



Demarest doings

March 2018



Dates to Remember

March 30-April 6:

School closed: Spring Break

April 9:

HSA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

April 10:

Rita's mini-fundraiser

April 16:

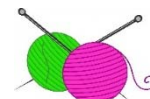
Panera mini-fundraiser

April 27:

Movie Night: Now Showing, The Demarest Tricky Tray

Recess Activity Committee – Volunteers still needed!

We still need volunteers for indoor recess days. We've started some programs but are always open to more ideas to make indoor recess as much fun as possible for the kids. We are still accepting donations of gently used Legos, games, toys, crafts, etc. Please make sure they have all the pieces and can be done during a single recess (e.g., no 500-piece puzzles, please). We also welcome parents who would like to volunteer their time and skills to lead recess clubs or activities; this can be either a one-time class or ongoing (e.g., weekly) throughout the winter. We're open to any and all suggestions. Past activities have included dance classes, Lego building, knitting, yoga, and calligraphy or cursive writing. What skill can you share with Demarest students? Please contact Laurie Kessler at lauriekessler@hotmail.com if you'd like to help out or if you have any questions—or feel free to bring your donations to the school office, labeled "RECESS DONATIONS." Thank you!!



Plant Sale

The annual Plant Sale will be held on Friday, May 11, 2018. We need volunteers to assist the students with their plant shopping throughout the school day, as well as to help with set-up and clean-up. If you can help, please email Nicole at ndyerfoncello@gmail.com or text 201-532-1888.



We Need YOU!

Nomination forms were sent home for the positions of HSA Co-President and Treasurer. Please consider volunteering or nominating someone who you think would be a good fit for these positions. Nominations will be accepted through April 9.

Presidents' Corner

Happy Spring! Based on the recent weather, it is hard to believe it is Spring, but here we are! Just like the warmer weather, our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year, HSA's annual Tricky Tray, is approaching. If you have been waiting for the grand finale of fundraisers to volunteer for, here it is—and your help is needed! All donations of gifts and time are appreciated as we prep for this event. We thank you for your continued support of the HSA as we work to provide funding, programs, and fun activities for all Demarest students.

RaQia Bouchard and Tracy Pityinger
HSA Co-Presidents

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As I write this note, I am listening to the voices of our first graders and sixth graders participating in a "buddy read" in celebration of Read Across America Week. This is a wonderful reminder of how much I love teaching and being around students. The younger students are proud and excited to show off their reading skills. The sixth graders are listening patiently and offering words of encouragement. Sadly, at the same time I am enjoying this delightful activity, I am also thinking of what additional steps I can take to make sure our building is secure and our students are protected.

In the aftermath of the tragedy in Florida, I can assure you that every principal is reviewing security and safety procedures to ensure our children are safe. The elementary principals met with our superintendent, Mr. Goncalves, and have been informed that all elementary schools will be assigned a school security officer. Additional information can be found on the Bloomfield School District's website under the heading "Resources."

Please know that my most important job is to keep your child safe. Remember that all adults must enter through the front door, where your identity will be verified before the door is unlocked. I also ask that you do not hold the door open for the person behind you so that we have an opportunity to verify that person's identity. I am grateful that our Police Department has posted officers in front of our school to reassure students and parents.

Should you ever have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Mary Todaro

TRICKY TRAY

Everyone get ready—our BIGGEST event of the year is getting closer and closer! The Tricky Tray is Friday, April 27 at the Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield. This year's theme is Movie Night: Now Showing, The Demarest Tricky Tray. Ticket sales are now open. Tickets will not be sold at the door, and seating is limited to 250 people. For tickets or for more information, go to:

http://demaresthsa.org/?page_id=1116

Please continue to send in your donations for class baskets (broken down by grade) as well as your family baskets. We are also looking for wicker baskets in any color or shape! Baskets can be dropped off at the office. We have already received so many donations. Please keep them coming! This is our most profitable fundraiser of the year, and we can't do it without your support. Thank you in advance!

Any questions, please contact the Tricky Tray Committee at trickytray@demaresthsa.org, Laura Clifford (973) 356-9507, or Tracy Pityinger (973) 405-3653.



Box Top Winners!



Grades K-3:

- 🎉 Mrs. Tice's 3rd grade class won with 1,291 Box Tops.
- 🎉 Mrs. Desai's 2nd grade class placed second with 552 Box Tops.

Grades 4-6:

- 🎉 Mrs. Amoruso's 4th grade class is the winner with 601 Box Tops.
- 🎉 Mrs. Magliacano's 5th graders were a close second with 590 Box Tops.

With this latest submission of Box Tops, our school has raised approximately \$847 this year! *Please continue to send Box Tops in before they expire. We collect them year-round, and every Box Top counts!*

Also, if you haven't already, please sign up for ShopRite for My School to link your ShopRite card to Demarest School. You'll automatically earn Box Tops credit for every eligible product purchased. We've earned \$80.20 (or 820 Box Tops) from this program alone. <https://shopriteformyschool.com/>

4th–6th Grade Basketball

The Demarest HSA Basketball Committee would like to congratulate all of the teams on a fantastic season. The kids played their hearts out and continued to improve throughout the season. Thank you to all of the parents and other family members who came out to support the teams.

A special thanks goes out to the coaches for giving their time to work with the kids and teach them basketball skills and, more importantly, teamwork and good sportsmanship:

- 🏀 **Matt Brewster** and **Mike Kaufman**: Boys' Varsity Team
- 🏀 **Kevin Sayers**: Girls' Varsity and Boys' Freshman Teams
- 🏀 **Kevin Clifford**: Boys' Freshman, Boys' JV, Girls' Freshman, and Girls' JV Teams

Remember that we always need parents to coach and assist. Please reach out to the HSA if you are interested in coaching next season!



Fundraiser Updates

- **Gertrude Hawk**: Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser. Orders are in! If you haven't picked yours up, please contact us!
- **Fish Fry**: This was a new event for us, and we'd like to thank everyone who came out to support this effort as well as everyone who donated baked goods.
- **Yard Sale**: The Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2018 (rain date: June 2, 2018.) We will start accepting donations in April, so please consider putting items aside for the Yard Sale as you're doing your Spring cleaning! More information will follow as we get closer to accepting donations. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please reach out to fundraising@demaresthsa.org. **Remember, one person's junk is another person's treasure!**

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.