



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of March 21, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR



MARCH

- Wed 3/23 Spring Fundraiser Meeting, 8pm
- Wed 3/23 Last Day of Spirit Wear Fundraiser
- Fri 3/25 Spirit Friday
- Tue 3/29 Start of Principal's Challenge – LLE, CRS
- Wed 3/30 Start of Principal's Challenge – DMS



APRIL

- Fri 4/1 Spirit Friday
- Fri 4/8 5th/6th Grade Dance, DMS, 7pm
- 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



MAY

- Thu 5/5 PTO Meeting, Zoom, 6:30pm
- Fri 5/6 Spirit Friday
- Tue 5/10 COW & BOE Meeting, LLE, 7pm
- Fri 5/13 Spirit Friday
- Sat 5/14 Spring Fundraiser Gala

NOTEWORTHY



Sign up for the **Principals' Challenge** and run with Demarest's finest!



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.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Hi there **Demarest Families**, welcome to a new week! We hope you had a relaxing weekend and you're ready for Monday. The extra sunlight is definitely helping!

WOW, that's all we can say about **The Addam's Family!** The return of the **DMS Musical** was nothing short of spectacular. The cast, WOW again...there is such talent in our town. What a job well done. We also extend a huge **thank you** to our musical committee of **PTO parent volunteers**. Without you, it would not have been possible! We also thank the **administration** for their committed support of this amazing production. Everyone's help made this such an amazing comeback!

This is the **last week** for **Enrichment**. We hope everyone had a blast. If your class is having a makeup, you will be reminded (via email) two days in advance. *Reminder, classes taught by Mr. Stokes have two more weeks.

Spring is officially here, and it's the perfect time for a jog! Don't miss out on your chance to participate in the return of **Demarest 5k**. This amazing event 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** still needs your help. What about coming to **this week's meeting**? We would love to see you on **Wednesday at 8pm**, email us for the location! Can't make it to the meeting, consider helping by **donating an auction item**. Maybe you have sports/theater tickets, experiences, restaurants, or super cool items. If you want to donate, volunteer, or have ideas or questions; please email us at: springfundraiser@demarestpto.org.

You know what else is happening **Wednesday**? The close of the **Spirit Wear** sale! Have you seen this awesome spring drop? Take a look and don't miss out on your chance to order!

Wishing everyone a fantastic week,
Vanessa and Mary

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

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

DEMAREST PTO NEWS

DEMAREST APPAREL ORDER ONLINE AT: www.likewear.com/collections/demarest
See web site for sizing info. (sizing questions? Call Likewear at 973-535-5554)



Sale ends 3/23/22.
All items will be distributed at school approximately 3 weeks after the sale end date.
Please contact Gabriela (spiritwear@demarestpto.org) with questions.
All sales final. As everything is built to order, no returns or exchanges.

Get ready to show your school spirit by wearing our newest **Demarest Spring Spirit Wear** line. We have all new items. Sales are open now until **Wednesday, 3/23**. Items will be distributed at school approximately 3 weeks after the sale end date. Place your order now at www.likewear.com/collections/demarest. Thanks in advance for your support!



SPRING
FUNDRAISER
COMMITTEE
MEETING

WED. MARCH 23 at 8:00PM

Please join us...

If you can provide Auction Item Donations
To help with SWAG Sales
Sign up for Volunteer Opportunities at the Event
JUST TO HAVE FUN & HELP OUR SCHOOLS
Refreshments will be served
& 2022 Shirts will be sold!
(long sleeve tees \$25 adult, \$20 youth)

location details to follow
Please RSVP to springfundraiser@demarestpto.org



The Principal's Challenge starts in just ONE week!

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to have your K-8th grade 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:



Silver Sponsors:



Bronze Sponsors:



Principal's Challenge Sponsors:



DEMAREST PTO NEWS – Cont'd

GET READY FOR FUN AND DANCE!
The Demarest PTO presents

5th/6th Grade Dance

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL (GYM)

Friday, April 8, 2022 | 7 PM - 9 PM

Desserts and drinks will be served

Tickets available online until 4/7

\$10 PTO members | \$15 non-members

demarestpto.membershiptoolkit.com

Tickets at the door \$15 cash only

Questions? dmsvp@demarestpto.org

The PTO is excited to announce that the **5th/6th Grade Dance** is happening this year! We hope all the 5th and 6th graders will join us at **DMS** on **Friday, 4/8** from **7pm** to **9pm**. Tickets can be purchased at Membership Toolkit.



The PTO is seeking 4 volunteers for the **5th/6th Grade Dance Committee**. If interested, please email dmsvp@demarestpto.org. Please note that you must be a PTO member to volunteer!



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



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

<http://bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO>



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!

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!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Demarest Library Updates – Cont'd



Demarest Library Updates

Korean Storytime
한국어 스토리 타임

MONDAYS: FEBRUARY 28,
MARCH 28, APRIL 25,
MAY 23, JUNE 13
3:30 TO 4:00 PM

Join us at the train station for Korean read aloud stories, read by a community volunteer!

Online registration begins one month before each storytime. Masks are required.

Hebrew Storytime & Craft
שעת סיפור ויצירה

Wednesday, April 6 at 4:00 PM
at the Demarest Train Station

For children ages 4 and up and their families
Register online today:
bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest

Join us at the Demarest Train Station on **Wednesday, 4/6 at 4:00pm** for Hebrew read aloud stories, read by a community volunteer! We'll also be doing a fun craft to celebrate the springtime! Online registration is required.

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



Demarest Free Public Library
90 Hardenburgh Ave.
Demarest, New Jersey 07627 | (201) 768-8714
demarestlibrary.org

Book Clubs: Join Ms. Cara for fun monthly book discussions! Pick up your copy of the book after registering online. Copies will be held at the library behind the front desk. You have a few weeks to read the book before we meet for our book discussion each month! Book Clubs are meeting virtually on Zoom as of now; please stay tuned for any updates! Book Clubs meet at 4:00pm on the following dates:

- 1st & 2nd Grade Book Club: April 5, May 3, May 31
- 3rd & 4th Grade Book Club: April 12, May 10, June 7
- 5th & 6th Grade Book Club: April 26, May 17, June 14

Makers Day: Celebrate Makers Day with us at the library on **Saturday, March 26!** Stop by anytime between **10:00am** and **12:00pm** to participate in some fun and educational STEAM activities.

Little Bookworms: Yoga Storytime (18 months to 5 years old): Join us at the train station on **Friday, April 1** at **10:30am** for a very special Yoga Storytime with the Bendy Bookworm! Sing silly songs! Learn silly yoga poses! And enjoy a read aloud story! Online registration is required.

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd

Demarest Library Updates – Cont'd

Teen Night: The Teen Advisory Board is hosting its kickoff event: a Teen Night at the library after hours! Teens are invited to join us from **5:30pm to 7:30pm** on **Friday, April 1** for a movie, pizza, games and prizes! Online registration is required.

Engineering Workshop (grades 2 to 6): Kids in grades 2 to 6 are invited to the Demarest Train Station for an engineering workshop on **Monday, April 11** at **3:30pm**. Design, create, test, and improve your prototype with Kerryann O'Connor. Online registration begins on Monday, March 21.

Crochet Club: Children ages 7 and up can learn how to crochet and work on their own beautiful creations with Ms. Michele! This club will meet at the Demarest Library in the children's section on **Thursday, April 7** and **Thursday, April 28** at **6:00pm**. For the first meeting, we ask that adults stay with children under the age of 10. Online registration is required.

Music with Miss Nita (ages 0 to 5): Join Miss Nita at the Demarest Train Station on **Friday, April 15** at **10:30am** for some singing, dancing and musical fun! This program is for children ages 0 to 5 and their caregivers. Online registration is required and it begins on Friday, March 25.

Visit our website for more information about upcoming children's programs: www.demarestlibrary.org.

Register for programs via our online calendar: bccls.libcal.com/calendar/demarest

LIFE SKILLS THROUGH BIKE SKILLS



Girls in Gear helps riders learn about themselves, their bikes, and their community.



Join us for an eight-week program for riders ages 9-12 who want to build confidence on and off their bikes.

**HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
UPPER PARKING LOT
340 HOMANS AVE, CLOSTER
SATURDAYS AT 8:30AM
STARTING APRIL 9th**

**REGISTER
TO RIDE**

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**\$25 for the season
Scholarships are available**

Email info@girlsingear.org for more information