

# DEMAREST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Demarest Teachers Log Countless PD Hours

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Demarest Public Schools' staff has just completed a robust professional development program using Kyte Learning. Once the plan was developed, it was decided to put a little competitive edge to it for increased motivation for the teaching staff! As a district with three buildings, teams were drawn up, leaving three team winners at the end of the year. Prizes were given to two individual who were the highest district point getters. Achieving points would be based on completing credit hours as well as bonus submissions that provided evidence of how the technology tool learned was implemented in the classroom. Prizes included gift cards, and a choice of reserved parking spaces at the end of the year, or a catered lunch. Though teachers engage in professional learning days prior to the start of school, this contest rolled out on Columbus Day.

At the end of the course, the Demarest staff had completed 1,296 credit hours! These hours were completed both on their own time, and during allotted staff meeting time. Additionally, many staff members shared how they implemented these tools within their classes.