

Royle Blast



Calendar

SEPTEMBER

9.16 Yom Kippur - No School

9.21 PTO Executive Board Meeting/All PTO Social

9.22 School/Class Picture Day

9.24 Conversations & Coffee with Dr. Mullin 9:30am (Virtual)

OCTOBER

10.01 1st Annual Royle Walk-A-Thon

From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle,

It has been such an exciting start to the school year! A huge thank you to Melt Mobile, Snappy Dawgs, Dance on the DL, DJ Eric and InterConnecticut FC for helping us celebrate back-to-school in style.

We are so thankful to have been able to start the year off with an in-person gathering, and we hope to continue rolling into the fall with new events for kids and adults. This week we will kick off our fall fundraiser – the 1st Annual Royle Walk-a-thon! All the information you need is in your child(ren)'s walk-a-thon starter packet that will be coming home in backpacks this week. The walk-a-thon will take place at Royle on Friday, October 1st during school hours. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come cheer in-person. Stay tuned for more info!

Finally, don't forget to order your Royle spiritwear! Check out the new gear in our first-ever online pop-up store. You can have your swag delivered right to your home or to your child's classroom. The link is live until end of day tomorrow, so **shop now!**

Lindsay Kollar & Monica Silverman

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Royle Info

Royle Spiritwear - On Sale Now!

We're so excited to be selling NEW Royle gear this year through our own online shop! The Royle virtual pop-up store is live now and will be active through Monday 9/13. Load up so you are ready to show your Royle pride on school spirit days, at school events and around town. New for this year, you can choose to ship directly to your home or have your merch delivered to your child's classroom. Inventory changes quickly, so use the link below to place your order ASAP.

[Get Your Royle Gear Here!](#)

Let's Restock the Teacher's Lounge

Show your support for our amazing Royle Staff by helping to restock the Teacher Lounge with snacks, goodies and essentials! The Amazon Wish List will ship directly to Royle and remain active until the list is complete!

[Teacher's Lounge Wishlist](#)

The New Royle School Directory - Order by September 30

AtoZConnect has migrated to a new platform, called Membership Toolkit!!

To access the new directory, ALL new and existing users must:

1. Log onto the School Specific Website: [**roylepto.membershiptoolkit.com**](http://roylepto.membershiptoolkit.com)
2. Create an account on a browser (either using your phone or computer)
3. Confirm your student(s) information
4. Select type of directory for purchase. There are three options:
 - Digital Directory \$6.00
 - Print & Digital Directory Bundle \$12.00
 - Printed Directory Only \$10.00

**Once a parent creates an account and confirms their information, you will be able to log in via the Membership Toolkit App.*

*** The old AtoZ Connect app will be retiring and can be deleted off your mobile device.*

Download the Free App!

Search for **Membership Toolkit** in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

After you register on the website, use the same username and password you chose in the app to access our directory, manage your family information — all from your cell phone

Questions? Contact K.C. Simon [**kathleencsimon@gmail.com**](mailto:kathleencsimon@gmail.com) or Kendra Lee [**kendracallahan@gmail.com**](mailto:kendracallahan@gmail.com)



1st Annual Royle Walk-A-Thon

We are so excited to announce Royle School's 1st Walk A Thon happening on **Friday, October 1, 2021**. A packet of information should have gone home with your child with all the details. You can collect pledges either via the form we sent home or the link below.

[**https://ssl.charityweb.net/roylepto/walkathon/join.htm**](https://ssl.charityweb.net/roylepto/walkathon/join.htm)

The PTO is also selling signs to be displayed around the school yard on the day of the Walk A Thon. (Information also in the packet that was sent home)

Please support your child and our school and participate in this fundraiser!

All children will walk in the Walk A Thon regardless of how many pledges they collect. Prizes will be distributed based on total classroom pledges not individual pledges.

There will be no other PTO fundraiser this fall so please make this WALK A THON a success!!

Fall Family Photos

Fall Family Mini Photo Sessions will be taking place this year on **October 23rd** with Royle family-favorite photographer Karen Morneau at Cherry Lawn.

[Register here on SignUp Genius](#) to reserve a time slot. Once you book your time, complete payment at [Pay4SchoolStuff](#). If payment is not received, the time slot will be forfeited. Karen will send you all your images after the photo shoot and you can pay her directly for the images you choose. Enjoy!



Royle Family Photo Day

SAVE THE DATE!

2021 FALL
FAMILY PHOTO DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
CHERRY LAWN PARK
8:00 AM - 5:20 PM
20 MINUTE MINI SESSIONS
\$75 DONATION TO ROYLE PTO

CONTACT ERIN EBLEN AT ERINEBLEN@YAHOO.COM
WITH ANY QUESTIONS

FEEL FREE TO VISIT WWW.KARENMORNEAUPHOTOGRAPHY.COM

Royalty Rewards

Did you know that the Royle PTO raises hundreds of dollars each year just by you shopping?!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Royle PTO every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same products and prices as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our school.

To register your account so that Royle receives the donations, please go to smile.amazon.com and select ROYLE PTO as your charitable organization and then select Royle School PTO Charity to receive the donations from eligible purchases. And don't forget to reset your bookmark from "Amazon" to "smile.amazon.com".

Like to shop from your phone? You can still support the Royle PTO! In your Amazon app, click on the 3 lines at the bottom right side of your phone. Select "Gifting & Charity", scroll down to "AmazonSmile" and type in Royle School PTO. Easy as clicking BUY NOW!

AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. Please visit and support Royle School PTO!

Mabel's Labels

It's important to make sure all of your child's items are labeled as they come back to school! Royle PTO has teamed up with Mabel's Labels for an incredible selection of labels

across all price points and free shipping! Best of all, every purchase will help provide Royle PTO the resources needed to support our school. Click campaigns.mabelslabels.com and enter "Royle" in the box when prompted. Thank you!

Share Your Pics from the Back-to-School Picnic

Tag and follow @royle_pto with all your school-related Instagram posts! We'll repost and show off our amazing Royle community!

Join the PTO

Interested in joining the PTO? Please contact [Lindsay Kollar](#) or [Monica Silverman](#)

Darien School District & Town Info

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Guess What? After school enrichment is back and even better, back in person! Is your child interested in learning how to be a ninja or thinking they will be the next big hit on Royle's Got Talent? Registration will open for our afterschool programs on **Sunday, September 12th at 9am**. Enrichment will run from September 27th - December 22nd from 3:10 - 4:10pm. Reserve your spot by clicking [HERE](#) before it is too late.

CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION

Questions or suggestions for DPS? Please use this Chain of Communication guide for school-related matters.

[DPS Chain of Communication](#)

UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Held at 35 Leroy Ave and available to view via Zoom and YouTube. The BOE usually posts links on their website on the day of the meetings.

Tuesday, September 14 @ 7:30 PM

Tuesday, September 28 @ 7:30 PM

MUSIC FOR YOUTH

Darien Music for Youth has big plans this year and needs your help! Please Join! Darien Music for Youth is a 501c3 that has been providing music enrichment in all 7 schools for more than 50 years. This year, MFY will support a new curricular initiative called the Blues and Beyond at MMS, an all school band festival including a visit by Dallas Brass in April, poster contests promoting the District wide curricular theme of American Music and more. All members will be listed in the Dallas Brass and other programs. We can't do it without you. Please use the link here to join <https://darienmusicforyouth.wordpress.com> or donate on the [flyer](#).

DARIEN YMCA AFTER SCHOOL KIDS CLUB PROGRAM

The Darien YMCA has openings in it's After School Kids Club Program. Kids Club is an ideal after-school program for children of active and working parents. Kids Club is a state-licensed program designed for children age 3 through 5th grade. Participating children can ride the "Y Bus" directly from their Darien school to the Kids Club program held at the Darien YMCA. There they are met by the Kids Club staff who create a supportive environment for after-school fun. Children may stay as late as 6:30 PM. Depending on the age of the children in the group, typical activities include homework time, indoor/outdoor games, snacks, arts and crafts, cooking, and special events. Whether in the gym or the classroom, Kids Club incorporates the national YMCA's values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility in its curriculum. Kids Club follows the Darien public school calendar. The program operates during all early dismissal days and conference days. We welcome children of all abilities.

Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year is open.

You can register online or at the YMCA front desk.

For further info, contact Suzanne Richards, Director of Youth Development & Special Needs Programs at (203) 655-8228 ext 1331 or srichards@darien-ymca.org.

COMMUNITY

ROYLE CUB SCOUTS

Darien Cub Scouts welcomes BOYS and GIRLS in grades K-5 for the 2021-22 school year! Cub Scouting is a chance to get outside, go camping, play games, try new things, and to help other people. Our first Pack Meetings are an ice cream social on **Sun, Sept 12th, at 1PM**, and launching rockets on **Sun, Sept 26th!**

For all info or to join our mailing list, visit our website pack56.darienscouts.org



Or stop by our town wide **Open Houses** on either of **Sat, Sept 18th (2p-5p)** or **Sat, Oct 2nd (9a-12p)** at the Scout Cabin, 140 West Avenue! Drop by for some interactive family fun for all ages and learn about Darien Scouting, with programs for boys and girls grades K-12. Scouts learn leadership skills, have outdoor adventures, and provide valuable community service while making lifelong friends. Visit www.darienscouts.org or email darienscouts@gmail.com for more information.

MOVIE IN THE PARK!

NEW! Darien Parks and Recreation, the Darien Youth Commission and the Darien Arts Center present: Movie in the Park! - Friday, September 17

Join us next at Highland Farm for Disney's *Onward*! A perfect transition from summer to fall... grab a picnic, beach chair, and blanket and come enjoy an evening under the stars at one of Darien's newest open spaces! (560 Middlesex Rd.) The event is free to attend and limited concessions will be offered for purchase while supplies last.

REMINDER: HIGHLAND FARMS POLICY IS CARRY-IN/CARRY-OUT WITH ALL REFUSE. THERE ARE NO GARBAGE RECEPTACLES AT HIGHLAND FARMS.

Movie show-time is dusk (about 7:00pm). Feel free to contact 203-656-7325 with any questions and we hope to see you there!

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL CLASSES IN DANCE, MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS

DANCE students, ages 3 & up, train in one of the finest dance spaces in Fairfield County & have the unique opportunity to participate in multiple performances throughout the year. New this year: more Hip Hop & Boys Ballet!

ART CLASSES for Grades 1-8 include Cartooning, Drawing, Painting, Digital Illustration, Iphone Photography and NEW: Mixed Media & Collage. We have Calligraphy and fun Sip and Paint and Wreath Workshops for adults too!

Private **MUSIC LESSONS** include piano, guitar, voice, cello, viola & more. NEW this year: Group Guitar, Singing/Songwriting & Ukelele.

The DAC is located at 2 Renshaw Rd, behind the Town Hall. Visit darienarts.org to register or for questions, call (203) 655-8683.

COMMUNITY FUND THRIVING YOUTH TIP

In "Building Resilience with Children and Teens," Pediatrician Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg reminds parents that part of teaching your child to be resilient is first projecting resilience yourself. Dr. Ginsburg describes a scene: "You're on a plane, there's turbulence — you don't look at the guy next to you who's hysterical. You look at the flight attendants, to see if they're still serving snack mix." Dr. Ginsburg encourages parents managing back to school turbulence to model emotional regulation for their children, with a steady supportive presence. What's one way you can model self-care or emotional regulation for your child this week?

Talk early, talk often. The Community Fund/Thriving Youth

IMPORTANT LINKS - CONNECT WITH ROYLE

School Dismissal Manager
Royle PTO
Darien Public Schools
Join our Royle Blast Email Distribution

