

Royle Blast



Calendar

JANUARY

26 PTO Meeting with Dr. Addley (via Zoom)

28 Royle Magic Show

FEBRUARY

2 World Read Aloud Day

11 Virtual Parent Coffee

14-17 Royle Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week

14 Valentine's Day - Wear Red/Pink/Purple to kick off RAK week!

18 No School - Professional Development Day

21-25 No School - Winter Break!

From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle,

We hope you had a great week - including another unexpected snow day!

As we noted in last week's blasts, budget season is underway for the Board of Education (BOE). We encourage anyone who is interested in the process or in particular topics to participate in the public BOE meetings. You can either attend meetings in person at Darien Board of Education (35 Leroy Ave.), watch live streaming on the [DPS YouTube channel](#) or contribute via public comment using the Zoom link that is published for each meeting. All budget materials can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3Kqjpbq>

We have also worked with Dr. Mullin to schedule a special Royle PTO Meeting with Dr. Addley on **Wednesday, January 26th @ 9:30am**. Dr. Addley will review the proposed '22-'23 budget and answer questions from our Royle community. Please see below for more information and links to RSVP and submit questions in advance.

Finally, below is the schedule for upcoming budget-related BOE meetings:

1/24/22 - Special BOE Meeting at 7pm. Discussions on Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) & Open Choice. Agenda (including Zoom / YouTube access links) and materials on both programs can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3fNNhOj>

1/25/22 - BOE Meeting at 7:30pm. Discussions on the entire budget. Board members have the opportunity to propose adds / cuts to the budget at this meeting. Agenda (including Zoom / YouTube access links) can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3fJBIRX>

2/01/22 - BOE Meeting, Public Hearing on Budget

2/08/22 - BOE Meeting, BOE Vote on Budget

3/01/22 - BOF Meeting, Budget Discussions

3/08/22 - BOF Meeting, Public Hearing on Budget

All previous BOE meetings are available to watch on the [DPS YouTube Channel](#):
11/23/21 - BOE Meeting, Introduction of Budget Initiatives
1/06/22 - Special BOE Meeting, Presentation of Superintendent's Budget
1/08/22 - BOE Super Saturday, Review of all Budget Responsibility Centers
1/11/22 - BOE Meeting, Budget Discussions
1/18/22 - Special BOE Meeting, Discussions with Board of Finance (BOF), Representative Town Meeting (RTM) Education
1/21/22 - Special BOE Meeting, Discussions with Board of Finance

If you have any questions or want more information, please reach out to us or to the Council for Darien School Parents (CDSP) at info@cdspdarien.org or through the CDSP website at cdsp.org.

Have a great last week of January!

Lindsay & Monica

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Royle Info

Music K8 Cover Art Contest: Deadline Tomorrow!

All Royle students are invited to enter the Musick8 magazine cover art contest. We already have a lot of entries from students, but more are welcome! Please give your completed drawings to Ms. Theisen no later than Monday, Jan. 24 at the end of the day. Please click [HERE](#) for the entry form.

Information is also available on the home page of [Ms. Theisen's BLOG](#)

Royle PTO Meeting with Dr. Addley

All Royle community members are welcome to join our PTO meeting with Dr. Addley on Wednesday 1/26 at 9:30am via Zoom. Dr. Addley is making his annual tour around the schools and hosting virtual PTO meetings to address budget questions you may have.

If you would like to attend, please **RSVP here**. To maximize our time with Dr. Addley and assist in my facilitation of the meeting, please submit any specific questions you have regarding the 2022-2023 Budget using that [same form](#). If you are not able to attend, but have a question, please submit it through the form and I will follow up with you! The Zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting on Wednesday 1/26 by email to all who RSVP!

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.

Royle Readers Rock!

Join millions around the world as we celebrate the power of reading with the 12th annual World Read Aloud Day on February 2! Send us a video of you and your family/friends reading aloud.

Click on the Flipgrid link to get started: <https://flipgrid.com/5e26a593>

Enter Guest Password (password is case sensitive): RoyleReads

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

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 Suzanne Richards, Director of Youth Development and Special Needs Programs at srichards@darien-ymca.org.

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

IMPORTANT LINKS - CONNECT WITH ROYLE

[School Dismissal Manager](#)

[Royle PTO](#)

[Darien Public Schools](#)

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Send Your Submissions to: roylemsgboard@gmail.com

