

DEMAREST PTO WEEKLY NEWS

WEEK OF MAY 4, 2026



THIS WEEK

- **MON 5/4:** STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK STARTS!
PRESCHOOL ORIENTATION @ 3:20PM
 - **THU 5/7:** LLE SPRING CONCERT 3RD AND 4TH GRADE @6:30PM
 - **FRI 5/8:** KINDERGARTEN MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT @ 8:45AM
DMS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT @ 3:15PM
- *THIS IS THE LAST WEEK FOR SPRING ICAMP CLASSES UNLESS YOU WERE NOTIFIED OF A MAKE UP CLASS**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- THURS 5/14: PTO MEETING IN-PERSON, @ 8:30 AM, LLE
DMS SPRING CONCERT @ 7PM
- FRI 5/15: CRS FIELD DAY
- SUN 5/17: DEMAREST 41ST ANNUAL 5K!
- THURS 5/21: LLE FIELD DAY
- MON 5/25: NO SCHOOL

HELPFUL TIPS & REMINDERS

MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT WILL TEMPORARILY CLOSE STARTING JUNE 26 TO ROLL OVER FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL WILL BEGIN SOMETIME IN JULY. PLEASE KEEP A LOOK OUT IN YOUR EMAIL TO RENEW YOUR PTO MEMBERSHIP FOR ACCESS TO THE STUDENT DIRECTORY AND MUCH MORE!

PRESIDENTS' HIGHLIGHTS

It's Teacher Appreciation Week, and we're turning appreciation into a full-on jam session... because our teachers deserve a sweet spotlight.

Thanks to your generous contributions, the PTO is thrilled to roll out a fun-filled week celebrating our incredible teachers and staff! A full week of themed treats and surprises, check the flyer below to see how our

PTO Staff Appreciation Committee is hitting all the right notes each day!

What's coming up in PTO

- **PTO Meeting (In Person!) – Thursday, May 14** - Come for updates, stay for the connection, and learn about open board position for next year
- **Member & Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast – Friday, June 12** - Come hungry, leave appreciated (we hope!)
 - RSVP required: forms.gle/Srg8629ZoAKL7Vub6
- **Join the PTO Board! - The one open Treasurer position** is listed in the flyer below. Submission due by Friday, May 22

Stay tuned for our list of PTO Committees coming soon in the next few weeks.

We'd love to have you involved! **ALSO, take a look below at the**

SAVE THE DATE for our 2026 BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST!

-Batool & Lauren

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org



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 position open for the next school year is:

Treasurer

For descriptions of each position and details on the application process, please go to www.demarestpto.org

The deadline to submit applications is May 21, 2026

Questions? Feel free to reach out to us at president@demarestpto.org or secretary@demarestpto.org



**TAKES PLACE ON
SUNDAY, MAY 17TH
9:30AM 5K
10:30AM FREE FUN RUN**

**CHECK OUT
DEMAREST5K.ORG FOR
MORE DETAILS**

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DEMAREST TEACHER & STAFF

2026 Appreciation Tour

MONDAY 5/4

"Breakfast at Tiffany's"
Staff: Kick off the week with a bagel breakfast in the staff room beginning at 7:30am

MAY 4-8

THURSDAY 5/7

"I Want Candy"
Staff: Enjoy a symphony of snacks as the Candy Cart rolls down the hallway
CRS/LLE: 9:30 - 10:30am
DMS: 1 - 2pm

TUESDAY 5/5

"Simply the Best"
CRS/LLE Staff: Jive to the staff room for an Italian lunch beginning at 11am
DMS Staff: Waltz on over to your mailbox for a special gift

WEDNESDAY 5/6

"Footloose"
CRS/LLE Staff: Waltz on over to your mailbox for a special gift
DMS Staff: Jive to the staff room for an Italian lunch beginning at 11:30am

Thank you for being IN - TUNE with our Demarest students. You are true rockstars. Thank you for all that you do!

FRIDAY 5/8

"Pour Some Sugar on Me"
Staff: Curtain call on the week with the Glazed and Confused Donut Truck!
LLE 8:45 - 9:45am
CRS 10:15 - 11:15am
DMS 11:45am - 12:45pm

THE PTO IS VERY EXCITED TO SPONSOR THIS YEAR'S 2026 STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK CELEBRATION FILLED WITH FESTIVITIES, FOOD, GIFTS AND LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL THE INCREDIBLE TEACHERS AND STAFF AT CRS, LLE & DMS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING, PLEASE DO SO ASAP [HERE!](#)

DEMAREST PTO INVITES PARENTS TO JOIN US FOR OUR BI-MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION BELOW!

THURSDAY
MAY
14TH
8:30AM

Connect with Other Parents and Learn About Exciting Upcoming Events!

- ✓ Learn about upcoming PTO and school happenings!
- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Learn about ways to get involved!

@ Luther Lee Elementary
15 Columbus Rd.
in the cafeteria!



DEMAREST PTO PRESENTS SPRING JIBBITZ

\$5 per Jibbitz!

Available at the LLE Me & My dance or check back on www.demarestpto.org to purchase online



SHOP NOW

<https://www.likewear.com/pages/demarest>



DEMAREST APPAREL SHOP

SAVE THE DATE

Back to SCHOOL BLAST!

Friday, September 18th

3:15pm - 6:00pm

@ LLE

GAMES, FOOD, AND FUN...
more details to follow!

To volunteer for this event please email president@demarestpto.org

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LUTHER LEE EMERSON AND THE DEMAREST PTO PRESENT

LEVEL UP TO DMS MOVING UP CELEBRATION JUNE 23, 2026

A CELEBRATION FOR THE STUDENTS FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM THE 4TH GRADE PARENTS AND THE PTO.

LUNCH, DESSERT, DJ,
GAMES AND FUN!

WE KINDLY REQUEST \$40 PER STUDENT, WHICH CAN BE MADE ON MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT (DEMARESTPTO.ORG) BY MAY 7TH

PLEASE ALSO INDICATE ON MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT YOUR CHILD'S T-SHIRT SIZE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A CERTAIN ASPECT OF THE PARTY AS WELL, PLEASE EMAIL DMSVP@DEMARESTPTO.ORG

START

STILL TIME TO PURCHASE YOUR SPIRIT WEAR!

DEMAREST PTO

SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAYS!

APRIL 10TH - JUNE 5TH

Wear your Demarest School Spirit Wear or school colors (red & white) every Friday to earn spirit points!

THE CLASS THAT SHOWS THE MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT IN EACH GRADE WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL TREAT!

DEMAREST APPAREL SHOP

The Demarest PTO invites you to

Thanks a Brunch! Volunteers, Parents & Members!

Join us for a light breakfast to celebrate YOU—our amazing volunteers and families!

Please RSVP by 6/5 so we order enough food!

<https://forms.gle/Thh2pGnpSPcSFBzF6>

Friday, June 12 at 8:30am
in the DMS Cafeteria



Korean BBQ MEAT FUNDRAISER

ORDER PERIOD: APR 27 (MON) – MAY 8 (FRI)
PICKUP: MAY 14 (THU) 2–4 PM (LOCATION TBD)

Menu

- Chadol Beef (USDA Choice thinly sliced beef brisket) \$115 (5 lbs)
- Bulgogi Beef (USDA Choice thinly sliced marinated beef) \$70 (5 lbs)
- Marinated LA Galbi (Beef Short Ribs) \$120 (5 lbs)
- Berkshire Pork Belly (Honeycomb Cut) \$75 (5 lbs)
- Soy Sauce Based Marinated Rolled Pork Shoulder (Duroc) \$90 (5 lbs)

SCAN ME

1. Complete the Google Form
2. Submit payment
3. Pick up your order

KDPA KOREAN DEMAREST PARENTS ASSOCIATION KOREAN BUTCHERY



DEMAREST NATURE CENTER PLANTER BOX PLANTING

TUESDAY, MAY 19

DNC ENTRANCE - WAKELEE DR IN DEMAREST (BEHIND
WAKELEE FIELD)

3:30 - 4 PM OR 4 - 4:30 PM

Join Arborist Ray from the DNC, Ann from the Demarest Garden Club, and Jen from the Demarest Library for a planting sessions to fill the planter box for the 2nd year!

Registration Required



JOHN GOODWIN PHOTO CONTEST

MAY

15

2026

Entries are due by May 15

**Adult and Child Categories.
Cash Prizes!**

Photos must be taken at the Demarest Nature Center.

Digital photos can be uploaded on our website: <https://www.demarestnaturecenter.org/annual-photo-contest/>.
Official rules are also listed there.



DEMAREST FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Shavuot Hebrew Story Time & Craft

שעת סיפור ויצירה לחג השבועות

Join us at the library for Hebrew read-aloud stories and a Shavuot craft! This program is for children ages 4+ and their families.

Thursday, May 14th, 4:15 – 5 PM

The craft will be led by Rakefet Krochmal. No registration is required.



FRIENDS
OF THE DEMAREST
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
...want you to become a friend!

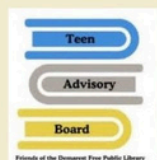
JOIN THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD
(TAB) OF THE DEMAREST LIBRARY
FOR



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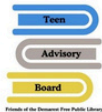
TUESDAY, MAY 5

3:30-4:15





Join the Teen Advisory Board of the Demarest Friends of the Library on **Friday, May 8th, 3:30 - 4 pm** for Mother's Day activities! Best for ages 4+



Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) of the Friends of the Demarest Library for

MINDFUL MOVEMENT MONTHLY DANCE SERIES



FRIDAY, MAY 15
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Any age
No dance experience required!
No registration required!

Under the Sea theme!



Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) of the Friends of the Library for a

STOCK MARKET CHALLENGE

Bi-weekly sessions on **Thursdays** 3:30 - 4:15pm

✓ April 9
✓ April 23
✓ May 7
✓ May 21

Trade, learn, and compete. Who can grow their \$100,000 in virtual cash the most?

Most suitable for ages 10-14

← REGISTER HERE!

JOIN GUIDE AND CONQUER AND THE DEMAREST BOH

FREE REGISTRATION

COUCH TO 5K

MEET AT WAKELEE CLUB HOUSE

SUNDAYS 2PM AND

WEDNESDAYS 5PM

STARTS SUNDAY MARCH 22 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 13
ALL LEVELS WELCOME!
COME STRETCH/ WALK/ RUN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
201-768-0167 x130

OR DROP US EMAIL
lcampbell@demarestnj.gov

DEMAREST 5K REGISTRATION
NOT INCLUDED