

Royle Blast

Calendar

September

- 18** Back to School Family Picnic & 5th Grade Bake Sale
- 20** PTO Kickoff Meeting/ALL PTO
- 22** Class Picture Day - mylifetouch.com ID: EVT3KT4TD
- 26** No School - Rosh Hashanah
- 30** Royle Walk-a-thon and Royle Blue and White Spirit Day

October

- 5** No School - Yom Kippur
- 29** Family Photo Day Fundraiser

From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle Knights,

Can you believe we are now three weeks into the school year?! We hope you are starting to settle into your Back-to-School routines.

Thank you to our vice chairs Jess Newhouse and Ingrid Bell who organized our room parents this year. You should be hearing from yours soon! Our events and fundraising team are busy planning some fun events, and we are all looking forward to our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Royle Walk-a-Thon, on Friday, September 30th. Get those walking shoes ready!

We look forward to seeing you all later today at the Back To School Family picnic.

Sincerely,

[Amy Reid](#) and [Dawn MacDonald](#)

PTO Co-Chairs

Royle Merch at Today's Picnic

Did you know that Royle has awesome new merchandise beyond tees and hoodies? Trucker hats, cooler bags, water bottles, coozies, car magnets, and lots more are here and ready to use for all of your fall activities. Come get yourself tailgate-ready at today's Royle Picnic!



Next event to pick up some merchandise will be September 30th at the Walk-a-thon.

Supporting our school never looked so good!
If you have any questions please contact [Kelly Phelps](#)

Darien After School at Royle

Fall Enrichment where students find a new favorite, be anything they want to be, and make new friends!

Fall Session – 9/27 to 12/22 after school until 4:10pm

Registration closes on September 19

Register here: <https://www.darienafterschool.com/Royle.html>

Welcome Kindergarteners and New Families too! Please Click [HERE](#) for information on how our program works, or reach out to us anytime!

Contact: info@darienafterschool.com / 888.212.3837

Second Annual Royle Walk-A-Thon

Friday, September 30th

We are off to a great start with our Walk-A-Thon pledges, but we need more participation! It is easy to make a pledge through the [Royle Walk-A-Thon Website](#).

Please share the link <https://ssl.charityweb.net/roylepto/walkathon/join.htm> and your child's team name (their classroom teacher's name) with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends!

Send your pledges early as prizes will be distributed based on total classroom pledges!

Also, if you'd like to purchase a sign for the day of the walk a thon please send

that in your form by September 27th!

Thanks for all your help and remember any pledge we receive is greatly appreciated!

Royle School Directory

Order by Friday, September 30th



Start here!

<https://roylepto.membershiptoolkit.com>

For New Users:

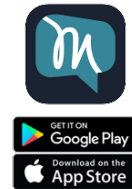
1. Click on Register/Login.
2. Click Create a New Account. Each parent can have a unique login and password.
3. Complete the form.
4. Watch for an email that will ask you to verify your email address and use your newly created login credentials to log back in. Check your spam folders if you do not see email in inbox.
5. Click the link in the email and finish your registration. Complete the Family Information and the Directory Publish Preferences in "My Account."
6. **Select type of directory for purchase. There are three options:**
 - **Digital Directory \$6.00**
 - **Print & Digital Directory Bundle \$12.00**
 - **Printed Directory Only \$10.00**

**Returning Users can use previous login credentials.

Please contact Kendra Lee with any questions kendracallahan@gmail.com.

Download the Free App!

Search for Membership Toolkit in the Apple App Store or Google Play. After you register on the website, use the same username and password you chose in the app to access our directory, manage your family information, and make purchases — all from your mobile device.



Fall Family Photos

Saturday, October 29th

Holiday family photos - check! Fall mini sessions with Royle family-favorite photographer Karen Morneau at Mead Park will be on October 29th.

Register [HERE](#) to reserve a time slot and pay for your session [HERE](#).

If payment is not received, the time slot will be forfeited. Karen will send you all your images after the photo shoot, and you can pay her directly for the images you choose. Enjoy!

See the [flyer](#) for more info.

If you have any questions please contact [Monica Silverman](#)

Royle Chorus - calling all 4th and 5th graders!

Dear parents!

We had a WONDERFUL first rehearsal of the ROYLE SCHOOL CHORUS on Thursday! We still welcome any other 4th and 5th graders who would like to sing with us this year! Royle Chorus meets every Thursday morning from 7:35-8:15am in the Common Room. We will sing a variety of music from many traditions and styles. We will also be incorporating some drumming, percussion, dancing and other instruments into the chorus pieces this year. We will be playing some theatre and acting games along the way, as well, and might even have some fun karaoke days, as well. It'll be an exciting program in the upcoming months and I hope that your child will consider participating. Complete information about Chorus can be found [HERE](#).

Please note that students may participate in chorus AND an instrumental group (band OR orchestra). We hope that many 4th and 5th graders will take advantage of this opportunity to participate in chorus AND band or orchestra.

To register your child for CHORUS, fill out the following GoogleForm [HERE](#).

Thank you! Have a wonderful week!

Regards, [Ms. Kathleen Theisen](#)

For information about signing up for BAND, please contact [Mr. Colin Walters](#)

For information about signing up for ORCHESTRA, please contact [Ms. Jane Minnis](#)

Update Your Child's Lunch Account!

The Darien school lunch program has switched to [MySchoolBucks](#) for online lunch payments and will no longer be using K12PaymentCenter.

For information on balance transfers and signups, please click [HERE](#).

Bus Route Sign-Up & Updates

If you have not learned about FirstView, please take a moment to do so at:

[FirstView App at Darien Public Schools - Darien Public Schools \(darienps.org\)](#)

Updated bus schedules are posted here:

[2022-23 School Bus Routes - Darien Public Schools \(darienps.org\)](#)

Any questions or concerns, please reach out to kbarbieri@darienps.org

Royle PTO Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

We welcome you to **subscribe** to Royle PTO's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion newsletter and visit the **PTO website** for more DEI resources and previous newsletter editions.

Darien School District

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, September 27 @ 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 11 @ 7:30 PM

Chain Of Communication

Questions or suggestions for DPS? Please use this Chain of Communication guide for school-related matters. **DPS Chain of Communication**

Community

Discover Darien Cub Scouts!

Cub Scouts Family Fun Day will be held on **Sunday, 9/25 from 1-3 pm** at Weed Beach Meadow. Drop by for interactive games, skill building opportunities, and yummy treats. Learn about Darien Cub Scouts, with programs for boys and girls grades K-5. Scouts develop leadership skills, have amazing outdoor adventures, and provide valuable community service while making lifelong friends. Visit www.darienscouts.org or email darienscouts@gmail.com for more information.



Free Movie Night at Highland Farm

The Darien Parks & Recreation Department and Darien Youth Commission invite you to an outdoor movie under the stars. Taking place on **Friday, September 30** at Highland Farm, the feature presentation is *ENCANTO!* Noted for its fun music and tremendous messaging (not to mention overall great entertainment!), this is the perfect film for the whole family. Start time is approximately 6:45; running time is 1h 49 m. This is a free event (there will be limited concessions for sale). Rain date is Saturday, October 1.

In an effort to anticipate attendance and parking we'd appreciate if you would RSVP for this

event. That said, walk-ins are welcome! (Parking is on a first-come, first-serve basis.) Following is the link for online registration (please only register one person per family). [Movie at Highland Farm](#)

Skyhunters in Flight: Birds of Prey Demonstration Returns to the DCA!

Come on your own or as a family for an up-close look at live owls, hawks, and falcons from around the world, with Master Falconer Brian Bradley. You will see some of these trained athletes in flight, so join us for an informative, entertaining and action-oriented program for both adults and children (age 3 and up).

The event will take place on the DCA's expansive front lawn, so bring a blanket!

Sunday, October 2, 2022

2:00-3:00pm

Admission

Individual ticket: DCA member \$15, public \$20

One adult with children: \$25

Family: \$40

Purchase tickets online at dariendca.org by noon on Friday, September 30.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled.

Book Launch Event!

[Who Are You & What Have You Done with My Kid?..Connect With Your Tween While They Are Still Listening](#) September 20th, 6:30pm at Barrett Bookstore. Please join Dr. Craig and Barrett Bookstore for discussion and light refreshments. Bring the entire family or come for a date night... sure to be fun! RSVP pbarrettbooks@gmail.com

Weekend Meal Program

Darien Human Services participates in a partnership with Filling in the Blanks weekend meal program. Filling in the Blanks is a local non-profit organization that provides food on the weekends to school aged children (www.fillingintheblanks.org). Each packet consists of a variety of nonperishable food items such as oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups, mac and cheese, canned food, tuna and chips. Meal packets are distributed bi-weekly at Town Hall during designated times to families who struggle with food insecurity.

If you have questions or would like to find out if your family meets eligibility requirements, please contact Darien Human Services 203-656-7328.

The Town of Darien Mental Health Task Force UPDATE

The Town of Darien Mental Health Task Force is hard at work developing programs and resources for our community. The group includes town employees and officials, Darien School District administration, community organizations, religious leaders and mental health professionals. The group has two subcommittees: Behavioral Health Programming and

Here is an update on some of the programs and resources:

- Out of the Darkness Fairfield County Walk for Suicide Prevention will take place on October 22nd in Westport (Jesup Green). Visit [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention \(AFSP\)](#) for more details, including on how to join the walk.
- [International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day](#) is November 19th, and the Town of Darien is developing a program for survivors which will take place at Noroton Presbyterian Church.
- The Behavioral Health Programming subcommittee is developing Resiliency Training programs for teens and their parents, as well as for parents of younger children.
- Ali Ramsteck, Director of Darien Human Services, is working with [The Hub](#) to provide [QPR](#) training for the wider Darien community. The Hub has already delivered this training to all school staff.
- The Mental Health Needs Assessment Subcommittee is researching how to complete a community wide mental health needs assessment survey.

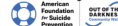
Please visit the Town of Darien's [website](#) for a list of current available mental health resources.

TOGETHER TO Fight SUICIDE

Fairfield County Walk

10:00am - 1:00pm
Jesup Green, Westport
Saturday, October 22nd

Register at www.afsp.org/Fairfieldcounty



Previous [Community Announcements](#) are posted on the PTO website.

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