



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of November 21, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR



Wed 11/23 Thanksgiving Recess – Half Day
 Thu 11/24 – Thanksgiving Recess – No School
 Fri 11/25
 Wed 11/30 First Day of LLE Book Fair



Thu 12/1 Last Day of LLE Book Fair – Family Fun Night
 Fri 12/2 DMS Musical Auditions
 Fri 12/2 Spirit Friday
 Fri 12/9 Spirit Friday
 Tue 12/13 BOE COW and Regular Meeting, CRS, 7pm
 Fri 12/16 Spirit Friday
 Fri 12/23 Holiday Recess – Half Day
 Mon 12/26 – Holiday Recess – No School
 Fri 12/30

NOTEWORTHY



Some **Enrichment classes** still have space – register now!



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**, welcome to a short holiday week! We hope you all had a fantastic weekend. In advance, we wish everyone a **healthy** and **happy Thanksgiving**.

Speaking of the weekend, **DMS** was the place to be last Friday! Over 100 **5th and 6th graders** showed up to dance their nights away (while glowing in the dark). An awesome time was had by all, which was made possible by volunteer efforts. A huge **thank you** goes out to all who helped!

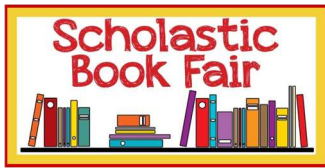
This may be a short week, but don't miss out on **Enrichment sign ups**. The winter session is in as much demand as Taylor Swift tickets. Take a look and sign up fast – **enrollment ends 11/30**.

Do you need something to look forward to? Don't worry, we've got your back! What rhymes with FUN? Well, it's not actually "Books" but they sure are awesome! The **Book Fair** is returning, and we are pumped. Please join us for a tour of **literary magic**, all in the **LLE gym**. This year's Book Fair will take place on **11/30** and **12/1** and features the **second annual Family Night**. Stay tuned to your email, and this newsletter, for more details as this is not to be missed.

We encourage all families to get involved! We are a completely volunteer driven organization – so the more help we have the better! We have over 35 committees which are run by the PTO. So, whether you have only a few hours here and there or if you have a lot of time throughout the week to spare, we will find something that works. If you have not yet joined the PTO, sign up here (demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com). Please volunteer and get involved, the PTO welcomes you!

Have a great week,
Vanessa and Mary
Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

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Save the Date!!! The **annual LLE Book Fair** will be held in-person on **Wednesday, 11/30** for **CRS** students (grades K-1) and **Thursday, 12/1** for **LLE** students. **Pre-K** can attend after school hours with a parent/guardian on **Wednesday, 11/30 3:15pm – 4pm**. **All families** are welcome **Wednesday, 11/30** from **4pm – 5pm** and **Thursday, 12/1 3:15pm – 5:30pm**. Please stay tuned for more details on our **Family Fun Night** with **Mr. Mazzini** as our guest reader!



Got Books?

Donate your gently used books
to children in need
Benefiting Hindi's Libraries

November 28th - December 2nd

Drop off your donations at the bins located
outside both schools all week!

More opportunities to donate books
after school at our extended Book Fair hours
on November 30th and December 1st!



CRS, LLE & DMS
SPIRIT
Friday

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



The **PTO Enrichment Committee** is excited to announce the new After School Enrichment **WINTER** program! Classes will run **01/09 – 02/17**. Brand new classes including but not limited to Food Science, Little Vet School, Film 101, and Magic Illusions! Also returning are fan favorites such as Grit Ninja, Chess, and Fashion Bag Designers. Our **Spring Enrichment Program** will run from **March to May** – more details to come! Winter Enrichment registration is available **NOW** until 11/30 through **Membership Toolkit**. Please note that students must be registered PTO members to be able to enroll in enrichment.



Access the **Membership Toolkit Directory** for the **2022 – 2023** school year! PTO Membership includes eligibility for After School Enrichment Programs, 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 for parties and play dates! Be sure to purchase your membership today!

Looking for a great opportunity to join in and help the PTO? We are seeking a new Committee Coordinator for the Demarest 5K! Please contact Grace Lee at secretary@demarestpto.org for more information regarding this position.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Korean Demarest Parents Association



Calling **all** students who are currently enrolled in Taekwondo! We are looking for students in all grades **K – 8** to perform at the annual **Lunar New Year** assembly on **Friday, 1/27**. Help us ring in the

Year of the Rabbit! For more information and to register, please email demarestkdpa@gmail.com.

Demarest Schools - SACC Demarest

The YMCA is still looking for at least two people to work for our Demarest SACC program. Please contact Sharon Twiddy at sharont@wyckoffymca.org or (201) 891-2081 ext. 149.

Demarest Middle School

CALLING ALL
Coffee Lovers

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL IS ON A MISSION TO HELP REDUCE THE IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS!

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP BY SAVING & DROPPING OFF USED K-CUP COFFEE PODS TO THE WOODEN BOX NEAR THE CORNER OF NORTHWOOD AVE. & PIERMONT RD.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF RECYCLING 10,000 PLASTIC PODS!



Teen Advisory Board



Homework Help & Reading Buddies

Mondays & Wednesdays
3:30 to 4:30 PM
@the Demarest Public Library
in the children's section

Teen volunteers from the Teen Advisory Board will be available Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm, at the library, to help students from grades K-4 with homework. Younger children can also attend and read together with a teen volunteer!

No sign-up is necessary. This is not 1:1 tutoring. Volunteers will work with students in small groups and provide basic support with homework assignments.

Questions?
Please contact the TAB at
DemarestTAB@gmail.com



Interested in
Cub Scouting?



JOIN TODAY

Fun! Friends! Adventure!

Girls & Boys, Grades K – 5, are invited to join the Cub Scouts. Now is a great time to **START SCOUTING!**

Adventures include camping, model building and racing (Pinewood Derby), Field trips, games and achievements with your den and overnights at museums and aquariums.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed strictly! Scouting Questions? Contact Cubmaster Leslie Correa at cmclusterpack20@gmail.com or Committee Chair Andrew Correa at bigbearpack20@gmail.com. You can also contact Demarest Parents Kathleen Doshi (kazwebb@gmail.com) and Maxine Nakamura (wallybella@hotmail.com).

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



Demarest Library Updates

Visit the website for more information about upcoming programs: www.demarestlibrary.org and subscribe to Miss Cara's newsletter for weekly email updates.

Register for programs at: bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest

* online registration is required. Registration usually opens up 3 weeks before the event.

Hebrew Storytime (ages 4 and up)*

Monday, 11/21, 4:30 to 5pm

Join us for Hebrew stories read by a community volunteer and a fall craft! This program is for children ages 4 and up and their families, and it meets at the Demarest Library.

Chess Club (all levels)

Saturdays, 10 to 11am @ the Demarest Library –

Registration is not required and players of all levels are welcome. Chess Club will now run from 10 to 11am and will meet on most Saturdays in the children's room.

Players 7 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 4 and up)*

Thursday, 12/1, 4 to 5pm @ Demarest Library

Children can build confidence and practice reading one-on-one with an adorable and loving therapy dog!

Children may register for one 10-minute session each day that the program is offered.

Korean Storytime*

Monday, 12/5, 3:30 to 4pm – Korean Storytimes are coming back! Join us at the Demarest Library on 12/5 for Korean read aloud stories, read by a community volunteer! This monthly program is offered in partnership with the Korean Demarest Parents Association.

Demarest Library Updates – Cont'd



Wacky Science: Microscopes!

**@ the Demarest Library (for ages 6 and up)
Tuesday, November 22, 3:30 to 4:30 PM**

View leaves, and maybe even some of your Thanksgiving dinner, under a microscope!

This is a drop-in style program, so there is no need to register. Just stop by for a few minutes anytime between 3:30 to 4:30 for some educational fun!



In order to open the winter season of Rec basketball, the DAA is desperately in need basketball coaches. Currently, they need coaches for:

Boys Rec

5th/6th and 7th/8th grades

Girls Rec

3rd/4th and 7th/8th grades

If you are willing to volunteer and coach our town kids, please email scott@daarec.org and leave your details. One of the rec commissioners (Scott McAndrews or John Wilkens) will reach out.