



## Calendar

**1.3 Delayed Open for All Students**

**1.10 Darien After School Winter Enrichment Session Starts**

**1.14 Professional Development Day (No School)**

**1.17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)**

## From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Winter Break. We are starting the week with a 2-hour delay on Monday morning. Please refer to Dr. Mullin's email for more specifics.

Have a great week,  
Lindsay & Monica

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## Royle Info

### 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](http://www.DarienAfterSchool.com)

Registration Open Online (late enrollment fee applies starting 1/4)

Questions? [info@darienafterschool.com](mailto:info@darienafterschool.com) / 888.212.3837.

You can also contact Jessica Bartch at [bartch.jessica@gmail.com](mailto:bartch.jessica@gmail.com).

### 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](http://roylepto.com/resources/dei-diversity-equity-inclusion)

### 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).

## 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](#)

## CDSP's "DID YOU KNOW" SERIES - #5

The Council of Darien School Parents (CDSP) is the umbrella organization for the Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs) of all Darien Schools. Did you know that the 2022-23 Darien Public School District budget process kicks off soon? Each school's PTO Chairs and Budget Reps will want to hear ALL parents' views about the proposed budget; they in turn will communicate these views back to this year's CDSP Budget Chairs, Stacey Tié and Deb Ritchie. CDSP will then formulate speeches based directly on collective feedback from parents so that the Board of Education can hear what is important to the community. As always, PTO Chairs / School Budget Reps should be your first point of contact; if you're not sure who this is for your school, please contact [cdspbudget@gmail.com](mailto:cdspbudget@gmail.com) and we will gladly connect you.

Important near-term dates to note:

- Jan 6th @7pm - Special Board of Ed. meeting to present proposed 2022-23 Darien School District budget
- Jan 8th @ 8.30am - "Super Saturday" - detailed all day meeting covering the budget
- Jan 7th - 13th - PTO Chairs & School Budget Reps seek input from all parents
- Jan 13th - 30th - CDSP will formulate speeches based on feedback
- Feb 1st - Board of Ed. Public Hearing on budget / speeches given
- Feb 8th - Board of Ed. vote on budget

# COMMUNITY

## YWCA 14-DAY RACIAL EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGE

New Year - New Habits. Start your year off by taking part in the YWCA 14-Day Racial Equity & Social Justice Educational Challenge beginning on January 3rd 2022. The Challenge asks participants to make time and space to build more effective social justice habits—particularly those dealing with issues of race, power, privilege and leadership—for 14 days. Are you up for the Challenge? Learn more at: <https://ywcadn.org>

## SAVE THE DATE: RIDING THE WAVES OF MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDSHIPS

Presentation and discussion with Darby Fox

Hosted by Middlesex Parent Association

Jan 11th @ 7PM in MMS Auditorium and on Zoom

The MPA will host a parent presentation and discussion with Darby Fox, LCSW, Child and Adolescent Family Therapist, as featured on ABC, NBC, CBS, and Fox News and author of "Rethinking Your Teenager: Shifting from Conflict and Control to Structure and Nurture to Raise Accountable Young Adults". Darby will discuss strategies to help parents successfully navigate the ever-changing landscape of adolescent friendships. [Register Here.](#)

## DARIEN ARTS CENTER

**Spring registration** is open at [darienart.org](http://darienart.org)! Classes in DANCE, ART, MUSIC & MARTIAL ARTS for all ages begin in January. Sign up for: Ballet, Hip Hop, Broadway, Modern, Jazz, Lyrical & Contemporary Dance; Piano, Flute, Percussion, String Instruments, Singing/Songwriting; Cartooning, Digital Illustration, Iphone Photography, Drawing, Painting, Collage & more.

The DAC is located at 2 Renshaw Road, behind the Town Hall. For questions, call (203) 655-8683.

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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