

Royle Blast

Calendar

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!

11.16 Picture Retake Day

11.19 Virtual Parent Coffee #3

11.24 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving

11.30 - 12.3 Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher conferences

From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle,

We hope everyone has a wonderful, safe, and candy filled Halloween!

We are less than a week away from our first Parent Social event (Trivia Night) since 2019 - it's so exciting that we are moving towards more normal times again! We have been brushing up on our trivia knowledge to get ready and hope that you have too - get ready for some awesome and friendly competition! Due to a last minute cancellation from Bobby V's, we've moved Trivia Night to the Country Club of Darien. Don't worry - it will be even better than before! Last call for tickets is this Wednesday.

Have a great week!

Monica & Lindsay

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Royle Info



YOU ARE INVITED TO SEE IF YOU HAVE
WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN

ROYLE TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, November 6
7:00 - 10:00 PM

Bobby V's Restaurant in Stamford

Join us for an evening of trivia hosted by
Rock Paper Scissors. Teams of up to 8 can be formed
before or we will help create them at the event.
Light fare & drinks to be served.
Tickets for Fun Royle Raffles will be sold at the door

\$75/ PER PERSON
SIGN UP AT PAY4SCHOOLSTUFF.COM

Sign up at: Pay4Schoolstuff.com

Contact: [Shelley Coughlin](mailto:Shelley.Coughlin), [Cindy Hardy](mailto: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.

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 Book Club

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
slanier@darienps.org

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.

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

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!

<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

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

COMMUNITY

DHS BLUE WAVE FUNDRAISER

Darien High School Band is selling beautiful balsam wreaths as a fundraiser for our Spring Band Trip! Please consider supporting the band by purchasing your holiday wreaths through us! Supplied by Casertano Greenhouses, wreaths are highest quality, available plain with a bow or fully decorated with pine cones and holly berries.

Orders must be received by **Wednesday, November 3rd**. Wreaths will be available for contactless pick-up by the DHS Band room **Wednesday, December 1st or Thursday, December 2nd from 2:30 to 3:30pm** (or speak to a band rep to arrange alternate delivery).

Pay by: [SchoolCashOnline](#).



Wreath Options and Pricing are:

- 16" frame (24" across) plain with bow only \$27.00
- 12" frame (22" across) decorated wreath \$27.00
- 16" frame (24" across) decorated wreath \$33.00
- 24" frame (30" across) decorated wreath \$39.00

Thank you for supporting the DHS Blue Wave Band!

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

ELECTION DAY ACTIVITY: CRAFTS THAT CARE @ DL STUDIO IN DARIEN

Tuesday, November 2nd at 1pm - 2pm

Grades Pre-K & Kindergarten (4 and up)

\$20 includes admission, crafts & snacks

Join the DL Staff in making your very own "Gobble till you Wobble" Thanksgiving inspired canvas. This fun art piece is guaranteed to bring smiles to the Thanksgiving table.

Proceeds will benefit the Open Door Homeless Shelter to help support their mission to make a direct impact in the greater Norwalk area by guiding every person in the cycle of homelessness towards housing and stability.

Space is limited. To register, head to: <https://danceonthedl.com/events-calendar/>

AUDITION FOR DL STUDIO'S PROJECT FIRE

Come audition for DL Studio's Project Fire and join the 2400 Crew Performance Team!

Saturday November 6th from 2-4pm

Boys and Girls Ages 8 and up

Dance experience is not mandatory, but encouraged. Auditions are open to the public. YOU DO NOT NEED TO DANCE WITH DANCE ON THE DL TO BE ELIGIBLE TO AUDITION.

Results will be delivered by Monday November 8th and all that make the team will become official **2400 CREW Team Members**.

Project Fire is a performance based dance training program that will center around preparation, rehearsal and execution of several local, live performances and concept videos. Project Fire will provide dancers the opportunity to take their talent to the next level.

For more information including time commitment and how to sign up for the audition head to: <https://danceonthedl.com/project-fire/>

DARIEN ARTS CENTER

Registration is for **NEW 'Night Out' Holiday Craft Workshops for adults!**

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!

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.

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[Royle PTO](#)

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