

Royle Blast



Calendar

SEPTEMBER

9.30 Royle Moms Go To Town - RMGTT

OCTOBER

10.01 1st Annual Royle Walk-A-Thon and Royle Spirit Day!

10.12 PTO Executive Board Meeting

10.22 Save the date - Virtual Parent Coffee #2

10.23 Fall Family Photos

10.28 9:00am Kindergarten Halloween Parade and Share (rain date 10.29)

From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle,

Our first full week of school was packed! Royle is off to a great start and there is more to come this week:

- The first Royle Mom's Go to Town (RMGTT) event is Thursday night at The Wheel in Stamford. We will be outside on the water with live music, drinks and light food. Please register at pay4schoolstuff.com

- The Royle Walk-a-Thon is this Friday! Spread the word with the online platform linked below or send in cash donations using the envelopes that went home in backpacks. If you want to buy a sign supporting your walker(s), please fill out the form and send it in by Monday 9/27. Parents are welcome to come cheer on the walkers.

We hope to see you this week! Please reach out with any questions.

Lindsay Kollar & Monica Silverman
Lindsaykollar@gmail.com & Monicaosilverman@gmail.com

Royle Info

Royle Walk-A-Thon 2021!

Please join us on **Friday October 1st** for our first ever Royle Walk-a-Thon! Thank you to all families who have sent pledges and donations in! You can still send in pledges and donations this week. You can send the online link to grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, etc! Also, if you'd like to purchase a sign for the day of the walk a thon please send that in!

ssl.charityweb.net/roylepto/walkathon/join.htm

Your child's team is their classroom teacher!

Thanks for all your help and remember any pledge we receive is greatly appreciated!

Royle Trivia Night!

Please save the date: **Nov. 6th is Royle Trivia Night!** Parents night out with fierce competition and bragging rights at stake. Build your own team or moderators can build one for you. Trivia will be run by Rock Paper Scissors Events. More details to come this week!

Royle Moms Go To Town - RMGTT!

Royle Moms are heading to The Village!

Join us Thursday, 9/30/21 at The Wheel Restaurant in Stamford, located in 'The Village', and experience this gorgeous, hip, new venue on the water. We will enjoy live music, pizza and Prosecco - all outdoors to celebrate the start of a new school year!

We've got you covered for \$35 from 7pm until 9:30, with a cash bar available thereafter.

Pay at www.pay4schoolstuff.com

The Wheel Restaurant is located at 4 Star Point Suite 101, Stamford, CT www.thevillagewheel.com



We hope to meet all of you there!!

Questions? Contact Christina Martineau christinacarneiro@hotmail.com or Sarah Allen sarahflo.allen@hotmail.com

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
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

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 or Kendra Lee kendracallahan@gmail.com

'Royle's Got Talent' After School Program

We are off to a GREAT YEAR in music classes! I wanted to take a moment to invite your child to register for our Darien After School class called 'Royle's Got Talent.' The class will be held for 13 Mondays from 3:10-4:10pm in the Royle Common Room. The class runs from Sept. 27 to Dec 20. Registration info is available here: <https://www.darienafterschool.com/Royle.html>. Reach out to Ms. Theisen with questions: ktheisen@darienps.org

"Let's put on a show! Students will work alone and in groups to sing, dance, play instruments, perform skits and do scenes from musicals! The sky's the limit, though, and students can work alone or in groups to learn new skills or hone talents they've already been developing. Can you juggle? sing? dance? do comedy? act? something else? Let's put on a show! See you in the Common Room after school on Mondays!"

ROYLE MINSTRELS Chorus

4th and 5th grade students are invited to join the ROYLE MINSTRELS Chorus, which will meet every Thursday morning from 7:35-8:15am in the Common Room. We will sing a variety of music from many traditions and styles, including a lot of pop music to go with our district-wide theme this year: "Pop Music!" We will also be incorporating some drumming, percussion, ukulele and dancing into the chorus pieces this year. It'll be an exciting program

in the upcoming months, and I hope that your child will consider participating. Information about Chorus can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/a/darienps.org/roylemusic/minstrels>. Reach out to Ms. Theisen with questions: ktheisen@darienps.org

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.

Fall Family Photos

Fall Family Mini Photo Sessions will be taking place this year on **Saturday, 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!

SEE THE FLYER [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](#)

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!

Darien School District & Town Info

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 28 @ 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 12 @ 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](#).

COMMUNITY

CALLING ALL 4TH GRADERS FOR A PARTY AT THE DEPOT!

Thursday October 21st 4:00-5:30 (Rain Date October 22nd)

There will be pizza, games and a DJ!

Click **HERE** to register.

For additional information, contact Janice@dariendepot.com

CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUTS!

If your daughter is interested in joining a troop, or if you are interested in becoming a troop leader, or learning more about Girl Scouts in Darien, please add your name to this Sign Up Genius:

www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948afa62fa02-newgirl

We will reach out in the coming weeks with more information.

Please direct any questions to our Royle PTO Girl Scout Troop Contact - Elizabeth Selvey at ebdalzell@hotmail.com



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.

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

Stop by our town wide **Open House** on **Sat, Oct 2nd (9a-12p)** at the Scout Cabin, 140 West Avenue! Visit www.darienscouts.org or email darienscouts@gmail.com for more information.



MOVIE IN THE PARK – RESCHEDULED AGAIN TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Three times a charm! Darien Parks and Recreation, the Darien Youth Commission and the Darien Arts Center are pleased to sponsor a movie in the park! – **NEW DATE – Friday, October 1**. Join us at Highland Farm for Disney's **Onward**! 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 (6:45 p.m.). Feel free to contact 203-656-7325 with any questions and we hope to see you there!

DARIEN NATURE CENTER FIRESIDE FUNDRAISING PARTY

Gather with friends and fellow nature lovers under the stars! The Darien Nature Center will hold its fundraising party, Fireside, on Saturday, October 16th at 7:00 PM. The 4th annual event will feature Fall festive foods, signature cocktails, music, games, and a silent auction full of experiences and offerings for all ages. General admission tickets are \$125 each and can be purchased online at dariennaturecenter.org/events/fireside-fundraising-party or by calling 203-655-7459. We hope to see you around the bonfire!

DARIEN NATURE CENTER FALL PROGRAMS

Head to the Darien Nature Center for an afternoon exploring the great outdoors! This monthly multi-part series will be full of fun and learning in nature. Sessions may include hikes, games, exploration, science experiments, stories, and campfires! Membership is not required: <https://dariennaturecenter.org/after-school/>

Grades 2 - 5

- Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 PM (Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19)

Grades PreK - 1 (children must be at least 5 years old)

- Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 PM (Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20)

LEARN ABOUT THE DARIEN SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Darien Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) is an independent organization of parent volunteers committed to open communication and effective collaboration between the families of our community and Darien Public Schools. Members work with principals and district administrators to provide a forum for parent input. The committee meets monthly to discuss district special education practices and offers a series of public presentations each school year.

For more information, to be added to our e-blast list, or to become involved, please email dariensepac@gmail.com or visit DarienSepac.wordpress.com

JOIN OPUS FOR PERSON-TO-PERSON!

OPUS for Person-to-Person is an organization of women dedicated to supporting Person-to-Person in their mission to create educated, financially stable, and hunger-free homes for all.

Far too many people right here in Fairfield County are struggling to make ends meet. As the only fundraising arm of Person-to-Person, OPUS is proud to help those struggling in our community with food, clothing, emergency assistance and scholarship programs. We do this by hosting fundraisers each year, volunteering regularly, and generating awareness of Person-to-Person programs.

In the process, we have created lasting friendships and proven that women united in a shared goal is a pretty powerful thing. Learn more about becoming a member at opus4p2p.org

CALLING ALL YAKIMAS FOR 2021-2022

Dads and daughters, grades one through five: the Yakimas is back this year, and we'd love to have you join. This is the Adventure Guides program through the YMCA, bringing dads and kids together in a variety of activities that foster friendships. Held during the school year, kids are organized into tribes based on school affiliation. Tribes are run by dads and host events and participate in town-wide community service activities.

The commitment level is low – come to as many or as few events as you are able to make. We typically have events every 2-3 weeks in the fall, and again in the spring (more sporadically in the winter). Activities typically include: backyard campout, hiking, canned good drive, pumpkin carving, zip lining, leaves for ladies, skiing, cookie swap and lots more. If interested, please contact Tyler Lifton (liftont@gmail.com).

Great For Dads:

- 1x1 time with your child
- Meet other Darien Dads
- Minimal cost, hassle-free Events about 1x per month (Oct-May)

Great For Kids:

- 1x1 time with Dad (no Moms!)
- Time with their friends
- New and different activities

Go to www.darien-ymca.org/adventure-guides or contact April Greene at 655-8228 ext.1309

ROCKtoberfest RETURNS TO HIGHLAND FARM!

Purchase tickets early for this family-friendly outdoor concert with musical guests Shot Down, Waller & Doug Allen! Enjoy the day with family & friends on **Oct. 2, from noon-6pm**, with music, fun activities and delicious food, drink & craft vendors. Parking & admission: \$25 per car. Walk-in admission: \$5 per person. Preregistration is required. Tkts & more info: <https://tinyurl.com/ysww3zf5>. **ROCKtoberfest** is sponsored by Marchesi Group Real Estate at Compass and brought to you by Darien Arts Center and Darien Parks and Recreation.

REGISTRATION IS ONGOING FOR FALL CLASSES IN DANCE, MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS AT DARIEN ARTS CENTER

NEW: CARETAKER & ME: Ages 1-3, Introduce your little one to the fun & creativity of art! Fridays, 10:30-11:15, 10/8-11/12

DANCE CLASSES - NEW: More Hip Hop & Boys Ballet!

ART CLASSES - NEW: Mixed Media & Collage

MUSIC CLASSES - NEW: Group Guitar, Singing/Songwriting & Ukulele!

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

The Search Institute has studied positive youth development for 50 years. Here are their practical tips to build positive family communication with your elementary school student:

- When a child is upset, be patient and sympathetic. Ask, "Can you tell me what's wrong?"
- Positive communication can happen without words. Be sensitive to the kind of physical contact your child prefers. Some like having their backs rubbed, others might like holding a parent's hand during a walk. Others enjoy playful wrestling.
- Learn what tickles your child's funny bone. Some children like silly games and crazy faces while others like knock-knock jokes and riddles. Do fun things and laugh together.
- Vary how you greet your child after school. Instead of, "How was your day?" Try: "Hey, it's great to see you. I'm glad you're home."

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

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