

Royle Blast



Calendar

OCTOBER

10.12 PTO Executive Board Meeting

10.22 Save the date - Virtual Parent Coffee #2

10.23 Fall Family Photos

10.28 Kindergarten Halloween Parade and Share (rain date 10.29)

11.6 Royle Trivia Night

11.11 The Royle Veteran's Day Assembly is Back!

From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle,

You all rocked our 1st Royle Walk - a - thon!! Between all the donations that came in, the parents who came out to support and the children that had fun participating - we couldn't be happier. Everyone had a smile on their face as they walked lap after lap, especially while going through our Royle blue and white balloon arch! A huge thank you to Susan Fiveson who took on this amazing event.

We also loved meeting and seeing our fellow moms at our RMGTT on Thursday night! The weather, food, and company was absolutely perfect. If you weren't able to make this one, don't worry - there will be more throughout the year.

Hope you all had a wonderful weekend!

Lindsay & Monica

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Royle Info

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](#)

Royle Trivia Night!

Please save the date: **Saturday, November 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 follow!

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'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.

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 12 @ 7:30 PM

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!

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.

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.



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

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

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

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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