

Royle Blast



Calendar

OCTOBER

10.22 Save the date - Virtual Parent Coffee #2

10.28 Kindergarten Halloween Parade and Share (rain date 10.29)

10.29 Spirit Day! Wear Black and Orange!

NOVEMBER

11.2 Staff Development Day - No School for Students!

11.6 Royle Trivia Night

11.11 The Royle Veteran's Day Assembly is Back!

From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle,

Last week, the kids enjoyed an incredible Soro-Bindi performance by Ghanaian drummer, dancer and storyteller, Iddi Saaka. Students AND teachers were on their feet, clapping, dancing and joining in on the fun! Thank you to the Enrichment team for bringing us this special musical event.

This Friday, Dr. Mullin is back with her 2nd "Coffee & Conversations" virtual parent coffee. The conversation will focus on the continuum of support services at Royle and is open to all parents. Dr. Mullin will give an overview of the SRBI process, Special Education and Related Services, review program acronyms, and answer questions. Please sign up through the link in Dr. Mullin's Royle Knightly Update.

Have a great week,
Monica & Lindsay

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Royle Info



Sign up at: [Pay4Schoolstuff.com](https://pay4schoolstuff.com)

Contact: [Shelley Coughlin](#), [Cindy Hardy](#)

Event Parking Details: The Bell Street garage is the closest parking garage to Bobby V's. The garage is located just around the corner from the venue at 144 Bell Street in Stamford.

ROYLE'S 'GO GREEN' FOR HALLOWEEN

Looking for some simple ways to make your Halloween a little less frightening for Mother Nature?

- **Costumes:** Make your own using items you already have, swap with neighbors and friends, or buy from second-hand stores.
- **Treats:** Buy locally produced foods, candies, and treats. Look for goodies with minimal packaging or packaged in recyclable materials such as cardboard (ex. nerds).
- **Compost:** From party food to treats to pumpkins, consider composting all organic matter.

For more ideas visit our Go Green for Halloween page on the Royle PTO Website: <https://roylepto.com/in-school-enrichment/go-green/go-green/>



The Royle Veteran's Day Assembly is Back!

We are thrilled to be hosting an outdoor Veteran's Day Assembly Thursday, November 11th at 9am. This honor and celebration for Veteran's Day, and in particular, our Royle Community Veterans, is such a special day for our school. This year will be slightly different than in our assembly in years past, and will unfortunately not include parents, but

we are excited to invite **Royle Community Vets to the event to be honored in person!**

Please reach out to Erin Patterson if you are a Vet or a special person in your life is a Vet and would like to take part! We will also once again be putting up our Wall of Heroes, and templates will be distributed for the kids to bring home and return back.

Any questions on WoH, reach out to Kori Rentz and Kathryn Cooney.

Erin Patterson: Erinpatterson80@gmail.com

Kori Rentz: Kori@waterfrontfilm.org

Kathryn Cooney: Kathryncooney@gmail.com



ROYLE SPIRITWEAR

A Message from the Spiritwear Team:

As we're sure everyone has seen on the news, there are significant supply chain issues happening globally, making it hard to get all sorts of items as quickly as we usually would. The company producing our orders is tracking everything very closely, and expects all items to be shipped by the end of this week. We will send out another email once we receive confirmation that all orders have shipped. Thank you all for your patience - we're so excited to see all the kids in their gear!

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

Royle Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

We welcome parents to subscribe to our monthly updates and share your ideas. We hope for this platform to be a way for all voices in our community to be heard and for us to learn and grow together! Please visit our new landing page located on the Royle PTO website under Resources: <https://roylepto.com/resources/dei-diversity-equity-inclusion/>.

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](#)

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, October 26 @ 7:30 PM

COMMUNITY

THE 2021 TOKENEKE SCHOOL PUMPKIN CARNIVAL RETURNS!

Saturday, October 16th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, October 17th

For 50+ the Tokeneke Pumpkin Carnival has transformed the Tokeneke Elementary School in Darien into an amusement park. It was with great sadness that we had to take last year off from this beloved community celebration due to the pandemic. For those seeking a thrill, make sure to try Ali Baba ride, the Cliffhanger, and Zero Gravity. Preschoolers are sure to love the cars, trains, and spin rides. We will also unveil a brand new ride this fall, Crazy Cars, which will surely bring the laughs. The Carnival will feature a variety of lawn games, art activities, face painting, and prizes as well as many Darien restaurants and partnering with Darien Human Services to offer the event free of charge to families who would otherwise not be able to attend. Please spread the word!

WEBINAR HOSTED BY DARIEN SEPAC & DARIEN LIBRARY

Tuesday, October 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to DarienSEPAC@gmail.com

Moving Past COVID Isolation: Medical Management for Anxiety, Depression and Migraine Dr. Peter McAllister, a board-certified neurologist, will address best practices for evaluating and treating anxiety, depression, and migraine in school-age children. He will discuss the psychoeducational impact of isolation and insecurity during COVID and available interventions, including medication. Peter McAllister, MD is Co-Founder and Director of New England Institute for Neurology & Headache, where he sees adults and children (age five and over) and employs a holistic, biopsychosocial approach to diagnosis and treatment. He holds clinical appointments at both Yale University School of Medicine and The Frank H. Netter School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University. He is also the Chief Medical Officer of New England Institute for Clinical Research and Ki Clinical Research and has authored over 150 articles, book chapters, and posters.

STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS PRESENTATION

Wednesday, October 20th at 7 p.m. - MMS Auditorium

Last February, the Thriving Youth Task Force partnered with Darien Public Schools to anonymously survey Darien 7-12th grade students about their mental health and substance use patterns. The results of this survey will be shared with the community at a special presentation on Wednesday, October 20th at 7pm in the Middlesex Middle School auditorium and will also be live streamed on Zoom. A discussion with panelists Dr. Scott McCarthy, Program Director of Special Education and Student Services for Darien Public Schools, and licensed clinical social worker Tracey Masella will follow. Anyone interested in learning more about the most concerning issues facing our local youth and the actionable ways parents can intervene to make a difference is welcome to attend. Registration is requested for in-person attendance and required for Zoom at www.communityfunddarien.org/tytf-programs-and-events.

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

OCTOBER 1-24 YWCA DARIEN/NORWALK LITH THE NIGHT LUMINARY EVENT

The YW will hold its annual luminary lighting on **Sunday, October 24th** to raise awareness about Domestic Violence against women and girls. Luminary kits are \$30 each and can be purchased beginning on October 1st at Barrett Bookstore, Palmers Market and www.ywcadn.org/luminarynight. The kits will include a registration link to receive 7 days of emails addressing the types of domestic violence, prevention information and resources. The YW is also looking for "Block Captains" to help sell kits in neighborhoods to help ensure our entire town is lit! For more information and to register through www.ywcadn.org/luminarynight.

DARIEN LAND TRUST 10K SELF-GUIDED RUNNING CHALLENGE

Please join the Land Trust for the 65th Running Challenge from **October 2nd – 31st**.

Log your miles past some of the most pristine land in Darien!

- 10k Challenge is self-guided and starts and finishes at Highland Farm.
- Traverse scenic backroads past beautiful Land Trust properties, including Mather Meadows and Waterbury Field.
- Scan the QR code on the welcome sign at the parking lot to register and pay the \$10 entry fee.
- Registered Challengers are eligible for prizes to be announced on our website and social media on November 2nd. Grand prize is a new apple watch!
- Go to darienlandtrust.org for full details and updates.

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!

WEEKEND MEAL PROGRAM

Darien Human Services participates in a partnership with *Filling in the Blanks* weekend meal program. *Filling in the Blanks* is a local non-profit organization that provides food on the weekends to school aged children (www.fillingintheblanks.org). Each packet consists of a variety of nonperishable food items such as oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups, mac and cheese, canned food, tuna and chips. Meal packets are distributed bi-weekly at Town Hall during designated times to families who struggle with food insecurity. If you have questions or would like to find out if your family meets eligibility requirements, please contact Darien Human Services 203-656-7328.

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

DARIEN ARTS CENTER

Registration is open for new visual arts offerings for adults & children that include a **Mixed Media and Collage Class** for grades 1-4, a **Sip and Paint Workshop** and a **Calligraphy Workshop**

For more info, visit darienarts.org or call (203) 655-8683.

The DAC is located at 2 Renshaw Road, behind the Darien Town Hall.

PAINT AND PASTE: MIXED MEDIA AND COLLAGE

Grades 1-4 | Thursday, 3:45-4:45pm | Oct. 21-Dec. 16 | \$220

Students use a variety of materials including paint, magazine clippings, fabric and imagination to create personalized collages in this fun class with DAC instructor Erika Caputo!

SIP AND PAINT: STILL LIFE WORKSHOP

Adults | Friday, October 15th, 7-9pm | \$50

Enjoy a fun evening with friends at this lively workshop led by DAC painting instructor Stephanie Lush-Mastriano and create a beautiful floral still life! Open to beginners and seasoned painters. All materials provided. BYO refreshments of choice.

INTRODUCTION TO BLACKLETTER (GOTHIC) CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Adults | Saturday, November 6th, 10am-1pm | \$165

Bring some creativity and excitement to addressing your holiday cards this year with DAC instructor Moki Kokoris! Blackletter, often called Gothic or Old English, is a dramatic letterform high in impact and contrast.

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

IMPORTANT LINKS - CONNECT WITH ROYLE

School Dismissal Manager

Royle PTO

Darien Public Schools

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