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Calendar

October

- 13** Special Education Parent Coffee
- 29** Family Photo Day Fundraiser
- 31** Kindergarten Halloween Share

From Our PTO Chairs

Dear Royle Knights,

We hope you're having a great fall weekend! Tomorrow, October 10th, marks both Indigenous Peoples' Day and World Mental Health Day. We encourage you to recognize these days with your families and take extra time to care for yourselves.

There are several notable events this week including the Special Education Parent Coffee, 5th Grade Ice Cream Social at the Depot, and our fall **Royle Moms Go To Town event (RMGTT) at La Taqueria at 7:00 pm, Thursday, 10/13**. Don't delay, and purchase your tickets now! See you there!

Sincerely,

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

PTO Co-Chairs

Royle Info

Royle Moms Go To Town

LA  TAQUERIA

Thursday, October 13th, 7-9:30pm

Join us on Thursday, October 13th from 7-9:30 PM to kick off a great year at La Taqueria, the new local hot spot! Tickets are \$45 per person and include Drinks and Light Bites. Please purchase at pay4schoolstuff.com. All caregivers are welcome to join. Looking forward to a fun evening with old and new friends!

Contact Bonnie Flemming at bonniemflemming@gmail.com or Katie Fuchs at kathrynrothwellfuchs@gmail.com with questions.

The Depot 5th Grade Ice Cream Social

Thursday, October 13th, 4-5:30pm

Don't miss the 5th Grade Ice Cream Social at The Depot on Thursday, October 13 from 4-5:30pm. Kick off the school year with this fun annual party featuring Mr. Softee, DJ, games and more. \$20 admission



[Click Here to Register.](#) Space is limited.

If you have any questions, contact [Elizabeth Hole](#)

Fall Family Photos

Saturday, October 29th

SOLD OUT! Popular once again, Fall mini sessions with Royle family-favorite photographer Karen Morneau at Mead Park on October 29th, are now sold out.



If you would like to be added to the waitlist please contact [Monica Silverman](#)

Royle School Weed Beach Clean Up

Tuesday, November 8th

Join us for the Royle School Weed Beach Clean Up on Tuesday, November 8th at 10am (It's Election Day - No School). The Royle Cares Community Outreach Committee will provide plastic bags and gloves for the kids, and whoever collects the most garbage will win a prize! We will be stationed near the playground, so people can stay and play afterwards. Doughnuts and coffee will be served. All students K-5 are welcome. This is not a drop-off event: caregivers should stay. Please email Betsy Champy



at elizabeth.champy@gmail.com if you have questions. Sign up using the link below. Hope to see you all there!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094BA4AB2EA7FD0-weed>

Royle Library Volunteers Wanted!

The Royle Library needs your help! Please sign up to help reshelve books using the [Sign-up Genius Link](#)

Reach out to [Lynn Holcomb](#) with any questions. And thank you for volunteering!



The Royle Garden Needs Your Help!

A green thumb is not necessary. A love for the outdoors and a desire to give your students and staff a beautiful and green outdoor space is all that is required. The garden needs some cleaning up and removal of weeds. And soon it will be time to plant some spring bulbs!



If you would like to help take care of the Royle Garden, please reach out to [Dawn MacDonald](#).

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, October 11 @ 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 25 @ 7:30 PM

Wednesday, November 9 @ 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

Registration for Darien Squash is Open!

Come join the Darien Squash Youth Program for another fun season on the squash courts this school year. Registration is open to players from Darien in grades 3-8 and all levels are welcome. To learn more about our program, including exciting changes for this season, visit www.Dariensquash.com.

P2P Food Drive

DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE BENEFITTING P2P HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**. Due to the storm that swept through our region on Saturday, we made the difficult (yet correct!) decision to postpone this amazing community effort. All details can be found on the NYC website: www.darienct.gov/yc.

Tokeneke Pumpkin Carnival

The 2022 Tokeneke School Pumpkin Carnival returns on **Saturday, October 15th from 10am to 4pm**. Join us as Tokeneke Elementary School is transformed into an amusement park! There are mechanical rides and boardwalk games as well as a variety of lawn games, art activities, face painting, and bounce houses. There will be something for children of all ages. The Tokeneke Parent and Teacher Organization is once again partnering with Darien Human Services to offer the event free of charge to families who would otherwise not be able to attend. Advance discounted tickets and punch cards for lawn games can be purchased [online](#) (no refunds!). Advanced purchase tickets can be picked up at the WILL CALL table on the day of the event.

Family Fun Day - Darien YMCA

Family Fun Day, hosted by Holly Pond School, will be held this year from **11am-2pm on Sunday, October 23rd** at the Darien YMCA. Admission is \$30 per family. Activities include a DJ, pumpkin decorating, bake sale, frame making station, keychain decorating, bag decorating, candy shop, magic show, bounce house, inflatable obstacle course, rock wall, nail painting, face painting, balloon animals, spin art, Hands On Pottery, Heights Pizza, a Hot Dog Cart from Uncle's Deli and more. Tickets can be purchased online through the

Darien YMCA or by following the link below.

[Family Fun Day - Registration](#)

We hope to see you there!

Darien EMS - Post 53 Haunted House

The Post 53 Haunted House is back! Come join us as we return to providing three different levels of fright on **Sunday October 30th from 2-4pm** at our headquarters 0 Ledge Road, Darien. Get your Halloween costumes ready and join us for a fun filled afternoon with exciting events and fun games for kids of all ages. There will be ambulance tours, pumpkin decorating, face painting, and many more games and treats! CPR/AED training will be offered to any adults or children interested. Suggested donation is \$10 per child and all donations will support Darien EMS-Post 53, Darien's Volunteer Emergency Medical Service staffed with state certified Emergency Medical Technicians, who are Darien High School Students and their Adult Advisors.

MPA and YWCA Parent Awareness

Middlesex Parent Association and YWCA Parent Awareness present CONNECTING WITH YOUR TWEEN WHILE THEY ARE STILL

LISTENING on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:30PM. Event will feature Darien's own, Dr. Amanda Craig, Marriage and Family Therapist who is the author of "Who Are You & What Have You Done With My Kid?"

Join us for an interactive and engaging workshop where you learn about the unique tween age group and gain tips and tricks to stay connected with your child while also starting to learn to let go. Click [here](#) for more information.

Darien Arts Center Fall Classes

[SIP & PAINT: STILL LIFE WORKSHOP](#), For Adults, Friday, Oct. 14, 7-9pm. Bring a friend and refreshments of choice for a great night out! Our fabulous instructor Stephanie Lush-Mastriano will lead the group in creating beautiful still life paintings while everyone enjoys a relaxing evening. Fee: \$55

[SILHOUETTES, EAST COAST CONTEMPORARY BALLET PERFORMANCE](#), Oct. 22, 7:30pm & Oct. 23, 2pm. An all-new mixed repertory program set to music that ranges from classical to contemporary. Join this fresh and innovative company in the DAC Weatherstone Studio. Tickets \$35. DAC Dance students: \$20.

[AUTUMN LEAVES CREATIVE WORKSHOP](#) - For Kindergarten through Grade 3, Friday, Nov. 4, 4-5:30pm.

Students create a colorful decoupage autumn leaf lantern to bring home for the holidays and vibrant leaf print paintings to take home and feature in a November Student Art Exhibit in the downtown CVS window! Fee: \$55.

REGISTRATION IS ONGOING at darienarts.org for classes for ages 3

through adult.

The Darien Arts Center is located at 2 Renshaw Road, behind the Town Hall. Call (203) 655-8683 for more information. We are the *heart of the arts!*

Previous **Community Announcements** are posted on the PTO website.

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