

# Royle Blast

## Calendar

### NOVEMBER

- 16** Picture Retake Day - Picture Day ID: EVTZC8M8Q
- 16 - 18** Royle Book Fair at Barrett Bookstore
- 17** 1st and 2nd Grade Student Showcase @ 1:30
- 19** Virtual Parent Coffee with Dr. Mullin #3
- 22** Student Council Thanksgiving Turkey Drive!
- 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,

We were so happy to honor our Veterans this week with an in school (outdoor) event! Our Royle Veteran wall was full of hero's, and we are thankful for each and every one of them! Hoping that next year we can open the celebration back up to the entire Royle community. Please see upcoming events listed below!

Have a great week,  
Lindsay & Monica  
[Lindsaykollar@gmail.com](mailto:Lindsaykollar@gmail.com) & [Monicaosilverman@gmail.com](mailto:Monicaosilverman@gmail.com)

## Royle Info

### Important Reminder From the Royle Main Office

If your child will be ABSENT or TARDY, please notify the Main Office via the attendance line. You can call 203-655-0044 x4977 OR send an email to [royleatt@darienps.org](mailto:royleatt@darienps.org).

### 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 6-8 PM,**

**Quiet time 5:30-6pm).** 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!

## 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!

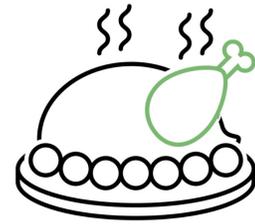
Help us reach our **goal of 100 donated birds!** Let's make this tradition a success and make the holidays better for local families in need!

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

## Royle Go Green: Thank Mother (Nature) This Thanksgiving

Here are some eco-friendly tips for a more sustainable holiday

- **Reduce Food Waste:** Tons of food will be scraped into the garbage on Thanksgiving. Start with smaller portions to reduce waste and compost what you can.
- **Go Natural:** Decorate with nature: pine branches, pinecones, acorns, & colorful leaves. They add fragrant beauty to your table and can be returned to nature when done.
- **Shop Local:** Try shopping at a farmer's market. Local foods require fewer greenhouse gases to get to you and are usually grown on smaller farms using more sustainable practices.



For more ideas visit our [Go Green for Thanksgiving](#) page on the Royle PTO Website.

*Royle Go Green Team*

## Royle Garden & Go Green: It's Planting Time

Bring your unplanted Spring Flower Bulbs to the Royle Garden after school on **November 22nd from 2:50-4 PM**. Led by the Royle Garden & Go Green PTO committees, we will plant all donated bulbs: tulips, daffodils, alliums, hyacinths, and crocuses are all welcome. This Royle community event is intended to encourage students and parents to come out, get some fresh air, and help keep the Royle Garden blooming and beautiful. Please sign up [HERE](#) via SignUp Genius.



We will meet directly after school in the Royle Garden and will be dismissed in the bus loop at 4pm. A nut-free snack will be provided. Students should bring bulbs to donate and wear clothes that can get dirty. Parents **MUST** pick up by 4 PM but are strongly encouraged to join the planting. There is no transportation provided. Post planting, we will also paint rocks for the garden with fall images or positive messages of thanks & gratitude for the Royle Kids Care Club's [#RoyleGratitudeRocks](#) initiative.

For more information, please reach out to *Royle Garden's* [K.C. Simon](#) or *Go Green's* [Karla Gomez Abarca](#).

For more information visit the [Royle PTO Website](#)

*Royle Garden & Go Green Teams*

## 5TH Grade Yearbook Cover Art Contest

**Calling all 5th graders!** Create and submit your original artwork to the 2022 Yearbook Art

Contest! All entries will be included inside this year's Royle Legend, **and ONE ENTRY will be featured ON THE COVER!** Make sure to submit a clean un-wrinkled copy either to the office or via email **BY DECEMBER 10TH!** Get creative and good luck!

[Download Yearbook Cover Art Template Here](#)

## 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!

## Message from Special Education PTO reps



Happy Fall from your PTO special education reps, Betsy (left) and Natasha (right). Betsy has a 2nd grader with an IEP and Natasha has both a 1st and 4th grader with IEPs. Find us on the playground or send a message. We would love to hear from you. If you have a topic of interest in special education you want to find out more about at a parent coffee, please send your ideas or comments.

[Betsy Kilmartin](#), [Natasha Tomaj](#)

## 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](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 23 @ 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 14 @ 7:30 PM

## **COMMUNITY**

### **ICE SKATE AND HELMET DRIVE FOR ICE SKATING FOR EVERYONE INC.**

This organization, founded by Emily Kelting, retired professional figure skater, has partnered with Horizons at NCCS, the Darien Ice House and the SONO Ice House to offer skating lessons to underserved 1st and 2nd grade children from Stamford and Norwalk.

***Ice Skating for Everyone is in need of figure or hockey skates and hockey/ bike/ski helmets for children ages 5-7 years old – we accept used items!*** If you would like to donate, please email [Tracey Riccardi](mailto:Tracey.Riccardi@ice skating for everyone inc) or text/call (917) 969-6313 for pick-up.

### **SPRING 2022 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

To register, visit [www.dybs.org](http://www.dybs.org) and click the Registration tab on the left. All players must be Darien residents, in K to 7th grade during the 2021-2022 school year and may not be older than 12 on September 1, 2022. Regular registration for all players: 2nd-7th: regular registration until Dec 31, 2021, after which late fee will apply. K and 1st: regular registration until Jan 31, 2022, after which late fee will apply.

It is the policy of Darien Little League that all children have the opportunity to play regardless of ability to pay. To request scholarship, email Shawn Ryan at [shawn.g.ryan1@gmail.com](mailto:shawn.g.ryan1@gmail.com). Scholarship requests and grants are handled discreetly and confidentially. If you have any questions regarding registration, contact Akshay Das at [thedases+DLL@gmail.com](mailto:thedases+DLL@gmail.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, please visit [www.msquash.com/Darien](http://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](http://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**

**"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](http://darienarts.org).

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

### **IMPORTANT LINKS - CONNECT WITH ROYLE**

**[School Dismissal Manager](#)**

**[Royle PTO](#)**

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**Send Your Submissions to: [roylemsgboard@gmail.com](mailto:roylemsgboard@gmail.com)**

