: Stephanie Dunatov stephanie@daarec.org

