

Royle Blast



Calendar

NOVEMBER

11 Veteran's Day Assembly & Spirit Day - Wear red, white, and blue!

16 Picture Retake Day

19 Virtual Parent Coffee #3

24 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving

25 - 26 No School - Thanksgiving

30 - 12.3 Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher conferences

From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle,

Our first Royle Trivia Night was a success! Thank you to all of you who came out to our first parent social in over 2 years. Rock Paper Scissors Events had us all racking our brains - and some of you out there were very impressive.

November is already moving quickly, so please look for Room Parent emails, social media posts and these Sunday Blasts for information on upcoming events. Up next, we partnered with Barrett Bookstore for 3 days of curated shopping November 16-18. You can head into the store anytime during the day, or during a special Royle shopping night on Wednesday evening 11/17. Please see details below!

Have a great week!

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Royle Info

The Royle Veteran's Day Assembly!

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.

Royle Book Fair at Barrett Bookstore

Shop Local and Support the Royle PTO during the Royle Book Fair at Barrett Bookstore **Tuesday, November 16th to Thursday, November 18th**. It's a great way to keep your kids excited about reading and help raise funds to support the PTO! Barrett's will have a great selection of kids' favorite books and exciting new ones, teacher-recommended titles and many other fun, age-appropriate books and goodies. And be sure to check out their other book sections, too—for Mom or Dad! Just let them know you are buying for Royle and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the PTO. Let your friends, family, and neighbors know too. All purchases that mention Royle will be counted towards this fundraising. Hope you can join us!

In person book fair: We will be hosting an in-person event on Wednesday November 17th (time TBD). Bring the kiddos and your friends for a personalized shopping experience. And please remember your masks as they are required for this event. Hope to see you then!

The "Royle Book Club" is Back!

The Royle Library, in collaboration with the Darien Public Library, will be hosting a monthly after school book club. For the month of November, the book club will be for students in grades 4-5. We will read The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez. On **Thursday, November 18th**, we will meet to discuss the book and have lots of fun with story-related activities! Space is limited to 12 students in Grades 4-5.

If you are interested in your child participating in this program, please contact: [Sherrie Lanier](#), Library-Media Specialist

Royle Turkey Drive

The Royle Turkey Drive will be held **Monday, November 22nd** to benefit the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County. With many families experiencing food insecurity due to the ongoing health crisis and with the holidays around the corner, the food bank is expecting more need than ever. Royle is once again partnering with Palmers and the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County to provide as much support as possible to local families in need.

There are three ways to participate this year:

- **Buy a frozen turkey or chicken and bring your donation to the parent drop off loop on Monday Nov. 22nd between 8:00 - 8:25am.** Drop-offs will be contactless. Place your donation in the trunk of your car prior to drop-off and a representative from the Food Bank will receive your donation.
- **Purchase your turkey at Palmer's Market before Nov. 14th** and the turkeys will be picked up right from Palmer's for you!
- **Purchase your turkey ONLINE from Palmer's Market before Nov. 14th** and the turkeys will be picked up right from Palmer's for you!

Help us reach our **goal of 100 donated birds!** Let's make this tradition a success and make the holidays better for local families in need!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to [Devon Tiani](#) or [Samantha Swift](#).

Kids Care Club #RoyleGratitudeRocks

The Royle Kids Care Clubs invites you to celebrate fall & Thanksgiving by creating Gratitude Rocks. Paint rocks from your yard or neighborhood with pumpkins, leaves or positive messages of thanks & gratitude. Take a walk with your family or drop them when you are in different places in Darien (like Tilly Pond, Cherry Lawn, Baker Park, Selleck Woods or Woodland Park). When you are around town and find one, take a picture with it and have your parent post it to Royle's Instagram page #RoyleGratitudeRocks. Paint your rocks, put them out, and take pictures from October 28-November 25 and be grateful for our beautiful community!

Royle Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Please visit our new landing page located on the Royle PTO website under "Resources". 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!
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, November 9 @ 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 23 @ 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 14 @ 7:30 PM

COMMUNITY

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 YOUTH SQUASH WINTER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Kids in grades K-5 interested in learning and competing in squash are welcome to be part of our Darien Squash program this winter. All coaching and training during this 13 week program will take place at the brand new MSquash Sono.

The program begins November 30th.

To register or for more information, including a detailed description of what our players will be learning each week, please visit www.msquash.com/Darien. Come join the fun!

"THE PRESSURED CHILD" PRESENTATION

Nov 18th @7PM in the Middlesex Middle School Auditorium (and live streamed on Zoom)
"THE PRESSURED CHILD" IS A PRESENTATION ABOUT NAVIGATING THE ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL PRESSURES OUR CHILDREN ARE FACING

Please join the Thriving Youth Task Force for a discussion with Michael G. Thompson, Ph.D., New York Times bestselling author of "The Pressured Child: Helping Your Child Find Success in School and Life." Dr. Thompson will speak to the Darien community about the psychological journey that children experience during their school career.

For a more impactful discussion, in-person attendance is encouraged! The event is free, and anyone interested in learning more about developing strategies for coping with the pressures students feel is welcome to attend.

Registration is requested for in-person attendance and required for Zoom at www.communityfunddarien.org/tytf-programs-and-events.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PRESENTS HOLIDAY FAIR TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES

November 17th from 5:30-8:30 and November 18th from 9-4

Pop-up shops by local retailers and artisans will let you get a jump on your holiday shopping. 14 Brookside Road, Darien, CT. Admission is free and open to all.

A portion of all proceeds will go to charity. Beneficiaries include ABC House, Person to Person, CIRI, Open Doors, Pacific House, Building 1 Community and more.

DARIEN ARTS CENTER

SIP AND SUCCULENT WORKSHOP | Friday, November 12 | 7-8:30pm | \$55

In celebration of fall's bounty and Thanksgiving, create a stunning succulent-adorned pumpkin with *Imaginariums* by Elissa that can be a thoughtful hostess gift or kept for a beautiful centerpiece. Materials are provided and include pumpkin, succulents, preserved mosses, florals, and pods. BYO wine and refreshments to enjoy while crafting with friends!

"MI VIDA"

The DAC is hosting the premier of *Mi Vida*, the first original full-length ballet from East Coast Contemporary Ballet. Performances are on **Friday November 19** and **Saturday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m.** in the DAC Weatherstone Studio. Tickets (\$35) are available at darienarts.org.

WREATH WORKSHOP | Friday, December 3 or Friday, December 10 | 7-9pm | \$70

This festive wreath-making workshop returns for more holiday fun at a relaxing adult night out with friends. Wreaths and all materials will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring extra decorations to give their wreaths a more personalized look. Usher in the holiday season with this classic craft! BYO wine and refreshments.

For more info, visit darienarts.org or call (203) 655-8683. The DAC is located at [2 Renshaw Road](#), behind the Darien Town Hall.

Previous Issues of **The Blast** are available on the PTO website.

IMPORTANT LINKS - CONNECT WITH ROYLE

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