



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of February 24, 2025

UPCOMING CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

Fri 2/28 Spirit Friday



MARCH

Wed 3/5 – Thu 3/6 DMS Book Fair

Fri 3/7 Spirit Friday

Sat 3/8 International Heritage Day

Tue 3/11 COW Meeting, CRS, 5:30pm

Wed 3/12 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm

Thu 3/13 No Homework Night Fundraiser, TBD

Fri 3/14 Spirit Friday

Fri 3/14 Spring Fundraiser Gala, Alpine CC, 8pm

Tue 3/18 Preliminary Budget & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm

Thu 3/20 – DMS Musical

Fri 3/21

Fri 3/21 Spirit Friday

Mon 3/24 Half Day

Tue 3/25 CRS Me & My Dance, LLE, 5:30pm

Fri 3/28 Spirit Friday

NOTEWORTHY



We encourage everyone to join the **Demarest PTO!** New members can purchase membership at demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com.



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.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Welcome back, **Demarest Families!** We hope your break was as blissful as sipping coffee while the kids sleep in. Now that we're diving back into the swing of things, we've got plenty of **PTO highlights** to share!

Speaking of highlights— earlier this month, our **CRS** and **LLE** students wrapped up two weeks of reading their hearts out and raising funds for our schools! Check out the flyer below for **Read-A-Thon winners** and the **grand total raised**. Huge shoutout to our amazing parent volunteers for flawlessly organizing and executing this first-ever **Read-A-Thon**—what a debut!

But wait, the reading fun isn't over yet! **DMS** families, get ready for Pulitzer-level excitement! The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming, where books, entertainment, and s'mores (yes, s'mores!) combine for a literary extravaganza. Read on for all the ways you can support your fabulous LA teachers' classroom libraries, plus the sweet details on our **after-school Book Fair Family Event** on **Thursday, 3/6**—you won't want to miss it!

And speaking of can't-miss events... the **Spring Gala** is just weeks away—**Friday, March 14!** Early bird ticket prices expire soon, so don't wait! Head to Membership Toolkit at demarestpto.org and Treat Yo' Self! A glamorous night out and supporting our schools? That's a win-win!

Volunteer season is heating up! From dances to end-of-year celebrations, there are plenty of ways to get involved—check out all the opportunities below!

P.S. **Spring Enrichment registration opens today at 5pm!** Check out the schedule now at demarestpto.org and be ready to grab your spot!

Until next time—stay warm, and we'll see you at the next PTO adventure!

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Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

*Demarest Parent Teacher Organization
A Tradition of Serving Demarest Schools for Over 80 Years*

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DMS Book Fair is next week!!! **Wednesday, 3/5** and **Thursday, 3/6**. Each grade level will attend the book fair during the day following a schedule provided by the school. Cash, checks, credit card, Apple Pay, and eWallet accepted.

If you would like to make a **contribution** towards the **LA and reading teachers' classroom libraries**, copy/paste the links below to the grade level digital book fund:

5th Grade: <https://tinyurl.com/5thClassBooks>

6th Grade: <https://tinyurl.com/6thClassBooks>

7th Grade: <https://tinyurl.com/7thClassBooks>

8th Grade: <https://tinyurl.com/8thClassBooks>

DMS **Family Fun Book Fair** event on **Thursday, 3/6** from **3:15pm** until **5pm** for all DMS families!!!

*Mr. Regan along with some of our very own DMS teachers will be present. This will be a great opportunity to mingle while shopping for books and helping our school!

*Enjoy exclusive performances by Mr. Regan and the cast from Descendants. The Musical!

*A "Teacher Class Wish List" table will be available at the Book Fair for parents to purchase books selected by our teachers to be donated to their LA or reading classrooms.

*The PTO will be hosting a hot chocolate and s'mores truck!!!

*If you would like to volunteer to help at the book fair, please keep an eye out for the sign up link.

*If you would like to create an eWallet for your child to spend money at the book fair click

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/dmsbooks> for a cashless/cardless option*



YOU'RE INVITED!

THE DEMAREST PTO SPRING GALA

ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB
Friday March 14, 2025
8PM-11PM

FOOD | DRINKS | RAFFLES | LIVE AUCTION

Tickets available for purchase NOW on membership toolkit!
Cocktail Attire

Early Bird pricing available **NOW** for the Demarest **Gala** on **March 14th**! Click on the link for the membership toolkit store below to get your tickets! Go to Membership Toolkit at demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com to purchase today!

HELP US RAISE FUNDS WITH GREAT DONATIONS!

CONSIDER DONATING...

GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR STORES | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES |
DINING | TRAVEL EXPERIENCES | LUXURY RETAIL GOODS |
TICKETS TO MUSIC | SPORTING EVENTS | EXPERIENCES

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

EMAIL:

SPRINGFUNDRAISER@DEMARESTPTO.ORG

For more information on how to contribute email springfundraiser@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd



40TH ANNUAL
Demarest 5k
run for your health

5K & PRINCIPALS CHALLENGE
REGISTER NOW BEFORE PRICES GO UP!

Principals Challenge dates/times available on website
www.Demarest5k.org

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

Register at Demarest5k.org
Register early before price increases

Questions?
Email Demarest5k@demarestpto.org



Don't forget to register for the **Principals Challenge!** This fun **6-week event** prepares students to run the **5k** or the **fun run!** Any student in **K – 8th grade** is encouraged to sign up for this exciting opportunity. All students who sign up receive automatic entry into the race on race day too! Questions? Please contact Demarest5k@demarestpto.org and we will get back to you asap.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The PTO is seeking 6 volunteers for the **4th Grade Moving Up Committee**. If interested, please email Leslie at llevp@demarestpto.org.

Please note that you **must** be a PTO member to volunteer for any PTO positions. Volunteers will be chosen by lottery, if necessary. Please respond by **Friday, 2/28**.

40TH ANNUAL Demarest 5k run for your health



5K VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help us make the 40th running of the Demarest 5k amazing! Join us for coffee and bagels at the Demarest Library Teen room and learn about the different opportunities to become involved in the 5k and Principals Challenge.

When: Friday February 28th, 9 AM

Where: Demarest Library Teen Room

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

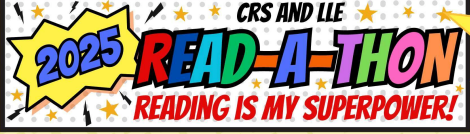


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The PTO is seeking 4 volunteers for the **CRS Me & My Dance** and 4 volunteers for the **LLE Me & My Dance**. **Must** be a PTO member to volunteer. Please contact Grace for CRS at crsvp@demarestpto.org and Leslie for LLE at llevp@demarestpto.org.

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CRS AND LLE

TOTAL MINUTES READ
126,520

TOTAL RAISED
\$28,001.99

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARD WINNERS!

TOP READERS

CRS - ELIZABETH YUMI PARK, KINDERGARTEN, 1,832 MIN
LLE - ACHAL VADLAPATLA, 3RD GRADE, 3,205 MIN

\$50 TARGET GIFT CARD, \$25 BOOKS AND GREETINGS GIFT CARD, EXTRA RECESS FOR THEIR CLASS

TOP FUNDRAISERS

CRS - SIA CHOI, 1ST GRADE, \$720 RAISED
LLE - SHANE RUBACH, 4TH GRADE, \$1,363 RAISED

\$50 TARGET GIFT CARD, \$25 BOOKS AND GREETINGS GIFT CARD, EXTRA RECESS FOR THEIR CLASS

MOST MINUTES READ - STUDENTS

\$25 TARGET GIFT CARD

PRESCHOOL 3 - KRISTEN CHASE, 140 MIN
PRESCHOOL 3 - SILAS GILBERTI, 140 MIN
PRESCHOOL 4 - ESPEN BARTOSCH, 480 MIN
KINDERGARTEN - ANDREW PONT, 682 MIN
1ST GRADE - WESLEY SKOLLAR, 1,086 MIN
2ND GRADE - AIDEN MENDA, 1,805 MIN
3RD GRADE - DIANA KIM, 1,843 MIN
4TH GRADE - SUMMER TROWERS, 2,595 MIN

MOST MINUTES READ - CLASSES

EXTRA RECESS

PRESCHOOL 3 - MS. BRUNO'S CLASS, 485 MIN
PRESCHOOL 4 - MRS. KERBER'S CLASS, 2,218 MIN
KINDERGARTEN - MRS. FERRARO'S CLASS, 5,993 MIN
1ST GRADE - MS. BALDI'S CLASS, 5,415 MIN
2ND GRADE - MRS. APPELBLATT'S CLASS, 8,846 MIN
3RD GRADE - MRS. O'HARA'S CLASS, 13,226 MIN
4TH GRADE - MRS. LEFER'S CLASS, 11,030 MIN

ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A VISIT FROM THE ICE CREAM TRUCK TO CELEBRATE THEIR HARD WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS! CONGRATULATIONS!

CRS, LLE & DMS

SPiRiT

Friday 

Wear your **Spirit Wear** items or school colors (red and white) every **Friday!** Email with the new fall lineup coming soon!!!

PLEASE NOTE

CONTACT US

The best way to contact us is by emailing 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 by Friday of each week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

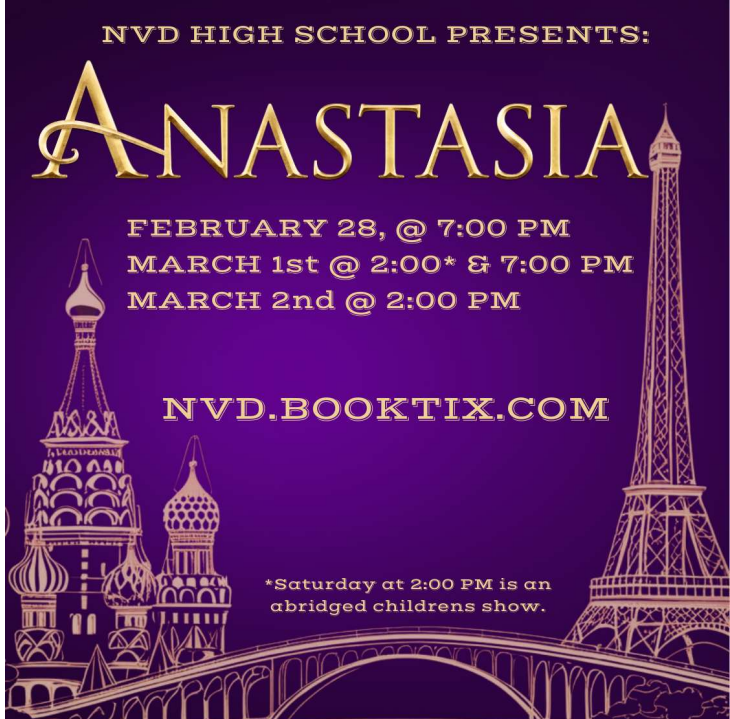
NVD HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

ANASTASIA

FEBRUARY 28, @ 7:00 PM
MARCH 1st @ 2:00* & 7:00 PM
MARCH 2nd @ 2:00 PM

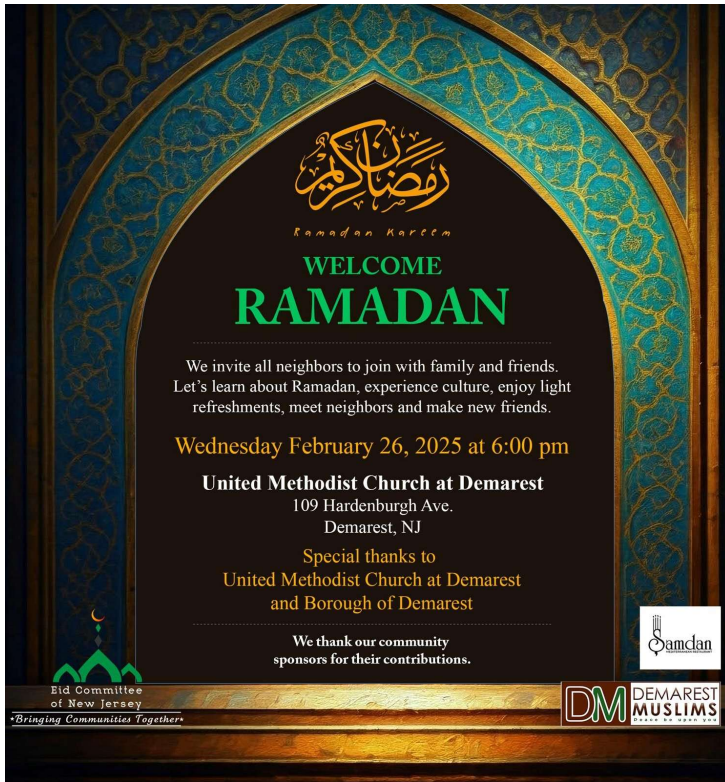
NVD.BOOKTIX.COM

*Saturday at 2:00 PM is an abridged childrens show.



Please support out NVD students in their production of Anastasia the musical! Inspired by the beloved films, ANASTASIA transports us from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing conman and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family. ANASTASIA is a spectacular musical about discovering who you are and defining who you're meant to be. Shows are Friday, 2/28 at 7:00PM, Saturday, 3/1 at 2:00PM (an abridged children version) and 7:00PM, and Sunday, 3/2 at 2:00PM. Tickets at nvd.booktix.com. Open dress rehearsal to senior citizens only on Thursday, 2/27 at 6:00PM. For information contact marconid@nvnet.org.

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رمضان كريم
Ramadan Kareem

**WELCOME
RAMADAN**

We invite all neighbors to join with family and friends.
Let's learn about Ramadan, experience culture, enjoy light refreshments, meet neighbors and make new friends.

Wednesday February 26, 2025 at 6:00 pm

United Methodist Church at Demarest
109 Hardenburgh Ave.
Demarest, NJ

Special thanks to
United Methodist Church at Demarest
and Borough of Demarest

We thank our community
sponsors for their contributions.

Eid Committee of New Jersey
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DM DEMAREST MUSLIMS

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DEMAREST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The following programs are available for K - Gr 8 girls and boys:

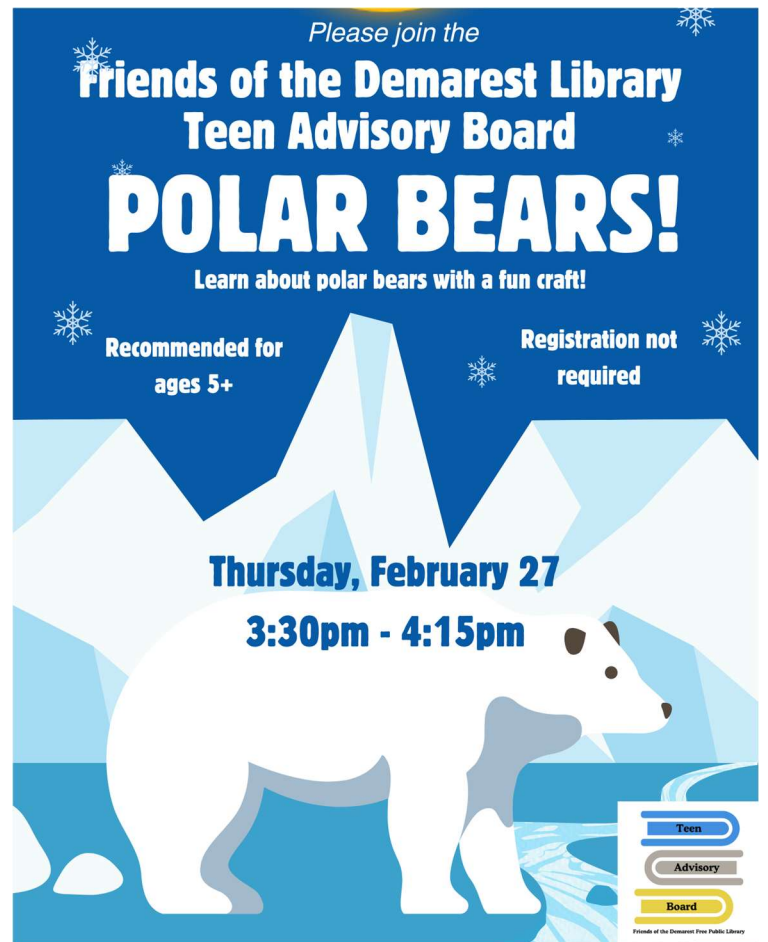
- K Tee ball
- Gr 1 Boys Baseball
- Gr 1/2 Girls Softball
- Gr 2 Boys Baseball
- Gr 3/4 Girls Softball
- Gr 3/4 Boys Baseball
- Gr 5/6 Girls Softball
- Gr 5/6 Boys Baseball
- Gr 7/8 Girls Softball
- Gr 7/8 Boys Baseball

Registration is open on CommunityPass (follow the link on the DAA website www.daarec.org) for Demarest from now through Friday, March 14. Regular registration ends 3/8.

Please contact DAA for more info:

Baseball: Mitch Jain mitch@daarec.org

Softball: Stephanie Dunatov stephanie@daarec.org



Please join the
**Friends of the Demarest Library
Teen Advisory Board**
POLAR BEARS!
Learn about polar bears with a fun craft!

Recommended for
ages 5+

Registration not
required

Thursday, February 27
3:30pm - 4:15pm

Teen
Advisory
Board

Friends of the Demarest Free Public Library