



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of March 7, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR



MARCH

Tue 3/8 COW Meeting, LLE, 5:30pm
 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, Zendiggi
 Thu 3/17 –
 Fri 3/18 DMS Musical, DMS, 7pm
 Fri 3/18 Spirit Friday
 Fri 3/25 Spirit Friday



APRIL

Fri 4/1 Spirit Friday
 Fri 4/8 Spirit Friday
 Tue 4/12 COW Meeting, LLE, 5:30pm
 Fri 4/15 – Good Friday & Spring Recess – All Schools
 Fri 4/22 Closed
 Tue 4/26 Public Budget Hearing & BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm
 Fri 4/29 Spirit Friday

NOTEWORTHY



Sign your student up for the **Principals' Challenge!**



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 Monday!** We hope you enjoyed yesterday's warm weather and were able to get outside. We also hope this taste of Spring continues!

Our students loved **Read Across America Week**. The assemblies received rave reviews and the students enjoyed their fun outfits. But most of all, there was a fantastic emphasis on the **fun of reading!**

This week, the **DMS Book Fair** is coming to town! **Wednesday** and **Thursday**, the book fair will be at the **middle school**. After school, on **Thursday**, is the **FIRST** ever **family event**. Come and shop for books, grab a treat, and meet your principal! Our own **Mr. Regan** will be there and it's a great opportunity to get to know him. We hope to see you there!

Speaking of the middle school, be on the look out to **BUY YOUR TICKETS** to the **musical**. DMS is presenting **The Addams Family**, and we are SO fortunate that will be able to have a live audience. Since this will be a full house, audience members will be **required to wear masks**. While things are looking up, we still must keep safety as our first priority. Can't wait to see you there!

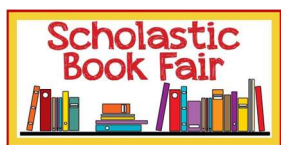
Tis the season for the **5K!** Sign up now, for the **Principals' Challenge** and the race. The **Demarest 5K** offers fun for the whole family, and many ways to support our schools. Please see below, for the full details on race registration and the awesome Principals' Challenge program. We can't wait to see you on race day!

The **PTO Spring Fundraiser** needs your help! Our amazing chair-people 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.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week,
 Vanessa and Mary

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS



DMS Book Fair is **THIS week!!!** **Wednesday, 3/9** and **Thursday, 3/10**. Each grade level will attend the bookfair during the day following a schedule provided by the school. **Cash, check and credit cards are all accepted**. If you would like to **make a contribution** towards the **LA** and **reading teachers' classroom libraries**, follow the **clickable links** below to the grade level digital book fund:

Contribute to **5th grade** LA and reading class libraries here https://shop.scholastic.com/ewallet/fund?lang=en_US&walletId=4435759

Contribute to **6th grade** LA and reading class libraries here https://shop.scholastic.com/ewallet/fund?lang=en_US&walletId=4324490

Contribute to **7th grade** LA and reading class libraries here https://shop.scholastic.com/ewallet/fund?lang=en_US&walletId=4331440

Contribute to **8th grade** LA and reading class libraries here https://shop.scholastic.com/ewallet/fund?lang=en_US&walletId=4309802

**Scholastic Toolkit automatically indicates a suggested amount of \$30 to donate; however, any amount you contribute will be greatly appreciated and help teachers to build classroom libraries.

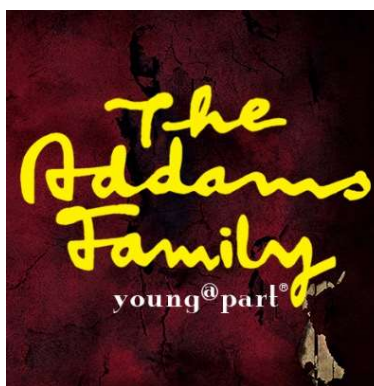
All DMS families are invited to join us for the **first ever DMS Family Fun Book Fair event** on **Thursday, 3/10** from **3:15pm until 5pm**:

- **Mr. Regan**, along with some of our very own **DMS teachers will be present**. This will be a great opportunity to mingle while shopping for books and helping our school!
- The **Demarest Police Department** will attend the Family Fun Event and bring sweet treats and materials to share with the community!
- A **"Teacher Class Wish List" table** will be available at the Book Fair for parents to purchase books selected by our teachers to be donated to their LA or reading classrooms.
- The PTO will be hosting a **hot chocolate** ☕ and **s'mores** 🍪 **truck!!!**

If you would like to **volunteer** to help at the book fair, please visit our sign up here:

www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4BAFAB2CA1FD0-dmsbook

QUESTIONS? Email: Gaby gabrielabrillhart@gmail.com or Batool panjwani07627@gmail.com



We are excited to announce that tickets are **on sale** for **"The Addams Family"** at **Demarest Middle School**! Please join us on **Thursday, March 17** and **Friday, March 18**, as we enjoy an evening with that well known, mysterious, spooky, funny

Addams Family. This musical adaptation is fun for the whole family! The **DMS Drama Club** is so excited to be back on stage after two years. Tickets can be purchased in advance at demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com. Tickets are **\$9.00** for **Members** and **\$10.00** for **non-Members**. All tickets **sold at the door** are **\$10.00**. Performances begin at **7:00pm** in the **Demarest Middle School Auditorium**, 568 Piermont Avenue. Please note that **masks will be required** for the audience. See you soon!! 🎵



Demarest PTO needs your help!!! Have an **auction item to donate**? Big or small, all donations are invaluable! Please email us at: springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.

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<http://bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO>

DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

38TH ANNUAL **Demarest 5k** run for your health

The **Principal's Challenge** starts in just THREE weeks!

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to have your children train for the **5k/One Mile Fun Run** with their Principals!

For more information and to register go to: www.demarest5k.org

Thank you to our **Principal's Challenge Title Sponsor:**



Coaches from **Global Sports Academy** will attend Principal's Challenge sessions to provide students with additional training and support!

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors!

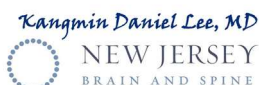
Demarest 5K Title Sponsor:



Gold Sponsors:



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Principal's Challenge Sponsors:



ZENDIGGI



KEBAB HOUSE

Save the date! **Wednesday, 3/16** is our next **No Homework Night!** Order delicious Mediterranean and Middle Eastern food from **Zendiggi Kebab House** in **Closter** and help us raise funds for our schools. Lunch is available from **11am – 2pm**, dinner from **5pm – 8pm**. Don't forget to mention **Demarest PTO** at the time you please your order! Please note that all orders through Doordash will not count towards the fundraiser. You may order online directly on the website www.zendiggi.com and type in **Demarest PTO** under the special instructions.



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 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

Food Collection for Neighbors



Hunger and food insecurity are still on the rise. This monthly collection helps our neighbors. **Dumont Food Pantry** serve its 300 families and **Norwood**

Food Pantry, its 75 families. Food collections are the **FIRST MONDAY** of every month @ **8am – 7pm**.

How to: Just sign up for any Monday. Click on the link below. And drop off at 8 John Street, Demarest (table by garage)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a4aa2ea1fb6-dumont>



The Demarest Athletic Association Rec **Baseball/Softball Opening Day Parade** will be held on **Saturday, April 9th**. It is always a fun event, but it is an event that cannot be run unless we have some **volunteers** to help! To learn more about how you can get involved in this year's Opening Day Ceremonies, please attend the **DAA March 8th meeting** at **7:30pm** at the **Wakelee Fieldhouse**. We will be discussing the roles needed to make this a successful event for all our athletes.

The DAA is now accepting registration for **2022 Spring T-Ball, Baseball, Softball**. Registration will be open on Demarest CommunityPass for Demarest residents now until 3/18. Please visit www.daarec.org for links to Demarest Community Pass and sign up.

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- Gr 1/2 Girls Softball
- Gr 1 Boys Baseball
- Gr 2 Boys Baseball
- Gr 3/4 Girls Softball & Boys Baseball
- Gr 5/6 Girls Softball & Boys Baseball
- Gr 7/8 Girls Softball & Boys Baseball



Frozen Dumpling Fundraiser

Beef & Chive \$26 • Pork \$23
Shrimp \$27 • Kimchi & Beef \$24

@mamabestfoods

The **Korean Demarest Parent Association** is having a **frozen mandu (dumpling) fundraiser**! Place your order for **MannaNe** in Fort Lee today. Each order will have 30 mandus. Put a little bit of oil in a frying pan and cook for a couple minutes on each side, or steam for a quick and easy meal that's also healthy! To order, please email demarestkdpa@gmail.com. The last day to order is **Wednesday, March 9th** and pickup will be on **Wednesday, March 23rd** between **6:30 PM to 8:30 PM** in Demarest. Exact location TBA. Proceeds will go towards our annual **Lunar New Year celebration** and **supporting community** and **PTO events** such as the **Spring Fundraiser** and the **5K**.

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



The Snail and the Whale Read Alikes

Here are some books about friendship, bravery, or sea creatures! All books are owned by the Demarest Library. Click on the cover to find it in the BCCLS catalog!



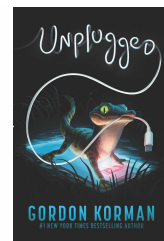
As part of the **One School One Book** initiative, students at CRS read *The Snail and the Whale* by **Julia Donaldson** this past week. **Cara Scott**, the children's librarian at the **Demarest Public Library**, has provided a list of read-alike books for *The Snail and the Whale*, which are available to borrow at the Demarest Public Library and Ms. Scott has also put some out on display in the children's room. Please visit and check some books out.

Demarest Library Updates – Cont'd

Winter Book Clubs



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




5th & 6th Grade
Tuesday, 3/15
4:00 to 4:45

Small Spaces Gardening

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
4pm to 5pm
DEMAREST TRAIN STATION

Learn how to prepare and build your backyard garden with safe, natural methods.

REGISTER AT:
bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest/SmallSpacesGardening





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Demarest, New Jersey 07627 | (201) 768-8714
demarestlibrary.org

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