



# DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of February 7, 2022

## UPCOMING CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

- Tue 2/8 COW & BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm
- Wed 2/9 Spring Fundraiser Meeting, TBD, 8pm
- Fri 2/11 Spirit Friday
- Fri 2/18 Spirit Friday
- Mon 2/21 – Fri 2/25 Mid-Winter Recess – All Schools Closed



MARCH

- Thu 3/3 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm
- Fri 3/4 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/8 COW Meeting, LLE, 6:30pm
- Wed 3/9 – Thu 3/10 DMS Book Fair & Family Fun Event
- Fri 3/11 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/15 Preliminary Budget & BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm
- Wed 3/16 No Homework Night Fundraiser - TBD
- Thu 3/17 – Fri 3/18 DMS Musical, DMS, 7pm
- Fri 3/18 Spirit Friday

## NOTEWORTHY



CRS students, stay tuned for your own “One School One Book.” It’s coming soon!



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.

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## PRESIDENTS’ CORNER

Hello Demarest Families, welcome back! We hope everyone had a safe weekend and was able to defrost. Get ready to turn up your heat and prepare for the exciting week ahead.

The Lunar New Year production was shown, in each school, last Friday. After so many months of hard work, we were absolutely thrilled that this production was able to be shared. Each act received rave reviews, and we are so happy the students were able to share their performances!

The PTO sends a “Thank You” to everyone who ordered a Valentine Cookie Kit. We greatly appreciate your support of the PTO! Now that you’ve ordered them, don’t forget to pick them up. Pick up days are 2/9 – 2/11 at Flavor Labs.

LLE began the “One School One Book” shared reading event. This year, the students are reading “Save Me a Seat” by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan. As we enter the second week, the book is proving to be fantastic and enjoyed by the students and their families. The mystery readers are also a HUGE highlight, be sure to check them out!

The PTO Spring Fundraiser needs your help! Our amazing chairpeople are hosting their kickoff meeting! Please join them on Wednesday, 2/9 at 8pm to take part in planning this fantastic event. For more information, and to RSVP, please email [springfundraiser@demarestpto.org](mailto:springfundraiser@demarestpto.org).

Please stay tuned to the newsletter for information and updates, we will keep you informed. As always, if you have not yet joined the PTO, we invite you to join here: <http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com>. There are many exclusive member benefits to take advantage of, don’t hesitate to join. Please follow us (Demarest PTO) on Facebook and Instagram. Important updates will always be posted there, don’t miss out! Feel free to reach out to us at: [president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org), we are happy to assist.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week,  
Vanessa and Mary  
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents  
[president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org)

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS



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!



**Volunteers needed!!!** Please join the **Spring Fundraiser Committee** chairpeople for their first kick off meeting! **Wednesday, 2/9, 8pm**, location TBD. Please direct questions and RSVP to [springfundraiser@demarestpto.org](mailto:springfundraiser@demarestpto.org).



Rehearsals for the upcoming production of the PTO's **DMS Musical, The Addams Family**, has begun and will continue to be held on Fridays until the week of production. Save the dates! The musical is scheduled to premiere on **Thursday, 3/17** at DMS, **7pm**. There is a second and final show on **Friday, 3/18** at DMS, **7pm**. All students involved in the musical must be a current member of the PTO.

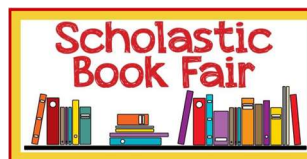


Calling all **fourth grade** parents! The **Moving Up Committee** needs your help gathering group shots of our current 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Kindergarten to now! Please email any pictures to be considered for the yearbook to [demarestpto@gmail.com](mailto:demarestpto@gmail.com). Please note the school year and event where the photos were taken.

## DEMAREST PTO FUNDRAISER



Thank you for supporting the PTO! You can **pick up** your order on **February 9<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>** at **Flavor Labs** in **Norwood!**



Mark your calendars for the **DMS Book Fair – Wednesday, 3/9 and Thursday, 3/10**. Join us for the first ever **Family Fun Event** at the **DMS Book Fair** on **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 3:05pm – 5pm!** Meet and greet Principal Regan, as well as some DMS teachers! All **DMS families** are welcome to attend and shop the book fair during this time. Explore and purchase books highly recommended by our very own DMS teachers and enjoy some **special sweet treats** provided by the PTO.

## DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



Dust off those running shoes....



Because the Demarest 5K is BACK!!

**Sunday, May 22, 2022**

Registration opens 2/14/2022

[www.demarest5k.org](http://www.demarest5k.org)

Interested in becoming a sponsor for this amazing event?  
Contact [demarest5k@demarestpto.org](mailto:demarest5k@demarestpto.org)

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**PLEASE NOTE**

**CONTACT US**

The best way to contact us is by emailing [president@demarestpto.org](mailto:president@demarestpto.org). We may not get to any other form of communication (such as Facebook Messenger) on a timely basis. If you are interested in submitting news for the newsletter, please email [ptonews@demarestpto.org](mailto:ptonews@demarestpto.org).



Mark your calendars! The new date of the **Spring Fundraiser Gala** is on **Saturday, 5/14**. See you there!

CRS, LLE & DMS

**SPIRIT**  
*Friday*

Don't miss out so you can help your  
grade/homeroom to win a prize!

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Demarest Library Updates

The Demarest Library offers FREE museum passes with your library card! Passes may be checked out to Demarest residents only. To learn more, visit the website at

[www.demarestlibrary.org/museumpasses](http://www.demarestlibrary.org/museumpasses).

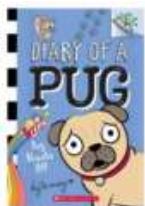


**Music with Miss Nita**  
Tuesday, February 15 from 10:30 to 11:15 – Mark your calendars! Miss Nita will be joining us at the **Demarest Train Station** for singing, dancing and musical fun!

Online registration begins two weeks before the event on Tuesday, 2/1. For children ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers. Masks required for children ages 2 and up.

<https://bccls.libcal.com/event/8803520>

### February Zoom Book Clubs – Register online today!



1st & 2nd Grade  
Tuesday, February 1  
4:00 to 4:45



3rd & 4th Grade  
Tuesday, February 8  
4:00 to 4:45



5th & 6th Grade  
Tuesday, February 15  
4:00 to 4:45

For more information about all other Children's Programs at the Library, go to:

[www.demarestlibrary.org](http://www.demarestlibrary.org).

### CLOSTER NATURE CENTER

#### February After School Program

Come join Nature Marc at the Closter Nature Center for some outdoor science fun! Please dress for the weather, as we will be outside for most of the sessions. We will move into the cabin for severe weather. Masks will be required when inside the nature center building. \$50/2-week program for Members, \$60/2-week program for Non-members

**Tuesdays** - Feb 8th and 15th

Kindergarten 3:45 - 5:00pm

**Wednesdays** - Feb 9th and 16th

1st - 3rd 3:45 - 5:00pm

**Thursdays** - Feb 10th and 17th

4th - 6th 3:45 - 5:00pm

#### Winter Break Science Program

Need something fun and educational for the kids to do during the Winter break? We'll have four days of nature exploration and discovery here at the Closter Nature Center! It is imperative that kids dress appropriately for the weather, as we plan to be outside as much as possible. Mask wearing is mandatory if we go inside the nature center building.

1st - 7th grades: \$100/week for members, \$120/week for non-members

Kindergarten: \$80/week for members, \$100/week for non-members.

Monday February 21st - Thursday February 24th

9:00 am - 10:30 am 1st - 3rd grade

11:00 am - 12:30 pm 4th - 7th grade

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Kindergarten

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 1st - 3rd grade

To register please go to:

<https://register.communitypass.net/Closter>, and you will be taken to Community Pass, our online registration and payment system.

If you have any questions, please call Naturalist Marc Gussen at (201) 750-2778 or email

[admin@closternaturecenter.org](mailto:admin@closternaturecenter.org)