



DEMAREST PTO NEWSLETTER



Week of May 23, 2022

UPCOMING CALENDAR



Thu 5/26 LLE Field Day
 Fri 5/27 –
 Mon 5/30 Memorial Day Weekend – All Schools Closed



Fri 6/3 Spirit Friday
 Fri 6/10 Spirit Friday
 Mon 6/13 Half Day
 Tue 6/14 COW & BOE Meeting, CRS, 7pm
 Fri 6/17 4th Grade Moving Up Celebration
 Mon 6/20 8th Grade Graduation
 Mon 6/20 Half Day
 Tue 6/21 Last Day of School – Half Day

NOTEWORTHY



Remember, there is no school on **Friday** or next **Monday**.



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

Hi **Demarest Families**, we hope you had amazing, albeit warm, weekend. Welcome back to the school week.

Unfortunately, the **Demarest 5K** did not take place yesterday (as planned). We still must **thank** our **chairperson (Jenni Choi)** and her **amazing committee**. Their commitment to this event is unparalleled and so much appreciated. We also thank our **sponsors** and **registrants**, and look forward to seeing everyone in **October**. Looks like we better keep training, more time to beat our best times!

The **Spring Fundraiser Online Auction** closed last **Monday**, and was wildly successful. We again, **thank** our **committee** for all of their tremendous efforts. This is no easy task, and our school items (alone) generated almost **\$20,000! WOW!** We also **thank** our **teachers** and **administration**. Without their generous donations, this would not be possible! Stay tuned for the total amount raised, we are still tabulating.

The **Principal's Challenge** wrapped last week. The students all did an amazing job and received their certificates. Our principals, teachers and volunteers were all fantastic. We greatly appreciate all who come together, making this an awesome community experience.

Field Day is back and we have one more school to go! **LLE** is **Thursday, May 26th**. Thank you, in advance, to the staff and volunteers that make this day possible.

As this year comes to a close, there are **plenty of opportunities** to help the **PTO**. Get involved, help our schools and meet new people. Doesn't that sound cool? We think so! We have several committees that need volunteers, email our secretary for more information at secretary@demarestpto.org.

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 an awesome week,
Vanessa and Mary

Demarest PTO Co-Presidents
president@demarestpto.org

DEMAREST PTO NEWS



Looking for a great opportunity to join in and help the PTO? We are seeking new Committee Coordinators for the 2022-2023 school year.

Committee Coordinator Roles (1-year commitment):

- Art Cards Fundraiser
- CRS Library Parent
- CRS Lunch Parent
- Cultural Arts
- Demarest 5K
- DMS Field Day
- DMS Class Parent Coordinator
- Spirit Wear Fundraisers

Please contact Grace Lee at secretary@demarestpto.org for more information regarding these positions.



Please use this link to choose **Demarest PTO** as the non-profit you are supporting: bit.ly/AmazonSmileDemarestPTO

CRS, LLE & DMS



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!



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!

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 by Friday of each week.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Registration for **Demarest Rec Camp** is still **OPEN** until June 6th! After that, there will be a late fee until 6/22.

Register on **Community Pass**.

COMMUNITY NEWS – Cont'd



Demarest Library Updates

Book Clubs: Join Ms. Cara for fun monthly book discussions! Pick up your copy of the book after registering online. Tune in via Zoom or come to the library to discuss the book in person! Book Clubs meet at 4pm on the following dates:

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

Little Wiggles Storytime: (ages 0 to 4)

Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30am to 11am

Join Ms. Cara every Monday and Wednesday for stories, songs, and fun! When the weather is nice, we'll meet at the Demarest Gazebo. Otherwise, we will meet at the Demarest Train Station. Check the library's social media pages or call the library the morning of for updates!

Korean Storytime: Monday, May 23, 3:30pm – 4pm

Join us at the Demarest Train Station for Korean read aloud stories, read by a community volunteer, and a craft! This program is in partnership with the Korean Demarest Parents Association.

Chess Club: Most Saturdays, 10am to 11:30am

Chess Club is back! Come play chess with players of all levels. This event will take place at the library in the children's area. Children in grades 1st and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Birdhouse Painting: (ages 4 and up)

Tuesday, May 24, 3:30 – 4:15pm

Listen to a story, then assemble and paint your own birdhouse with Ms. Cara! This program will be held at the Demarest Train Station. Registration is required, and it begins on Tuesday, May 3. Supplies are limited, so please indicate how many children will be attending when you register. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Demarest Library Updates – Cont'd

Wacky Science: (ages 6 to 12)

Thursday, May 26, 3:30pm to 4pm

Wacky Science is back! Make your own slime and learn the science behind it with Ms. Cara! We will meet at the library in the program room. Registration is required, and it begins 5/5.

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

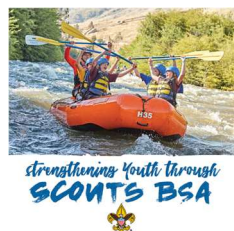
Food Collection for Neighbors



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 typically 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)

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45a4aa2ea1fb6-dumont



Fun! Friends! Adventure!

Girls, ages 11-17, are invited to join Scouts BSA Closter/Demarest Troop 163.

Come to any of our weekly meetings to learn about the amazing

opportunities for your daughter. Mondays, 3:30 - 5:00pm

Now is a great time to START SCOUTING! There is still time for your daughter to participate in our SUMMER ADVENTURES.

Join our ADVENTURES – camping, hiking, kayaking, horseback riding, cycling, ziplining, rock climbing, high adventure treks, learning wilderness skills, and MORE.

Learn valuable LIFE SKILLS, develop LEADERSHIP SKILLS, and actively participate in COMMUNITY SERVICE while **Exploring the Great Outdoors!** Scouting questions? Email Scoutmaster Erica Song at erica_song@hotmail.com.