

Royle Blast



Calendar

JANUARY

17 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

19 Royle Virtual Winter Concert

28 Royle Magic Show

FEBRUARY

18 No School - Professional Development Day

21-25 No School - Winter Break!

From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle,

We hope you are having a wonderful MLK weekend.

There are a few PTO initiatives coming up over the next few weeks, so please be on the lookout for Royle Blast and room parent emails:

- January/February is budget season for the Board of Education. Please refer to the blast email that went out this week for schedule specifics, and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

- We are excited to see students virtually at our 2nd annual zoom magic show! Tickets are available now on pay4schoolstuff.com. Please reach out to Jessica Presser for financial assistance.

Stay healthy and enjoy the long weekend!

Lindsay & Monica

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Royle Info

Winter Concert

We are excited to present our winter concert to you on **Wednesday January 19th at 9:15am**. This concert will be livestreamed at this time, but also available for later viewing should that morning time not be convenient for your schedule. Our students, and music teachers, have been working very hard to learn and practice the musical selections for this show, and we can't wait for you to hear it! You can access the livestream on 1/19 at 9:15am on Youtube: [DPS Winter Concert livestream link](#).

Virtual Royle Magic Show

The Great & Powerful Dave's LIVE Interactive Magic Show -- via Zoom!

Join us at **5:30pm on Friday, January 28th** as 'The Great & Powerful Dave' performs a high-energy 30-minute LIVE magic show via Zoom. The show is bursting with magic, comedy, puppets, and – YES! -- audience participation & opportunities to volunteer! Make sure to stop by Palmer's Market on the 27th or 28th to pick up a basket of treats to enjoy while watching the show.

Tickets available at www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com / \$30 per family
Zoom link to the show will be sent out Friday morning.
Contact [Erin Eblen](#) with any questions.

DBT Parent Series

We are thrilled to announce a collaboration between our elementary schools and our consultants at Cognitive Behavior Consultants. Dr. Nora Gerardi will present on a variety of DBT (Dialectical Behavior Therapy) topics and strategies, along with our elementary school psychologists. All parents are invited to attend all sessions. More information and Zoom links can be found in the flyer attached.

- Next session will be "Mindfulness" February 14, 2022 – 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

DBT Parent Coffee Flyer

Royle GO GREEN: Greenify Your New Year's Resolutions

Here are some eco-friendly suggestions for being green all year long

- **Do Second-Hand:** Instead of buying books, borrow them from a friend or use the library. Second-hand clothes are money-savers and earth-friendly, especially for growing kids. When your kids outgrow their clothes, pass them on to a family in need, a thrift store, or find another way to recycle the clothing and textiles. The Darien Swap Shop at the Darien Transfer Station and Recycling Center is a great resource for finding or dropping off previously loved toys, furniture, home goods, etc.
- **Buy (or Grow) Natural Foods:** Eat more seasonal fruits, vegetables and whole grains, preferably locally grown when you can. Avoid the "boxed" processed foods and lean towards foods that come from the earth. Local organic foods will be free of pesticides and also don't take as much energy to get to you.
- **Teach our Children:** Teach your children about why it is so important to take care of our earth by leading by example and getting them involved. They may even teach us new things about the environment! Be open to their ideas.



For more ideas visit our [Go Green: Greenify Your New Year's](#) page on the Royle PTO Website.

Royle Go Green Team

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.

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

On Tuesday, January 11th, the Board of Education held a meeting; the full recording can be found [here](#). Discussion regarding the proposed Darien Public School District budget for 2022-2023 begins at 1:45. Public comment takes place at the very beginning and the very end of the meeting.

In order to ensure that ALL voices are heard, we want to hear input from parents in the Royle community. Thanks to those who have given feedback so far, as well as our meetings with Dr. Mullin, below are some key topics we have identified:

- **1:1 Technology for DHS** (while this discussion pertains to the high school it will eventually impact our elementary students) - discussion begins at 1:51*
- **Additional PE teacher for elementary schools** - discussion begins at 2:06
- **Open Choice** - discussion begins at 2:08*
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Please email [Lindsay Kollar](#), [Monica Silverman](#), [Amy Reid](#) and [Dawn MacDonald](#) with your questions and opinions!

All 2022-2023 Budget materials can be found [here](#). The next Board of Education meeting will take place on **January 18th at 7pm**. Agenda and Zoom / YouTube links can be found [here](#). This meeting is open to the public.

* There will be a special meeting for the Board of Education to discuss these two topics on **January 24th**.

CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION

Questions or suggestions for DPS? Please use this Chain of Communication guide for school-related matters. [DPS Chain of Communication](#)

COMMUNITY

DARIEN ARTS CENTER

PIC DARIEN, the Darien Arts Center's Smartphone Photography Contest is accepting submissions at [darienarts.org](#). The contest is open to all. There are no age restrictions and contestants are not required to live in Darien.

Darien Arts Center spring classes begin January 24. Spots are available in:

DANCE: For all levels, ages 3 & up include Ballet, Hip Hop, Lyrical Jazz, Contemporary, Modern Jazz & Broadway.

OPEN MARTIAL ARTS, Grades 3 & up, Mon, Jan. 24-May 23, 6-7pm, \$410.

YOUTH MARTIAL ARTS, Grades K-7, Thur, Jan. 27-May 26, 5:30-6:30pm, \$410

TEEN/ADULT MARTIAL ARTS, Grades 8-12, Adults, Thur, Jan. 27-May 26, 6:30-7:30pm, \$410.

MUSIC: Email Music Director, Juanita Bosee at juanita@darienarts.org for private lessons.

CAREGIVER & ME MUSIC, Ages 2-3, Tues, Jan 18-Mar. 29, 2:30-1:15pm, \$220.

BEGINNER GROUP GUITAR, Grades 2-5, Sat, Jan. 8-April 2, 10-10:45am, \$250.

ART EXPLORATIONS, Grades 1-4, Wed, Jan. 26-April 27, 3:45-4:45pm, \$265

DIGITAL IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY, Grades 5-8, Thur, 3:45-4:45pm, Jan. 27-April 7, \$220

PAINT & PASTE: MIXED MEDIA & COLLAGE, Grades 1-4, Friday, 3:40-4:40pm, Jan. 28-April 8, \$220

VISUAL ARTS VACATION WORKSHOP, Grades 1-5, Tue-Thur, 10am-12pm, Feb. 22-24, \$135

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

DARIEN YMCA SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 18TH

The Darien YMCA Summer Camp is a wonderful opportunity for children of all ages and abilities to experience a wide range of activities.

We offer an environment where campers will build lasting memories and friendships. The Darien YMCA Summer Camp is committed to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. We help children grow and have fun through exploration, building self-confidence and independence, learning core values, developing life skills and most importantly being active.

Our dedicated camp staff will help teach the campers new skills and facilitate learning in a safe and fun environment. Campers can choose from our Preschool Camp, School Age Traditional Camp, Gymnastics Camp, Afternoon Navigators or our Swim and Sail Camp for children with special needs.

Visit our website at www.darien-ymca.org/summercamp/ for more information or contact

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

IMPORTANT LINKS - CONNECT WITH ROYLE

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