



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of October 31, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR



- Mon 10/31 Halloween Parade – CRS/LLE
- Thu 11/3 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm
- Fri 11/4 Spirit Friday
- Tue 11/8 Parent Conferences – No School
- Thu 11/10 Ice Skating Party, Palisades Center Ice Rink
- Thu 11/10 – NJEA Convention – No School
- Fri 11/11
- Tue 11/15 BOE COW and Regular Meeting, CRS, 7pm
- Fri 11/18 5th/6th Grade Dance, DMS, 7pm
- Fri 11/18 Spirit Friday
- 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

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

BOO Demarest Families, **Happy Halloween!** We hope you had a great weekend and are excited for today's festivities. It was awesome to see so many of you at our PTO table at Saturday's **Ragamuffin Parade**. We can't wait to see more of everyone at upcoming events.

First off, we want to say **thank you** to everyone who supported our **Spirit Wear sale**. Everyone looks super cute in the new gear. Thank you to our hardworking committee of volunteers, you've outfitted us well.

Now, let's talk about what's coming up. Let's start with the return of the **Ice Skating Party** – IT'S BACK! Join us on **Nov 10th**, at the **Palisades Center Ice Rink**, and skate with your friends. Look out for the informational flyer, coming via email. Tickets will be on sale soon! Also, don't forget we have our scheduled **PTO Meeting** on **Thursday, 11/3**. See **Helpful Tips** for more info!

DMS parents, it's time to shine those dancing shoes (or clean those Air Force Ones)! Tickets for the **5th & 6th Grade Dance** (taking place on **November 18th**) are on sale NOW. You can get these on the **Toolkit**. Can't wait to see the students have a blast and glow in the dark.

We are super excited to offer a **Winter Enrichment** session for this year! Classes will start after the winter break and are sure to be awesome. Thanks to our amazing committee, there will be lots of fun for our elementary school students. Stay tuned for details! Registration is expected to open in November.

We encourage all families to get involved! 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).

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

NOTEWORTHY



Join us for the **PTO Meeting** on **Thursday, 11/3** at **6:30pm** on **Zoom**. Please email secretary@demarestpto.org for the link.



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.

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LET'S GLOW!

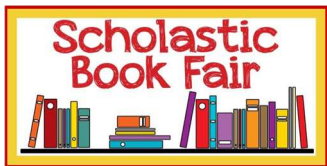
THE DEMAREST PTO PRESENTS

THE 5TH/6TH GRADE DANCE

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7PM-9PM
DESSERTS AND DRINKS SERVED

Tickets available online until 11/17
\$10 PTO members, \$15 non-members
demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com
Tickets at the door \$15 cash only
QUESTIONS? DMSVP@DEMARESTPTO.ORG

All 5th and 6th Graders are welcome to join us at the **5/6 Grade Dance** on **Friday, 11/18** from **7pm to 9pm** at the **DMS gym**. Tickets can be purchased on Membership Toolkit.



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!

CRS, LLE & DMS

SPIRIT Friday



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

You are invited to the 2022 Demarest PTO Ice Skating Party!



Save the date! The PTO is bringing back our annual **Ice Skating Party!** Join us on **Thursday, 11/10** at **Palisades Center Ice Rink** in West Nyack from **12:45pm to 1:45pm**. Get your tickets in advance on Membership Toolkit. PTO Member price \$12/pp, non-member price \$15/pp. Tickets at the door \$20/pp.



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 will be available in November 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!

DEMAREST PTO NEWS



Join The PTO

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.

Support Demarest PTO.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)



Please use this link to choose **Demarest PTO** as the non-profit you are supporting:

bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO

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



SACC Demarest

The YMCA is still looking for at least two people to work for our Demarest SACC program.

Contact Sharon Twiddy at SharonT@wyckoffymca.org

201-891-2081 ext. 149

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**. We are also accepting students for the

Nanta (Korean Traditional Drums) performance at **LLE** and **DMS**. Help us ring in the Year of the Rabbit! For more information and to register, please email demarestkdpa@gmail.com.

Demarest Chinese Families

Calling all students who are interested in participating in the Lunar New Year assembly on 1/27. If you are interested in Kungfu Fan, Umbrella Dance, Singing or Dancing, we would love to have you. No experience is necessary and all are welcome! Please email Liu.lauren@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

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 cmclosterpack20@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).



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.

Trick or Treat on the Library Lawn

Monday, 10/31, 3:15pm, after school – Meet Ms. Cara on the library lawn on your way home from school to say hello, show off your costume, and pick up a goody bag!

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

Thursday, 11/3 & 11/17, 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.

Demarest Library Updates – Cont'd

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.

Korean Storytime*

Monday, 11/7, 3:30 to 4pm – Korean Storytimes are coming back! Join us at the Demarest Library on 11/7 for Korean read aloud stories, read by a community volunteer! This monthly program is offered in partnership with the Korean Demarest Parents Association.

Tween Creative Writing Club (grades 4 to 6)*

Wednesday, 11/9, 4 to 4:45pm – Calling all young writers! Practice writing and share your work with others in this new workshop, led by 2 friendly teen volunteers! This program meets at the Demarest Library in the program room.

Teen Trivia Night*

Thursday, 11/10, 4 to 5pm – The Demarest, Closter, and Haworth Public Libraries present TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT at the Demarest Train Station! Enjoy a few snacks, and test your knowledge of music, books, movies, & pop culture for the chance to win a prize! The game will be played using Kahoot so you'll need your phones for this game!

Thanksgiving Storytime & Craft (ages 4 and up)*

Wednesday, 11/16, 3:30 to 4pm – Join Ms. Cara at the Demarest Train Station for a Thanksgiving story and a festive craft! This program is geared towards children ages 4 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult during the program. When you register, please indicate how many children will be attending.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

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!**

