





DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of January 27, 2025

UPCOMING CALENDAR

2025 January 2025

- Fri 1/31 Lunar New Year Celebration
 - Fri 1/31 Spirit Friday
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FEBRUARY
- Sun 2/2 Read-a-Thon Ends
 - Fri 2/7 Spirit Friday
 - Tue 2/11 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
 - Thu 2/13 Read-a-Thon Celebration
 - Fri 2/14 Spirit Friday
 - Fri 2/14 Valentine's Day Class Party
 - Fri 2/14 DMS Hot Chocolate Party
 - Mon 2/17 – Fri 2/21 Mid-Winter Recess – Schools Closed
 - Fri 2/28 Spirit Friday

NOTEWORTHY



Plenty of info available on the Read-A-Thon on Membership Toolkit @ demarestpto.org



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.

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

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Happy Monday, Demarest Families! Brrrrr...we hope you stayed warm, cozy, and armed with plenty of hot cocoa this past week! To heat things up a bit, here's what the PTO has cooking this week:

Valentine's Day Cookie Kit Fundraiser! What's better than cookies? Cookies you decorate with love! Our annual Valentine's Day Cookie Kit Fundraiser is here! **Ordering begins now** and closes faster than you can frost a heart-shaped cookie—on **Tuesday, 2/6**. Full details are in the flyer below. Sweeten your Valentine's Day and support the PTO in one delicious swoop!

Read-A-Thon Continues! We're halfway through our **Read-A-Thon marathon**, and the finish line is in sight! Remember, all reading at home counts (yes, even the cereal box at breakfast). **This week** is packed with fun: **Pajama Day**, **Halfway Prizes**, **DIY Bookmarks**, and **Reading Spirit Day!** Check out the flyer below for all the details. Let's keep flipping those pages and smash those reading goals!

Save the Date: **Demarest 5K!** Lace up those sneakers! The Demarest 5K is happening on **Sunday, 5/19**, and **registration opens** this **Saturday, 2/1**. Whether you run like the wind or jog like a turtle on vacation, this family-friendly event is the perfect way to support our schools. Bonus? Starting in **early April**, your kids can train for the **5K** or **Mile Fun Run** with none other than **Mr. Mazzini** and **Mr. Regan**—how cool is that? Details are in the flyer below!

Spring Gala: Ticket Sales Are Coming! Drumroll, please...ticket sales for our Spring Gala are almost here—going live **Monday, 2/3!** Sponsorship opportunities (including two **FREE tickets!**) and a night to remember awaits. Find out more in the flyer below or visit **Membership Toolkit** for all sponsorship levels!

Here's to another action-packed week—and as always, thank you for your support!

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Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

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DMS students were thrilled by a surprise guest appearance from the **Wildcat** at the **DMS Talent Show** on **Friday, 1/24!** Kicking off the event in style, Mr. Regan and the Wildcat teamed up to deliver some epic dance moves that had the crowd cheering. It was a performance to remember!

40TH ANNUAL Demarest 5k
run for your health

DEMAREST 5K & PRINCIPALS CHALLENGE COMING THIS SPRING!

Principals Challenge dates/times available on website
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Demarest/Demarest5K>

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

Registration opens February 1, 2025
Register early before price increases

Questions?
Email Demarest5k@demarestpto.org

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Demarest/Demarest5K>

JAN 27 - FEB 3 **COMING UP THIS WEEK WITH THE READ-A-THON**

MONDAY, JANUARY 27:
READING IS RELAXING DAY: STUDENTS WEAR PAJAMAS TO SCHOOL!
STUDENTS WHO HAVE REACHED THEIR GOAL EVERY DAY TO THIS HALFWAY POINT BRING IN PINK TICKETS AND SELECT HALFWAY PRIZES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29:
READING BUILDS CREATIVITY DAY: STUDENTS DECORATE BOOKMARKS AT SCHOOL!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31:
READING BUILDS COMMUNITY DAY: STUDENTS WEAR DEMAREST GEAR TO SCHOOL!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
LAST DAY OF THE READ-A-THON!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
BEGIN COLLECTING PLEDGE DONATIONS (LAST DAY TO COLLECT IS FEBRUARY 6)
STUDENTS HAND IN COMPLETED READING TRACKER AND (IF APPLICABLE) PLEDGE SHEETS TO TEACHERS AND SELECT A COMPLETION PRIZE

SEND THIS LINK TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO EASILY COLLECT DONATIONS!

Missed a date to hand in tickets? NO PROBLEM! Hand them in at any point to exchange for a prize!

Questions? Email readathon@demarestpto.org

JANUARY 27, 2025 **STUDENT EDITION #2**

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2025 READ-A-THON
READING IS MY SUPERPOWER!

DEMAREST SUPER READERS, YOUR MISSION CONTINUES!

READING IS RELAXING!
WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27!

HAVE YOU MET YOUR READING GOAL EVERY DAY?
GOOD WORK, SUPER READER!
TURN IN YOUR PINK STAR TICKET TO SELECT A HALFWAY PRIZE!

LET'S SEE YOUR CREATIVE SUPERPOWERS!
GET READY TO DECORATE A BOOKMARK ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29!

WEAR YOUR DEMAREST GEAR ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 TO SHOW YOUR DEMAREST PRIDE!

WE WANT TO SEE YOUR SUPERPOWERS AT WORK!
Share a photo of yourself reading and tag us on Instagram @demarestpto

SEND THIS LINK TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE READ-A-THON!

READ-A-THON ENDS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

LOST YOUR PACKET? CHECK OUT WWW.DEMARESTPTO.ORG FOR A DIGITAL COPY!

Questions? Email readathon@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

Valentine's Day Cookie Kit Fundraiser

Decorate cookies while helping us raise money! 20% of all cookie sales will go back to our school!

COOKIE KITS COME WITH WITH SIX LARGE COOKIES, THREE COLORS OF ICING, AND VALENTINE'S DAY SPRINKLES (AS PICTURED BELOW). KITS ARE \$12 EACH, ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY FEB 6TH

PICK UP AT THE TRAIN STATION THURS FEB 13 FROM 2:30-4PM

Allergen Information:
Cookies contain WHEAT, DAIRY and EGG.
Icing contains EGG.



Support the Demarest PTO! You can order [Valentine's Day cookie decorating kits](#) from [Flavor Labs](#) now! Purchase using link below until [Thursday, 2/6](#):
<https://theflavorlabs.com/products/dem-vday-cookiekits>.
Pick up on [Thursday, 2/13](#) at the [Train Station](#) between [2:30pm – 4pm](#).



Volunteers needed!

The date for **International Heritage Day 2025** is **Saturday, 3/8** at **Luther Lee Emerson School**. If you are interested in representing a country or volunteering to help a country, please let us know by emailing:

heritageday@demarestpto.org.

CRS, LLE & DMS
SPIRIT
Friday 

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



NEXT **MONDAY, 2/3** – tickets on sale for the **Demarest PTO Gala** Starting **next Monday** get your tickets for this year's **Demarest PTO's Spring Gala!** Tickets go on sale on **Membership Toolkit**.

The big event is **March 14, 2025** at **Alpine Country Club**. For more information on how to contribute email springfundraiser@demarestpto.org



The PTO is seeking 5 volunteers for the **8th Grade Graduation Committee**. If interested, please email secretary@demarestpto.org. Please note that you **must** be a PTO member to volunteer for any PTO positions.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Wants you to become
a Friend!

Our library needs Friends!

Memberships and donations allow us to purchase equipment, programs, and services NOT covered by the library's share of the town budget.

What have the Friends done?

Established in 2023, in our first year we:

- Donated a 70" TV for the new community room
- Purchased a one-year membership for town residents to access the Fiero Code learn-to-code program
- Provided a Cricut cutting machine for the Children's Room
- Sponsored the holiday party in the Children's Room
- Funded the ice cream truck for the Summer Reading Program
- Supported the henna station at our Diwali event
- Hosted author Tracey Baptiste for a special library visit
- Organized a book donation drive to help residents sustainably discard unwanted books
- Led crafts and games for children at Demarest Day and Oktoberfest

Join us!

www.demarestlibrary.org/friends
@friendsdemarestlibrary



Friends of the Demarest Free Public Library
is a 501 (3) (c) non profit organization
All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law

Join the Teen Advisory Board
of the Demarest Friends of the
Library in celebrating

Lunar New Year!

STORY TIME CRAFT FUN

Location: children's room in the
Demarest Public Library

Best for ages 5+

No registration required

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30
3:30-4:15pm

Teen
Advisory
Board
Friends of the Demarest Free Public Library