

Royle Blast



Calendar

JANUARY

10 Darien After School Winter Enrichment Session Starts

14 No School - Professional Development Day

17 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

18 No School - Professional Development Day

21-25 No School - Winter Break!

From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle,

While it was a crazy week, it's great to be back at Royle! Another long weekend coming up with Friday and Monday off - we hope everyone enjoys it. As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding Royle or the PTO!

Have a great week,

Lindsay & Monica

Lindsaykollar@gmail.com & Monicaosilverman@gmail.com

Royle Info

Winter Enrichment with Darien After School at Royle!

Darien After School at Royle brings winter enrichment where students find a new favorite, be anything they want to be and make new friends! There's still time to join classmates after school. Classes start tomorrow but registration is open throughout the session. The winter session lasts from **January 10th - April 8th** and takes place after school until 4:10pm. Details can be found at www.DarienAfterSchool.com.

If you have any questions please contact info@darienafterschool.com.

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.

[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

- **Be Water Smart:** Find one of the many reusable water bottles you own and pledge to stop buying plastic bottled water. Other ways to be smart about your water usage include collecting rainwater and minimizing water usage while brushing teeth, washing dishes and taking showers, etc.
- **Use your Re-useable Shopping Bags:** In order for the reusable shopping bags to do any good, they have to be used! Find a way to remember to bring the earth-friendly bags with you to the store (keep them by the door or in your car) and reduce the number of plastic bags that you waste.
- **Think Local:** Doing business locally not only helps our local economy to bloom but also reduces the carbon footprint we are making on Mother Earth. Lessening your commute can save money, as well as provide more opportunities for walking or biking and getting in touch with the outdoors.



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](#)

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 just kicked off? 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 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

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! 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.

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](#)

[Join Our Royle Blast Email Distribution](#)

Send Your Submissions to: roylemsgboard@gmail.com

