



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of January 31, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR

2022 JANUARY 2022

Mon 1/31 Cookie Decorating Kit Fundraiser Starts!



FEBRUARY

Mon 2/1 –
Fri 2/6 Cookie Decorating Kit Fundraiser

Fri 2/4 Spirit Friday

Tue 2/8 COW & BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm

Wed 2/9 Spring Fundraiser Meeting, TBD, 8pm

Fri 2/11 Spirit Friday

Fri 2/18 Spirit Friday

Mon 2/21 –
Fri 2/25 Mid-Winter Recess – All Schools Closed



MARCH

Thu 3/3 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm

Fri 3/4 Spirit Friday

Tue 3/8 COW Meeting, LLE, 6:30pm

Wed 3/9 –
Thu 3/10 DMS Book Fair & Family Fun Event

Fri 3/11 Spirit Friday

Tue 3/15 Preliminary Budget & BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm

Wed 3/16 No Homework Night Fundraiser - TBD

Thu 3/17 –
Fri 3/18 DMS Musical, DMS, 7pm

Fri 3/18 Spirit Friday

NOTEWORTHY



Be sure to pack warm clothes! Recess is outdoors (when possible).



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**.

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

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Hello Demarest Families, **happy Monday!** We can't believe January is coming to an end. As we ring in February, we really hope the groundhog doesn't see his shadow. This weekend's snowfall was beautiful, but we are ready for some warmer days.

Spring Enrichment classes started last week, and the feedback has been fantastic. We love to hear that the students are having a great time. Please remember that **pick up** is at **4:15**. At pickup, please also remember to pull all the way up in the line. This facilitates safety and efficacy, and we thank you in advance.

The **Lunar New Year** production was filmed last **Friday**, and it was spectacular! A huge shoutout goes to the **KDPA, Demarest Chinese Families**, the **volunteers**, and the **dedicated students**. So much work went into this event, and we can't wait to see the finished product. We also extend a big thank you to **Mr. Nerkizian** for making the video happen, it will be shown (in school) on **Friday, February 4th**. We are so happy the students will share their performances!

Want to get involved? The **PTO Spring Fundraiser** wants your help! Our amazing chairpeople are hosting their kickoff meeting! Please join them on **Wednesday, February 9th** at **8pm** (location TBD) to take part in planning this fantastic event. For more information, and to RSVP, please email springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.

Please stay tuned to the newsletter for information and updates, we will keep you informed. As always, if you have not yet joined the PTO, we invite you to join here: <http://demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com>. There are many exclusive member benefits to take advantage of, don't hesitate to join. Please follow us (Demarest PTO) on Facebook and Instagram. Important updates will always be posted there, don't miss out! Feel free to reach out to us at: president@demarestpto.org, we are happy to assist.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week,
Mary and Vanessa

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS



Become a member for the 2021-2022 school year! Go to [Membership Toolkit](#) and register today! PTO Membership includes eligibility for After School Enrichment Program, SACC (School-Aged Child Care), 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. Be sure to purchase your membership today!



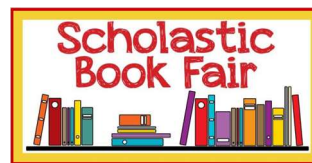
Volunteers needed!!! Please join the **Spring Fundraiser Committee** chairpeople for their first kick off meeting! **Wednesday, 2/9, 8pm**, location TBD. Please direct questions and RSVP to springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.



Rehearsals for the upcoming production of the PTO's **DMS Musical, The Addams Family**, has begun and will continue to be held on Fridays until the week of production. Save the dates! The musical is scheduled to premiere on **Thursday, 3/17** at DMS, **7pm**. There is a second and final show on **Friday, 3/18** at DMS, **7pm**. All students involved in the musical must be a current member of the PTO.



Support the Demarest PTO! You can order **Valentine's cookie decorating kits** from **Flavor Labs** starting **today until 2/6!** You can order at <https://theflavorlabs.com/products/vday-cookiekits-dem> and **pick up 2/9 - 2/11**.



Mark your calendars for the **DMS Book Fair – Wednesday, 3/9** and **Thursday, 3/10**. Join us for the first ever **Family Fun Event** at the **DMS Book Fair** on **Thursday, March 10th, 3:05pm - 5pm!** Meet and greet Principal Regan, as well as some DMS teachers! All **DMS families** are welcome to attend and shop the book fair during this time. Explore and purchase books highly recommended by our very own DMS teachers and enjoy some **special sweet treats** provided by the PTO.

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. Thanks!

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

38TH ANNUAL Demarest 5k run for your health

Dust off those running shoes....



Because the Demarest 5K is BACK!!

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Registration opens 2/14/2022

www.demarest5k.org

Interested in becoming a sponsor for this amazing event?
Contact demarest5k@demarestpto.org

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Something
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Blooming...
in
May

Demarest PTO

Spring Fundraising Gala

Save the NEW Date

Saturday, May 14 2022

Mark your calendars! The new date of the **Spring Fundraiser Gala** is on **Saturday, 5/14**. See you there!



Don't miss out so you can help your grade/homeroom to win a prize!

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Demarest Library Updates

The Demarest Library offers FREE museum passes with your library card! Passes may be checked out to Demarest residents only. To learn more, visit the website at www.demarestlibrary.org/museumpasses.

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

Demarest Library Updates – Cont'd



Lunar New Year Storytime & Craft

Monday, January 31 from **3:30** to **4:00** – Celebrate the Lunar New Year at the **Demarest Train Station** with Korean stories and a craft! This program is in

partnership with the Korean Demarest Parents Association. Register online today at <https://bccls.libcal.com/event/8816273>! Adults and children must wear masks.

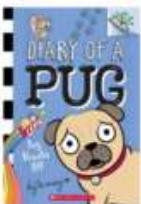


Music with Miss Nita

Tuesday, February 15 from **10:30** to **11:15** – Mark your calendars! Miss Nita will be joining us at the **Demarest Train Station** for singing, dancing and musical fun!

Online registration begins two weeks before the event on Tuesday, 2/1. For children ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers. Masks required for children ages 2 and up. <https://bccls.libcal.com/event/8803520>

February Zoom Book Clubs – Register online today!



1st & 2nd Grade
Tuesday, February 1
4:00 to 4:45



3rd & 4th Grade
Tuesday, February 8
4:00 to 4:45



5th & 6th Grade
Tuesday, February 15
4:00 to 4:45

For more information about all other Children's Programs at the Library, go to: www.demarestlibrary.org.

CLOSTER NATURE CENTER

February After School Program

Come join Nature Marc at the Closter Nature Center for some outdoor science fun! Please dress for the weather, as we will be outside for most of the sessions. We will move into the cabin for severe weather. Masks will be required when inside the nature center building. \$50/2-week program for Members, \$60/2-week program for Non-members

Tuesdays - Feb 8th and 15th

Kindergarten 3:45 - 5:00pm

Wednesdays - Feb 9th and 16th

1st - 3rd 3:45 - 5:00pm

Thursdays - Feb 10th and 17th

4th - 6th 3:45 - 5:00pm

Winter Break Science Program

Need something fun and educational for the kids to do during the Winter break? We'll have four days of nature exploration and discovery here at the Closter Nature Center! It is imperative that kids dress appropriately for the weather, as we plan to be outside as much as possible. Mask wearing is mandatory if we go inside the nature center building.

1st - 7th grades: \$100/week for members, \$120/week for non-members

Kindergarten: \$80/week for members, \$100/week for non-members.

Monday February 21st - Thursday February 24th

9:00 am - 10:30 am 1st - 3rd grade

11:00 am - 12:30 pm 4th - 7th grade

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Kindergarten

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 1st - 3rd grade

To register please go to:

<https://register.communitypass.net/Closter>, and you will be taken to Community Pass, our online registration and payment system.

If you have any questions, please call Naturalist Marc Gussen at (201) 750-2778 or email admin@closternaturecenter.org