

Royle Blast



Calendar

11.22 Student Council Thanksgiving Turkey Drive!
11.24 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving
11.25 - 11.26 No School - Thanksgiving
11.30 - 12.3 Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher conferences
12.1 - 12.3 No school for ELP for Parent-Teacher conferences
12.3 11:00am Principal - Parent Book Club
12.17 9:30am Special Education Parent Coffee
12.20 - 12.23 Spirit Week! (More information to follow)
12.23 Early Dismissal for Winter Break
12.24 - 12.31 No School - Winter Break

From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle,

Thank you to all who shopped the Royle Book Fair at Barrett Bookstore this week; we hope you were able to put a dent in your holiday shopping!

Next week will be a short week with an early dismissal 11/24 and no school 11/25 + 11/26. Looking ahead, we have Conference Week when we return with early dismissal 11/30 - 12/3.

We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend!

Lindsay + Monica
Lindsaykollar@gmail.com & 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.

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!

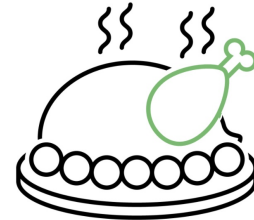
Help us reach our **goal of 100 donated birds!** Let's make this tradition a success and make the holidays better for local families in need!

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

- **Repurpose:** One of the best parts of Thanksgiving is the leftovers. Store in reusable containers, and try making a delicious stock for soups, chilis, and stews with leftover turkey.
- **Recycle:** Keep a bin handy for glass, plastic and paper trash you can recycle rather than toss. Aluminum trays used for baking the turkey are recyclable provided you clean them first.
- **Use Reusable:** Set the table with reusable dishes and cloth napkins. If single-use is a must, purchase place settings made from recycled or compostable materials.

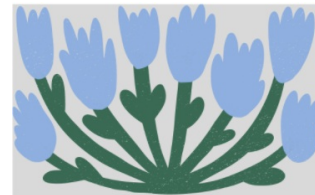


For more ideas visit our [Go Green for Thanksgiving](#) page on the Royle PTO Website.

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

Holiday Cards with Minted!

It's that time of year to order your holiday cards! And, Royle has partnered up with Minted to save you 20% on your order with promo code **FUNDRAISEROYLE**. Plus, Minted will donate 15% of their profits back to Royle - it's a win-win! You can also share this code with friends and family, we like to spread the love!

If you participated in the Royle Family Photo session with Karen Morneau and have not received your photo gallery, please touch base with Lindsay (Lindsaykollar@gmail.com) or Monica (Monicaosilverman@gmail.com).

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!

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!

Winter Enrichment with Darien After School at Royle!

Darien After School at Royle brings you WINTER Enrichment where students find a new favorite, be anything they want to be and make new friends!

Winter Session – 1/10-4/8, after school until 4:10pm

BLAST through the COLD with Sports, Enrichment, Art, Science and MORE... details can be found at www.DarienAfterSchool.com

Registration Opens Online Monday 12/6 at 8pm

Questions? info@darienafterschool.com / 888.212.3837.

You can also contact Jessica Bartch at bartch.jessica@gmail.com.

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 Tomai](#)

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 23 @ 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 14 @ 7:30 PM

CDSP's "DID YOU KNOW" SERIES - #1

Have you heard of "CDSP" but aren't sure what it is? The Council of Darien School Parents (CDSP) is the umbrella organization for the Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs) of all Darien Public Schools. PTO Chairs and CDSP Reps from all five elementary schools, MMS and DHS attend CDSP meetings to share school-specific information. Attendees also learn about district-wide PTO information and activities (like last year's #showingdpsstaffthelove campaign) from the CDSP Executive Board. The PTOs then share all relevant district-wide and school-specific information with parents through PTO meetings and newsletters. Please visit cdspdarien.org for more information and follow us on Facebook @DarienCDSP / Instagram @CDSP_Darien.

COMMUNITY

OPUS FOR PERSON-TO-PERSON TOY DRIVE

OPUS for Person-to-Person's toy drive benefiting P2P's 'Holiday Toy Drive' program is running **through Friday, December 3rd**. This annual event ensures that our low-income neighbors are able to have gifts for their children during this special time of year. OPUS for Person-to-Person will be collecting new and unwrapped board games, books, stuffed animals, age 0-2 toys, and gift cards.

Person-to-Person Darien is open for donations from 9-1pm on weekdays .

DARIEN HUMAN SERVICES HOLIDAY GIFT-GIVING PROGRAM HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Adopt a Family or Adopt a Senior Citizen

Celebrate the holidays by bringing joy to a struggling family or senior. Families range in size from 2 to 6 people. Due to Covid, we are asking for donations of gift cards (you will receive suggestions to make things more personalized). Drop off the gift cards in our office and your "adopted" family or senior will pick them up from us. We welcome local clubs and organizations to take part in this charitable opportunity.

Gift Card Donations Always Welcome

Darien Human services gratefully accepts gift card donations from grocery stores, gas, Target and Walmart. We use these cards throughout the year to help struggling clients.

For more information contact us at 203-656-7328

Darien Human Services, Room 109, Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Rd, Darien, CT 06820

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 foreveryone.org) or text/call (917) 969-6313 for pick-up.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

To register, visit 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](mailto:Shawn.Ryan). Scholarship requests and grants are handled discreetly and confidentially. If you have any questions regarding registration, contact Akshay Das at thedases+DLL@gmail.com

DARIEN YOUTH LACROSSE - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Darien Youth Lacrosse, Inc. (DYL) promotes lacrosse among youth residing in Darien, CT, through grade-level programs open to all interested participants, by teaching fundamentals of the game and promoting good sportsmanship, respect for all participants and teamwork, and by cooperating with the Darien High School lacrosse programs. Registration is open for all interested players in grades 1-8 from November 8th until January 11th (late fees apply after January 11th). Our season starts in March! Please visit our website www.dylax.com to register and for additional information.

Any questions, please email dylaxregistrar@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.

Come join the fun!

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

IMPORTANT LINKS - CONNECT WITH ROYLE

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