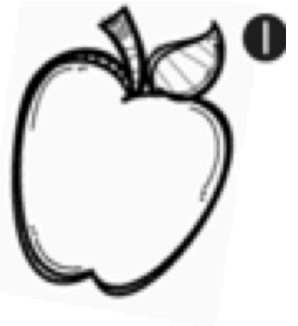


Learning *and* Loving It!

The County Road and Luther Lee Emerson...



NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

- 9/30-10/1 No School Rosh Hashanah
- 10/4 Art Card Orders Due
- 10/7-10/11 Week of Respect
- 10/9 No School Yom Kippur
- 10/10 LLE Picture Day
- 10/11 CRS Picture Day

September 26, 2019



Week of Respect

At both CRS and LLE during the week of October 7th, we will be celebrating the Week of Respect. Our Guidance Counselor Mrs. Fitzpatrick along with the teachers will be planning lessons that involve the important topic of respect. Some activities include: Pajama Day, Baseball Cap Day, Mix and Match Clothes Day, "Kind" Card Day, and Respect Collages. This will promote kindness, respect, and caring behaviors. Look for more details to follow in an email.



Johnny Applesseed

In Kindergarten and First Grade the students are learning about Johnny Applesseed. The students are learning about his life, and how he brought apples to the whole United States. We celebrate his birthday on September 26th. To honor him the kindergarten graphed their favorite apple. In First Grade, the students wrote what they would do with their favorite apples.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year. I am so proud of our students for adapting to their new classroom environments and preparing to further themselves educationally. We are very grateful to our staff for working to make learning fun, exciting and innovative.

This year we are very happy to announce that our new elementary Spanish teacher will be at both CRS and LLE. In addition, we have seen the continuation of our growing Preschool program at CRS. Teachers in grades K-2 continue to practice Phonics First in their classrooms to help strengthen our students' phonemic awareness skills.

Meanwhile, at LLE we combined Technology and STEM rooms one location providing a dedicated space for our Newscasting program. With that, we were able to bring Art lessons back into the classroom instead of being held in the cafeteria.

Additionally, we created a departmentalized program for our fourth graders. This is being done to help better prepare our students for DMS. Students remain with their homeroom classes throughout the day. They start first period with their homeroom teacher and travel from that point on. Mrs. Forma is teaching Science and Social Studies while Mrs. Rilli is teaching math, both to the entire grade level. Meanwhile, Mrs. Ruck is teaching ELA to her homeroom and those students in 4F. Mrs. Lefer is teaching ELA to her homeroom and those in 4Ri. The students have been doing a great job and enjoying the movement throughout the day while becoming acquainted with the idea of learning from different teachers.

Demarest is a warm and nurturing environment to learn and grow in and I thank our staff members for making that one of their main priorities. However, I would be remiss if I did not express my gratitude to our parents. The support that you provide is commendable and very much appreciated.

Our PTO has continued the tradition of supporting our schools for new endeavors and helping to pave the way for a successful school year. I am very happy to announce that because of all of the parent involvement we have received much support for the 2019-2020 school year. At both CRS and LLE we saw the installment of new outdoor basketball. The PTO has also continued to support our Library Media Center with new books to entice our students' reading interests. Among many other ways that the PTO has given back, they are also helping to support our One Book, One School initiative that we began last year at LLE. This year we will be bringing this to CRS as well. All of our students, staff and parents will have a reading assignment each night for the same book. This will be accompanied by class assignments designed around the book as well as an author visit in March. Stay tuned for further information....

At LLE Back to School Night, I spoke about some of our programs. We are always working to support our students on many levels. Our Basic Skills and Reading Reinforcement lessons are designed to provide those students who are brought to the attention of the I&RS Committee and are found to need that extra assistance. We also boast a STEM program for our third and fourth graders. Finally, we have a Gifted and Talented program to help enrich the academic experience for those students who meet the criteria, which can be found on the LLE website under, "Academic Programs." The parents whose students meet the criteria will receive a letter from the school. However, please know that our teachers do create enrichment type lessons in a differentiated manner for all students.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Demarest School District.

Mr. Mazzini
Principal