

DEMAREST PTO WEEKLY NEWS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2025



THIS WEEK

- **TUE 9/2 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**
- **WED 9/3 - DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR CLASS PARENT**
- **FRI 9/5 - LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR FALL ENRICHMENT**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- WED 9/10 - FIRST DAY OF DMS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC @ DMS
- THU 9/11 - CRS BACK TO SCHOOL, HOODIE SALES @ CRS
- FRI 9/12 - **BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST! @ LLE, 4PM-7PM**
- MON 9/15 - CRS/LLE CLASS PARENT MANDATORY MEETING
@ LLE, 3:30PM
- MON 9/15 - FIRST DAY OF CRS & LLE ENRICHMENT CLASSES
- TUES 9/16 - FIRST DAY FOR AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB
@DMS, 3:15-4:15
- TUES 9/16 - COW AND REGULAR MEETING @CRS, 7PM
- WED 9/17 - DMS BACK TO SCHOOL, HOODIE SALES
@ DMS, 6:30PM
- THU 9/18 - **PTO GENERAL MEETING @ DMS, 8:30AM**
- THU 9/18 - LLE BACK TO SCHOOL, HOODIE SALES
@ LLE, 6:30PM

PRESIDENTS' HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME TO THE 2025 – 2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW FAMILIES, TEACHERS, AND STAFF JOINING THE DEMAREST COMMUNITY. WE HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL SUMMER AND ARE THRILLED TO HAVE EVERYONE BACK FOR WHAT IS SURE TO BE AN EXCITING AND FUN-PACKED SCHOOL YEAR AHEAD!

-BATOOL & LAUREN

**DEMAREST PTO CO-PRESIDENTS
PRESIDENT@DEMARESTPTO.ORG**



STAFF WELCOME BREAKFAST!
THE PTO KICKED OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR BY TREATING DEMAREST STAFF TO A TASTY BREAKFAST — BECAUSE EVEN SUPERHEROES NEED THEIR FUEL! THE SMILES AND THANK-YOUS MADE IT A MORNING TO REMEMBER.

DID YOU KNOW?!

JOIN US

JOIN THE PTO @ WWW.DEMARESTPTO.ORG,
TO GAIN ACCESS TO SO MUCH MORE!



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT DEMAREST PTO AND
FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM AT DEMARESTPTO



DOWNLOAD THE MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT APP ON
THE APP STORE



SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAYS, EVERY FRIDAY! SHOW
SCHOOL SPIRIT BY WEARING YOUR DEMAREST
GEAR! OR THE SCHOOL COLORS - RED & WHITE

HELPFUL REMINDERS

- Back to School Blast wristbands are *available now* at www.demarestpto.org
- Purchase your PTO membership so you can access the directory of fellow Demarest school families!
- School supplies can be purchased year round at Ward's 5 & 10, check out the link on the Demarest PTO website.
- After School Enrichment questions can be directed to hello@icamp.com | (917) 970-7791



DEMAREST PTO WEEKLY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STAFF CONTEST WINNERS FOR THE BACK TO SCHOOL HOODIE DESIGN

Congratulations
Ms. Plescia
&
Ms. DiMartini!

THESE STAFF-DESIGN
INSPIRED HOODIES
WILL BE FOR SALE AT
EVERY BACK TO
SCHOOL NIGHT!



Food & Dessert
Trucks for
purchase!

BACK
TO
SCHOOL

@ Luther Lee
Emerson

BLAST

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

(rain date 9/26)

4PM - 7PM

ADMISSION IS FREE!

\$15 for unlimited use of obstacle course,
games, inflatables, GRIT NINJA
plus various crafts!

(\$20 for non-PTO members)

*price increases @ the door

check out Membership Toolkit for
additional Build Your Own Wildcat pricing
*limited Wildcats so reserve yours today!



scan QR code
to purchase
now!

OPEN TO ALL
DEMAREST SCHOOL
DISTRICT FAMILIES & STAFF

IF YOU LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR LEARN MORE,
GO TO WWW.DEMARESTPTO.ORG



VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE DEMAREST PTO &
THE DMS VOLLEYBALL COACHES

8 TOTAL SESSIONS ON--
WEDNESDAY 9/10,
THURSDAY 9/11
MONDAY 9/15,
WEDNESDAY 9/17
MONDAY 9/22,
MONDAY 9/29
MONDAY 10/6,
WEDNESDAY 10/8

\$200
8 SESSIONS

OPEN TO
5TH - 8TH GRADERS

4:30PM - 5:30PM
@DMS NEW GYM

MUST BE A PTO MEMBER TO REGISTER
REGISTER AT WWW.DEMARESTPTO.ORG



AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB WITH DR. SYDORUK

STARTS
9/16 (T) OR
9/17 (W) OR
9/18 (TH)

6 TUES OR WED OR
THURS 3:15 - 4:15PM

IN THIS HANDS-ON,
INQUIRY-BASED CLUB,
USE REAL LAB EQUIPMENT TO DESIGN
EXPERIMENTS, COLLECT DATA, AND
MAKE DISCOVERIES.

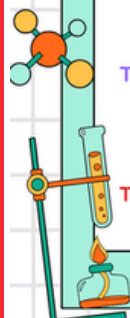
OPEN TO GRADES 5 - 8

TUESDAY DATES - 9/16, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28,
MAKE-UP (IF NEEDED) 11/11

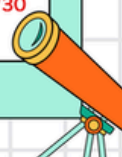
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10/22, 10/29,
MAKE-UP (IF NEEDED) 11/12

THURSDAY DATES - 9/18, 9/25, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30
MAKE-UP (IF NEEDED) 11/13

\$150 FOR
6 SESSIONS



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REGISTER AT WWW.DEMARESTPTO.ORG





**PHOTO
OP!**

THE PTO IS EXCITED TO
WELCOME BACK OUR AMAZING
STUDENTS!



SNAP A PHOTO WITH THESE SIGNS
AT EACH SCHOOL BEFORE THEY
COME DOWN ON WEDNESDAY, 9/3.

Be a class parent

Want to be your child's
Class Parent* for the
2025-2026 school year?



Fill out this volunteer survey:

<https://forms.gle/LaN6VvbJNdWmzfwc8>

**Must be a PTO Member to be a Class Parent.*



EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!

**ICAMP IS OUR NEW ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
PROVIDER FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!**

iCAMP brings a fantastic lineup of courses, including
iCAMP-led, Sports, and Demarest teacher-led classes—
all blending STEM, creativity, and hands-on fun into one
exciting after-school experience!

REGISTRATION CLOSING THIS FRIDAY, 9/5

**CLICK THE LINK OR SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER!**

[HTTPS://ICAMP.COM/AFTER-
SCHOOL-DEMAREST/](https://icamp.com/after-school-demarest/)



**BACK
TO
SCHOOL
BLAST**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR
BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST.
SIGN UP AND JOIN THE FUN!**

CLICK THE LINK OR SCAN QR CODE!

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.
COM/GO/60B0D4DAEA623A1
F58-57633894-2025#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4DAEA623A1F58-57633894-2025#/)



**PTO BOARD
MEMBERS**

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU THIS
2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR!**

• **CO-PRESIDENTS:**

BATOOL PANJWANI &
LAUREN SCHWARTZ

• **DMS VP:** LESLIE GOLDSTEIN

• **LLE VP:** DARA SMITH

• **CRS VP:** CHRISTINE YU

• **TREASURER:** CECILIA RYU

• **SECRETARY:** GRACE DOLAN

STRIPE'S SPOTLIGHT

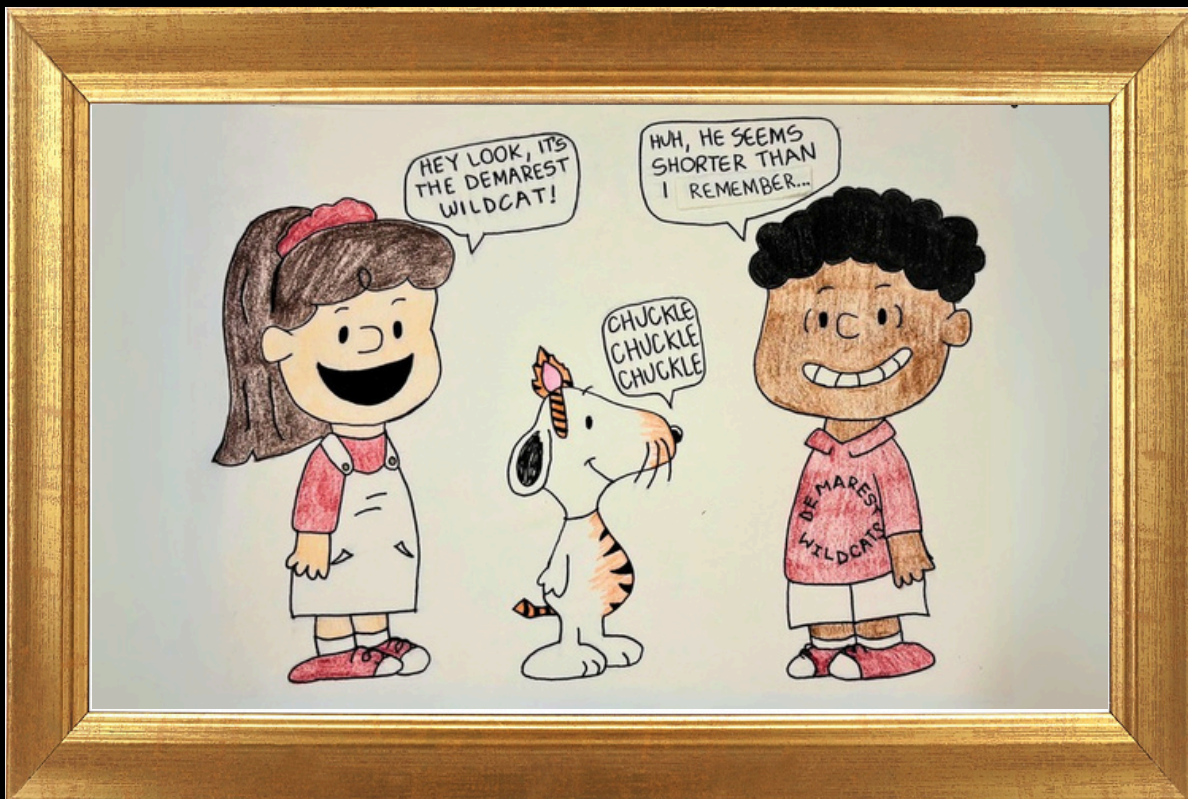
NEW! Let's Get Creative, Cats!

Stripes knows every Wildcat has a creative side! And now's your chance to share it with the whole Demarest family.

Each week, we'll shine the spotlight on one staff or student's paws-itively awesome joke, riddle, cartoon, or work of art that makes our school a brighter, happier place.

How to Join the Fun:

- Submit your purr-sonal masterpiece to secretary@demarestpto.org
- Include: your name, grade, teacher's name
- Entries are due by Friday for the following week's spotlight!



ARTIST: NICOLE D'ALESSANDRO, STAFF MEMBER



DID YOU KNOW ?!
THE DEMAREST SCHOOL
DISTRICT HAS AN
ONLINE TUTORING
AND
HOMEWORK HELP
FOR ALL STUDENTS
FREE OF CHARGE?
@ TUTOR.COM

CLICK HERE TO GET STARTED!

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All tutors must pass a rigorous application process including an extensive background check. No personal information is shared between student and tutor. All work is completed in our recorded classroom.
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- 9 Is Easy to Use and Accessible from Anywhere**
Wherever students have online access—at home, at school and anywhere in between—they can connect to a tutor using any computer or mobile device. Sign up is quick & easy!
- 10 Endorsed by Parents**
"This service has been excellent and wonderful. My 7-year-old son is actually motivated to do his homework because of it. Thank you so much!"

AlphaBEST
EDUCATION

**Come
Wonder
With Us!**



**Let the adventure begin
with Demarest Public Schools kids!**

**AlphaBEST Extended Day program for after school
Grades K - 4 | 2025-2026**

AlphaBEST gives your kids more than a safe place to do their homework. We engage their minds and expand their horizons. With an innovative, experiential curriculum, we allow kids to decompress from a day in the classroom by appealing to their curious, creative natures.

Run by a high-quality, caring staff, and designed to meet the changing needs of working parents, AlphaBEST Extended Day includes:

- Art
- Robotics
- Coding
- Drama
- Sign Language
- World Languages & Culture
- Homework Help
- Snacks
- Fitness Activities
- And More!

**Dive into
discovery!**



For hours, locations, rates and online registration, visit:
AlphaBEST.org/demarestnj

For questions, contact:
customer@alphabest.org

