



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of February 14, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

- Mon 2/14 PTO Class Valentine Party
- 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 on the lookout for the [Demarest 5K](#) registration info. See you on race day!



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.

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

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Hello Demarest Families, **Happy Valentine's Day!** We hope you enjoyed your **Snowy Super Bowl Sunday**. As we gear up for our February break, we have a lot of cool stuff going on.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our **PTO Valentines Cookie Kit Fundraiser**. We hope you enjoyed decorating and eating your cookies. We also thank **Flavor Labs** for their generous donation to the PTO.

We love seeing our students, on Fridays, in their **Spirit Wear**. This Friday, **DMS** will be honoring the winning classes. Both **November** and **December's winners** will be receiving a **special treat!**

Want to get involved? The **PTO Spring Fundraiser** needs your help! Our amazing chairpeople are hard at work on the annual fundraising auction. Please consider helping them out by **donating an item**. Maybe you have sports/theater tickets, experiences, restaurants, or super cool items. These could all make great auction items, and greatly contribute to raising funds for our schools. If you want to donate, volunteer, or have ideas/questions, please email us at springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.

When we return from the break, both of our major fundraising events will be in high gear. Please look out for opportunities to volunteer and participate in both the **Demarest 5k** and the **PTO Spring Fundraiser**. This spring will definitely be exciting!

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

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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!

The PTO SPRING FUNDRAISER
NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Do you have an auction item to
donate ?

Please e-mail us at:
Springfundraiser@demarestpto.org

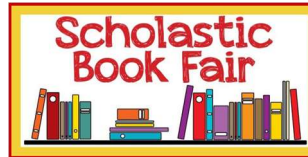
Andy Warhol

CRS, LLE & DMS

SPIRIT
Friday

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!



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.



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.

Something
is
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!

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

38TH ANNUAL Demarest 5k run for your health

Show your  for running by registering for the 38th Annual Demarest 5K – Sunday, May 22, 2022

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Go to www.demarest5k.org to register

Register early and get your kids signed up for our amazing
Principal's Challenge Training Program
starting the last week of March!

*Please note: PC Program days and times have changed
so check www.demarest5k.org for updated information!*

**Any questions? Please email
demarest5k@demarestpto.org!**



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<http://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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CLOSTER NATURE CENTER

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.

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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

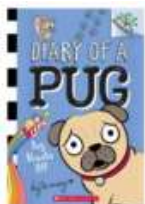
www.demarestlibrary.org/museumpasses.



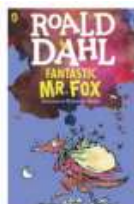
Music with Miss Nita
Tuesday, February 15 from 10:30 to 11:15 – Mark your calendars! Miss Nita will be joining us at the **Demarest Train Station** for singing, dancing and musical fun!

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:

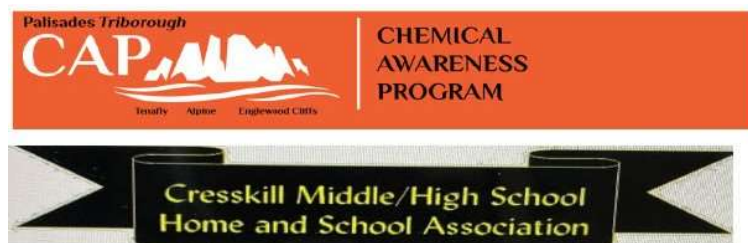
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Valentine's Day Storytime & Craft with The Demarest Library Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Go to the Demarest Library Facebook page on **Monday, February 14th** for a special **Valentine's Day Storytime** with TAB member, **Amrita**! Then come to the library to pick up a special take home craft kit assembled by the TAB members themselves! No registration required and craft kits are offered while supplies last!



The Parent Education Speaker Series Presents: "Internet and Social Media Safety" with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office

Understand potentially threatening and dangerous situations arising from internet usage including chat rooms, snap chat, instant messages, email, tiktok and blogs. Address common challenges parents face protecting their child's privacy online and learn how to recognize if your child might be at risk. Discuss online predators, cyber bullying, and sexting. Participate in Q&A.

Keynote Speaker: Detective Sergeant James Calaski, Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, Cyber Crimes Unit **Date:** Wednesday, March 2nd

Place: Tenafly Middle School Auditorium, 10 Sunset Lane, Tenafly

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Parents & Guardians of Pre-Teens and Teenagers are invited to attend for free from the communities of: Alpine, Bergenfield, Closter, Cresskill, Demarest, Dumont, Englewood, Englewood Cliffs, Haworth and Tenafly. Please, no children. Questions? Contact Mary Klein at maryp212@aol.com or Todd Uresse at turesse@gmail.com.