



Demarest doings



Dates to Remember

December 4:

Magical Journey Program
HSA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

December 7-8:

Holiday Shoppe

December 9:

Breakfast with Santa

December 1:

Author visit 1st and 2nd grades

December 13-15:

5 Below

December 19:

Holiday Concert

December 22:

Class Holiday Parties
Early dismissal (12:30 p.m.)

December 25-January 1:

School closed: Winter Break

December 2017

Programs: Magical Journey

On December 4, "The Magical Journey" comes to Demarest to tell the story of a little girl's Elf on the Shelf who comes to life and takes her on a magical holiday trip around the world.

Author Visit

On December 11, grades 1 and 2 will enjoy an author visit with Gail Kahn-Wallis, who has written a series of books about Lucas the Seal, with topics such as friendship and bullying. The books are self-published and illustrated by a former Bloomfield art teacher, Sondra Rosenthal.

Recess Activity Committee - Winter Games and Activities

Winter is coming - and with it, indoor recess for bad weather days. We'd like to make indoor recess as much fun as possible for the kids and are looking for your help in any way you can offer it. Donations of gently used Legos, games, toys, crafts, etc., are welcome. Please note that games and puzzles must be complete (no missing pieces) and can be completed in a single recess (e.g., no 500-piece puzzles, please!) We also welcome parent who would like to volunteer their time and skills to lead recess clubs or activities. You can volunteer one time or on a regular basis throughout the winter. We're open to any and all suggestions. Past activities and ideas have included a Lego club, knitting club, yoga club, calligraphy or cursive writing club. What skill can you share with Demarest students? Please contact Laurie Kessler at lauriekessler@hotmail.com to volunteer or if you have questions. Or feel free to drop off donations labeled "RECESS DONATIONS" to the Demarest office. Thank you!



Box Tops Scoreboard

K-3rd: 3rd grade/Mrs. Tice: 795

4th-6th: 4th grade/Mrs. Amoroso: 444

*Keep clipping!
It's not over yet!*

Presidents' Corner

It's the most **wonderful** time of the year! Do you know what else is wonderful? All of our children and family here at Demarest! We know this is a very busy time for everyone, and the Home and School Association is also busy with lots of fun and exciting events for the month. We have the Holiday Shop, Breakfast with Santa, and our classroom holiday parties. We thank you again for your continued support and generosity. On behalf of the Home and School Association, we wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

Happy New Year!

RaQia Bouchard and Tracy Pityinger
HSA Co-Presidents

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As you can imagine, an elementary school is an exciting place to be as the holidays approach. Our halls are decorated, children are reading holiday stories, and they are learning holiday- and winter-themed music.

I am hopeful that our students also understand that the holiday spirit should go much deeper than what I have described above. It is also a season when we think of others who may be less fortunate and come to understand that not everyone in our Demarest family shares the same holidays and celebrations. These differences provide us all with an opportunity to learn and grow.

At Demarest School, there will be several opportunities in the next few months for our children to learn the joy of giving and caring. We will have our annual collection of new socks, hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens to decorate our Giving Tree. In addition, a Demarest Girl Scout Troop will be collecting new children's toys for needy families. I am excited to also share the news the Demarest School has been selected to be a site for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. This will be scheduled in January, and you may consider volunteering some time to work alongside community members to paint and decorate our school.

On behalf of the entire Demarest staff, I offer our wishes for a wonderful holiday and a new year that is filled with peace and happiness.

Sincerely,
Mary Todaro

Fundraiser Updates

Fall Catalog Sales

Please keep an eye out for pick-up notifications for your Silver Graphics and/or cookie dough orders. Orders placed online for Silver Graphics will also be a part of this pick-up. Orders are expected to arrive in early to mid-December.

Kids' Tricky Tray

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the event and those who helped put the event together. Our first Kids' Tricky Tray was a huge success, and we could not have done it without you.



Basketball Clinic: 2nd & 3rd Grades

Registration packets for 2nd and 3rd grade basketball clinic went home last week. This is a co-ed clinic designed to teach basketball skills, drills, and the basics of the game in a fun environment. Sessions will be held on Mondays from January 8 through March 26 from 5–6 pm (2nd grade) and 6–7 pm (3rd grade) in the Demarest gym. If your 2nd- or 3rd-grader did not receive a registration packet, or if you have questions, please email basketballclinic@demaresthsa.org or call/text Amy Deputato at 201-838-5562.

Basketball Clinic: 4th-6th Grades

Practices are in session, and the teams are working hard for a great 2018 season. Games begin in early January on Saturdays at either Demarest or Oakview gym. Come and show your support! We plan to have the snack bar up and running at games again this year.

Box Tops

Since the school year started, we have submitted \$450.60 worth of Box Tops! Many thanks to our Demarest family for making this happen—every little bit helps. Box Tops do expire, so bring them in as soon as you can. Please make sure they are labeled with your child's name and class so credit can be applied appropriately.

With the holiday season coming, please consider purchasing Box Tops products. The full list can be found (with coupons) here: www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products.

Remember that you can also link your ShopRite card to Box Tops, and your purchase of any Box Tops products will be credited to our school automatically! For more info, visit www.shopriteformyschool.com.



Future Fundraising: Save the dates...

Pancake Breakfast with Santa: A new event this year is our pancake breakfast with Santa on December 9th. There will be two seatings: 8:00–9:30 a.m. and 10:00–11:30 a.m. Admission is \$7 per person and includes a pancake breakfast, various beverages, a photo/visit with Santa or a photo with a winter backdrop, holiday crafts for the kids, and holiday music.

Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Catalog Sale: Information will be sent home early February. Orders will be in before the Easter Holiday/Spring Break.

Fish Fry: Another new event is the Demarest Fish Fry, to be held in early March. (Chicken will also be available). Details to follow.

Tricky Tray: Demarest's annual tricky tray will be held on Friday, April 27th. It will be held at the Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield; details to follow. We are accepting donations of gently used baskets/containers of any size. Contact trickytray@demaresthsa.org.

Yard Sale and Clothing Drive: Our next yard sale is will be May 19th and our spring clothing drive is scheduled for June 2nd. Please consider saving your unwanted items to donate to these events. We expect to start collecting items in April.



Ways to connect with Demarest Home & School Association:

Our website: <http://demaresthsa.org/>

Email us: email@demaresthsa.org

Like us on : <https://www.facebook.com/demaresthsa/>

Or, better yet, attend a meeting! The Demarest HSA meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Demarest cafeteria.