

DEMAREST PTO WEEKLY NEWS

WEEK OF MAY 11, 2026



THIS WEEK

- **MON 5/11:** REGISTRATION OPENS @ 5PM FOR JUNE DMS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC WITH MR. COLE
- **WED 5/13:** CRS & LLE ICAMP ENRICHMENT REGISTRATION OPENS! CRS @ 12PM, LLE @ 12:15PM
- **THU 5/14:** PTO GENERAL MEETING IN-PERSON, @ 8:30 AM, LLE
DMS SPRING CONCERT @ 7PM
DISTRICT NO HOMEWORK NIGHT!
- **FRI 5/15:** CRS FIELD DAY @ 1PM
- **SUN 5/17:** DEMAREST 41ST ANNUAL 5K!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- TUES 5/19: BOE COW AND REGULAR MEETING, @ CRS 7PM
- THURS 5/21: LLE FIELD DAY @ 1PM
- MON 5/25: NO SCHOOL

JUNE

- FRI 6/5: DMS FIELD DAY
- FRI 6/12: THANKS A BRUNCH @ DMS 8:30 AM
- TUE 6/16: 8TH GRADE DANCE
- WED 6/17: 8TH GRADE BBQ
- TUE 6/23: 4TH GRADE MOVING UP
8TH GRADE GRADUATION
- WED 6/24: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, HALF DAY DISMISSAL!

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 SO MUCH MORE!

PRESIDENTS' HIGHLIGHTS

Hats off to our Teacher Appreciation Committee for the outstanding job last week!

Thanks to your generous contributions, the PTO Appreciation Committee rolled out a fun-filled week celebrating our incredible teachers and staff! A full week of themed treats and surprises, take a look at just *some* of the heartwarming messages below from the lovely Demarest Teachers and Staff!

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!

[Check out this link for our list of PTO Committees coming and the many ways you can join in on the fun!](https://forms.gle/G2Yhsy5PHeeNbP9FA) <https://forms.gle/G2Yhsy5PHeeNbP9FA>

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

Dear Demarest PTO & Families,

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week! We are so grateful for all that you did to make the CRS teachers & staff feel SO special and appreciated! We are so lucky to be a part of such a supportive and amazing PTO and Demarest community!

With Love & Gratitude,
The CRS Teachers & Staff

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful treats, thoughtful gifts, and delicious food during Teacher Appreciation Week. Your kindness and generosity truly made us feel valued and appreciated. We are so grateful for all the time and effort you put into making the week so special for the staff. Everything was lovely and incredibly thoughtful.

-THE DEMAREST EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Dear PTO,

The Demarest PTO went above and beyond this week for our staff during *Teacher Appreciation Week!*

The teachers truly appreciate all the kindness, generosity and amazing food and snacks provided to the staff each day! We all felt appreciated and thankful for the continued support from the PTO and Demarest families!

We truly appreciate all the work that went into this special week. I share our gratitude for everything that you did to organize this great event for each school.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Marini

ROVING REPORTER



TAKE A LOOK AT LAST WEEKS EXCITEMENT!
FROM PRINCIPAL'S CHALLENGE TO
STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK. THIS IS ALL
POSSIBLE WITH THE GENEROUS
CONTRIBUTIONS AND TIME OF OUR
AMAZING DEMAREST PARENTS AND STAFF!



DEMAREST PTO WEEKLY NEWS

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!



SAVE THE DATE

Back to SCHOOL BLAST!

open to all
Demarest
School District
Families & Staff

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



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



Thank
you! :)



DEMAREST PTO PRESENTS

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\$5 per Jibbitz!

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or check back on www.demarestpto.org
to purchase online



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APPAREL SHOP

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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



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

ANNUAL DEMAREST 5K RUN/WALK FOR YOUR HEALTH

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

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



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.



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!





Teen
Advisory
Board

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!

FRIENDS OF THE DEMAREST FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

JOIN GUIDE AND CONQUER AND THE DEMAREST BOB

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



SEE YOU NEXT WEEK