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### **RECESS VOLUNTEERS & SUPPLIES WANTED!**

If you can spare an hour during lunchtime, we'd love for you to help out at our Recess Activity Program by sharing your skills and interests with Demarest students by running a class or a club. We have started a few lunchtime programs and are open to hear your ideas for others! We also appreciate any donations of gently used Legos, grade-school-age toys and crafts, recess balls and supplies, etc. (please drop off at Ms. Todaro's office). Email Laurie at [lauriekessler@hotmail.com](mailto:lauriekessler@hotmail.com) with questions or offers to help.

### **TRICKY TRAY**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW** for Demarest School's biggest fundraiser of the year, the annual Tricky Tray. to be held on May 5 at the Hanover Manor, East Hanover. Tickets are \$55 per person and include a four-course dinner; beer, wine, and soda; and a sheet of tickets for regular baskets. Discounted ticket packages also available in advance. See the order form that came home in your child's backpack or contact any of the Tricky Tray committee chairs:

LuAnn Mugnone 973-841-3284 • Dena Miller 862-202-9989 • Tracy Pityinger 973-405-3653

### **TOWN PUB MINI-FUNDRAISER**

Wednesday, April 12

5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Town Pub

378 Broad Street, Bloomfield

Town Pub will donate 20% of sales during this time frame to Demarest School; please mention the Demarest fundraiser to your server.

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Congratulations to the first and fifth grades for winning the Box Tops contest! Please continue to collect and submit Box Tops until June 1st. We fell significantly short from last year, but we are hoping to make up for it through continuous support. Don't forget to register with [www.shopriteformyschool.com](http://www.shopriteformyschool.com) so that your Box Tops automatically apply to our school. Please browse the Box Tops website ([www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products](http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products)) to find products and coupons. Thank you for your participation!

### **SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE**

Our Spring clothing drive will be held Saturday, June 3. **Items accepted:** Men, women, and children's clothing, shoes, hats, belts, ties, handbags, coats, jackets, bed linens, bath linens and stuffed animals. Please bring items bagged or boxed.

It's time to show some

**School Spirit!**

Every **Friday**, wear your favorite **Demarest** gear!

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## As They Say.... Someone's Junk Is Another's Treasure

Let Demarest Home and School Association (HSA) give you a reason to kick-start your Spring cleaning. HSA will be holding a yard sale at Demarest Elementary School on Saturday, May 6 (rain date, May 20).

*How can you help now? We are glad you asked!*  
**\*\*DONATE, DONATE, DONATE\*\***

Currently, we are collecting gently used, unwanted goods to sell! Spread the news, post to your social media, share with your neighbors...the more we have to sell, the more money we can make!

### **DONATION DRIVE INFORMATION:**

When to Donate: April 1–May 5

Times for Donations: A time convenient for you!

Where to Drop Off Donations: 75 Pilch Street, Bloomfield. If no one is home, please leave items close to fence in the back end of driveway or inside enclosed front porch.

For more information or questions about donating: Please call/text (973) 356-9507 or email [lmchsa@yahoo.com](mailto:lmchsa@yahoo.com)

What We Can Accept: Gently used items of most sorts that are suitable for resale. If you have a larger item(s) or questionable item(s) not listed below, please contact Laura at the above before dropping off. We will also gratefully accept paper/plastic shopping and grocery bags and small to medium sized cardboard boxes (new or used).

What We Cannot Accept: Mattresses, any porous furniture (e.g., sofas), car seats, cribs, fax machines, telephones, old computer items/parts, halogen lamps, large appliances, non-working household items (e.g., blender that does not work when plugged in), building products, magazines, broken or chipped glasses and plates, torn or stained clothing, or worn or stained furniture.

What We Are Looking to Borrow: Folding tables and/or tarps. Please contact Laura at (973) 356-9507 or [lmchsa@yahoo.com](mailto:lmchsa@yahoo.com) to coordinate any borrowing of the listed items. The items borrowed will be tracked and returned in the conditioned borrowed.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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Dear Parents,

It appears that Spring has finally arrived in Bloomfield! Personally, I am happy that the snow is gone and our students can be outside once again. Quite frankly, we had a rough winter with colds, flus, and viruses. I am hoping that the warmer weather will also bring good health to all.

Every Demarest family has been enrolled in PowerSchool! This means that you have access to up-to-date information about your child's attendance and grades. It also means that we have a way to contact you to share notices and handouts that were typically printed out and sent home in your child's backpack. Our new "Virtual Backpack" has been operational for the past few weeks and appears to be working well. It is published via email every Thursday. This electronic format has allowed our school to save both time and money and, more importantly, provide you with 24/7 access to essential information. The only information you will continue to receive in paper format is our monthly calendar and any form that must be returned with a signature. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Because the next few months are typically very active at Demarest, I suggest you post our monthly calendar in an area where it can be easily viewed. Spring is the time of the year when field trips as well as testing are scheduled. It is important to be mindful of these dates. For the next few weeks, many of our students will be engaged in testing. Please know that these are NOT high-stakes tests for our students. While we want them to become accustomed to these types of assessments, there should be no stress or anxiety related to these tests. The only thing I ask is that students arrive on time, well rested and ready to do their best. However, this is my expectation for your child every day that school is in session.

I hope you all enjoy the great weather that appears to be just around the corner! As always, I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Mary Todaro