



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of March 28, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR



MARCH

Tue 3/29 Start of Principal's Challenge – LLE, CRS
Wed 3/30 Start of Principal's Challenge – DMS



APRIL

Fri 4/1 Spirit Friday
Fri 4/8 5th/6th Grade Dance, DMS, 7pm
Fri 4/8 Spirit Friday
Tue 4/12 COW Meeting, LLE, 5:30pm
Fri 4/15 – Good Friday & Spring Recess – All Schools
Fri 4/22 Closed
Tue 4/26 Public Budget Hearing & BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm
Fri 4/29 Spirit Friday



MAY

Thu 5/5 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm
Fri 5/6 Spirit Friday
Tue 5/10 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
Fri 5/13 Spirit Friday
Sat 5/14 Spring Fundraiser Gala

NOTEWORTHY



Dress in your running clothes for the **Principal's Challenge**. Starts Tuesday!



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

Hi **Demarest Families!** We hear it's actually Spring, who would know? We see snowflakes as we type this! Fingers crossed that these were the last ones, as Spring is busy!

We hope all our **first-grade** families enjoyed **last week's show**. Word on the street was that it was adorable. We are so thankful for the return of these opportunities. They are such special memories.

Reminder, **Enrichment** is now over. So, it's back to regular dismissal time. If your class is having a makeup, you will be reminded (via email) two days in advance. We hope everyone had an awesome time! *Classes taught by Mr. Stokes have two more weeks.

Guess what starts tomorrow!!?? The **Principal's Challenge!** There is still time to sign up! Don't miss out on your chance to run with **Mr. Mazzini** and **Mr. Regan!** Register at www.demarest5k.org. Please take a look below, for more information on the **5k**. There is something for everyone at this awesome event. We can't wait to see you on race day!

We are thrilled to welcome the return of the **5th and 6th grade dance!** The dance is next Friday (**April 8th**) from **7-9pm**. Tickets are available on Membership Toolkit and we hope everyone is as excited as we are!

Graduation will be here before we know it! What an exciting time for our **eighth graders**. Parents, just a reminder to send in your **collection contribution**. Your generosity makes this event so fantastic.

The **PTO Spring Fundraiser** still needs your help. Did you just ask, "how?" Consider helping by donating an auction item. Maybe you have sports/theater tickets, experiences, restaurants, or super cool items. These could all make great auction items, and greatly contribute to raising funds for our schools. If you want to donate, volunteer, or have ideas/questions, please email us at: springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week,
Vanessa and Mary
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS



The **Principal's Challenge** starts **THIS WEEK!**

There is still time to register!

Go to: www.demarest5k.org

CRS: Every Tuesday, starting 3/29, 3:10pm – 3:45pm.

LLE: Every Tuesday, starting 3/29, 7:30am – 8:10am

DMS: Every Wednesday, starting 3/30, 3:10pm – 4:00pm

** The Principal's Challenge is for **students only**.

If you are interested in **volunteering** to help at **LLE** or **DMS** for **Principal's Challenge**, please contact demarest5k@demarestpto.org. We need your help!

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors!

Demarest 5K Title Sponsor:



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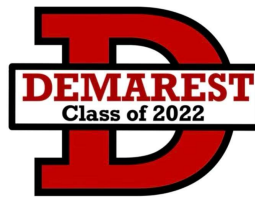
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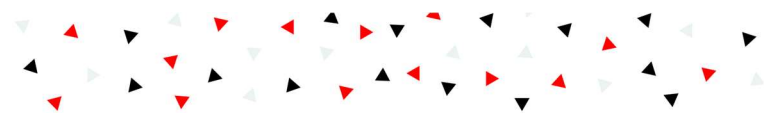


Principal's Challenge Sponsors:



8th Grade Graduation Collection

We are so excited for our 8th graders as they begin their transition from middle school to high school! With graduation festivities just a few months away, we are feverishly working to make this a very memorable occasion for all our children. We are coordinating quite a few exciting activities and keepsakes for our **DMS Class of 2022**. We kindly request a contribution of **\$45 per student as soon as possible**. Please contribute via Membership Toolkit.



GET READY FOR FUN AND DANCE!

The Demarest PTO presents

5th/6th Grade Dance

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL (GYM)

Friday, April 8, 2022 | 7 PM - 9 PM

Desserts and drinks will be served

Tickets available online until 4/7

\$10 PTO members | \$15 non-members

demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com

Tickets at the door \$15 cash only

Questions? dmsvp@demarestpto.org

The PTO is excited to announce that the **5th/6th Grade Dance** is happening this year! We hope all the 5th and 6th graders will join us at **DMS** on **Friday, 4/8** from **7pm** to **9pm**. Tickets can be purchased at Membership Toolkit.

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



Demarest PTO needs your help!!! Have an **auction item to donate**? Big or small, all donations are invaluable! Please email: springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.

Support Demarest PTO.

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

Please use this link to choose **Demarest PTO** as the non-profit you are supporting:
<http://bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO>



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



Become a member for the 2021-2022 school year! Go to **Membership Toolkit** and register today! PTO Membership includes eligibility for After School Enrichment Program, SACC (School-Aged Child Care), 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!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Demarest Library Updates

Korean Storytime

한국어 스토리 타임

MONDAYS: FEBRUARY 28,
MARCH 28, APRIL 25,
MAY 23, JUNE 13

3:30 TO 4:00 PM

Join us at the train station for Korean read aloud stories, read by a community volunteer!

Online registration begins one month before each storytime. Masks are required.

Hebrew Storytime & Craft

שעת סיפור ויצירה

Wednesday, April 6 at 4:00 PM
at the Demarest Train Station

For children ages 4 and up and their families
Register online today:
bcls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

Demarest Library Updates – Cont'd

Teen Night: The Teen Advisory Board is hosting its kickoff event: a Teen Night at the library after hours! Teens are invited to join us from **5:30pm to 7:30pm** on **Friday, April 1** for a movie, pizza, games and prizes! Online registration is required.

Engineering Workshop (grades 2 to 6): Kids in grades 2 to 6 are invited to the Demarest Train Station for an engineering workshop on **Monday, April 11** at **3:30pm**. Design, create, test, and improve your prototype with Kerryann O'Connor. Online registration begins on Monday, March 21.

Crochet Club: Children ages 7 and up can learn how to crochet and work on their own beautiful creations with Ms. Michele! This club will meet at the Demarest Library in the children's section on **Thursday, April 7** and **Thursday, April 28** at **6:00pm**. For the first meeting, we ask that adults stay with children under the age of 10. Online registration is required.

Music with Miss Nita (ages 0 to 5): Join Miss Nita at the Demarest Train Station on **Friday, April 15** at **10:30am** for some singing, dancing and musical fun! This program is for children ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers. Online registration is required and it begins on Friday, March 25.

Visit our website for more information about upcoming children's programs: www.demarestlibrary.org.

Register for programs via our online calendar: bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest

Book Clubs: Join Ms. Cara for fun monthly book discussions! Pick up your copy of the book after registering online. Copies will be held at the library behind the front desk. You have a few weeks to read the book before we meet for our book discussion each month! Book Clubs are meeting virtually on Zoom as of now; please stay tuned for any updates! Book Clubs meet at 4:00pm on the following dates:

- 1st & 2nd Grade Book Club: April 5, May 3, May 31
- 3rd & 4th Grade Book Club: April 12, May 10, June 7
- 5th & 6th Grade Book Club: April 26, May 17, June 14

Makers Day: Celebrate Makers Day with us at the library on **Saturday, March 26!** Stop by anytime between **10:00am** and **12:00pm** to participate in some fun and educational STEAM activities.

Little Bookworms: Yoga Storytime (18 months to 5 years old): Join us at the train station on **Friday, April 1** at **10:30am** for a very special Yoga Storytime with the Bendy Bookworm! Sing silly songs! Learn silly yoga poses! And enjoy a read aloud story! Online registration is required.



LIFE SKILLS THROUGH BIKE SKILLS

GIRLS IN GEAR

Girls in Gear helps riders learn about themselves, their bikes, and their community.

Join us for an eight-week program for riders ages 9-12 who want to build confidence on and off their bikes.

REGISTER TO RIDE

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UPPER PARKING LOT
340 HOMANS AVE, CLOSTER
SATURDAYS AT 8:30AM
STARTING APRIL 9th**

\$25 for the season
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Email info@girlsingear.org for more information