



**The Solon Early Childhood
PTA Newsletter: www.secpta.net**

The Solon Early Childhood PTA is a unit of the Ohio Parent Teacher Association (PTA), organized for the parents of preschool age children (birth-5) regardless of what school the child will attend. Expectant parents are also welcome.

We always welcome new members from Solon and the surrounding communities. If you are the parent of a preschool age child or infant, we have something for you!

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Our new membership year will start on July 1, 2019 so for more fun with SECPTA, please renew your membership for 2019-2020! You can register online at www.secpta.net/register. If you previously had an online SECPTA account, you will be asked to log-in first.

Have questions? Email Lydia at membership@secpta.net

KRISTEN'S SECTION

Notes from the SECPTA President:

It's hard to believe that this year is coming to an end! I have so enjoyed watching this organization that I love grow and be enjoyed by so many families. I hope that this year has brought you friendship, community, and maybe even an escape or two from reality :) Summer is by far my favorite season as a parent. I love the freedom to head outside, go for a swim, or just watch the kids romp in the yard with the neighbors! I also love being able to loosen up our schedule, enjoy later evenings and sleep in past 6:45. It always goes so quickly and we're never quite ready to get back to reality in August, so I vow to savor the moments, even when I'm at my wits end with my kids' bickering! I'm excited to adventure out over the next few months with SECPTA at our many Picnic Pals dates (see the end of this newsletter for details) and watch our son play his final year of SECPTA t-ball (sob!). I look forward to another great year ahead and hope to see you all over the summer and next year!

PS - We're still in need of some volunteers for our board! The open positions are listed on page 5. I'm happy to discuss details if you're interested!

Kristen

SECPTA GENERAL MEETINGS

SECPTA General Meetings are held once each month and are a place to socialize, build community, learn something, and meet new people. The meetings are open to the public, free of charge, and do not require an RSVP. Complimentary child care and pizza are offered at every meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail us; otherwise we're looking forward to getting to know you at one of our General Meetings!

Jennifer Frazier, VP of Programs and Tina Soric, Chair of Programs
programs@secpta.net

May's General Meeting and Program: Outdoor Play

Tuesday, May 28th at 6:15 pm

Solon Community Center, 35000 Portz Parkway

Join us for our final general meeting of the membership year. Nature based education, forest school, outdoor preschool? Vitamin N? Maybe you have been seeing or hearing about the benefits of outdoor play for children. Carol Juergemeier, lead teacher and coordinator of Play and Prep Preschool's outdoor education programs will provide an overview of outdoor learning and some of the local options for young children to learn and to play outside.

Schedule:

- 6:15 pm** **Arrival, refreshments, event registration**
- 6:35 pm** **Business meeting**
- 6:50 pm** **Outdoor Play Presentation**

All general meetings include complimentary childcare in a room immediately adjacent to the meeting room as well as pizza. This year's childcare will be provided by a combination of adults and teens from On Your Toes Dance Studio.



SAVE THE DATE!



**The next General Meeting will be at the end of August.
Until then, join us for some free picnic pals play dates all Summer, play
some SECPTA T-ball in June and July, join our Facebook groups! Be
sure to sign up for a new year of SECPTA starting in July!**



SECPTA's Coffee Club:



Come one, Come all! Step right up and join us for a Carnival Coffee Club! On **Wednesday, May 29th**, we will meet at the Solon Community Park Playground for our last coffee club. We will enjoy some playground fun, food, coffee and drinks! Coffee club is scheduled from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please notice the time change. Hope you can come clown around with us! See you under the big top!



Thanks for a great coffee club this year!
See you in September when Coffee Club resumes!



FITNESS



Join us for a FREE Barre3 Class!!

Have you ever considered taking a class at Barre3?? If so, you will not want to miss a private class offered for SECPTA members. Barre3 is a full-body balanced workout that combines strength conditioning, cardio, and mindfulness. Please join us on **Saturday, May 25th at 12:30pm at Barre3 studio in Solon.** You deserve an hour for yourself, why not join us for an empowering workout!! Email fitness@secpta.net or sign up at the April general meeting!



Solon Early Childhood PTA Fundraiser!



Sunday, June 9 or Monday, June 10, 2019: Only \$139!

Mark your calendar to take a break! Support SECPTA while having fun!
Get away without going too far from home to America's LARGEST indoor waterpark and enjoy a special rate for families and friends! Rooms are ONLY \$139 and feature 2 queen beds and INCLUDE waterpark passes! A portion from EACH room booked will benefit SECPTA. Book EARLY to avoid being shut out.

For reservations, call: 1-877-525-2427 or visit our website:
<https://book.passkey.com/e/49833687>



**America's largest indoor waterpark
"Big game" Room**




**Savannah Strike Zone Bowling
Hand-tossed pizza**



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

To help SECPTA members get to know each other, we're featuring brief profiles of members on our private Facebook page.

And, we'd like to feature **you and your family!**

If you are willing to be featured, please email **answers** to the questions on the right  and a **photo** that can be posted to membership@secpta.net.

Featured members will be entered in a raffle to **win a \$10 gift card** (to Mitchell's Ice-Cream or Target, your choice!).

Congratulations to our March Member Spotlight winner: **Jodi Gee!**

- Who is in your family?
- Where do you live?
- Where are you from (and when did you move to this area if you moved?)
- Is there something interesting about yourself or your family that you'd like to share?
- What activities are you excited to do (or already do) with SECPTA?

Welcome, SECPTA Babies!

*Celebrating the births of babies to families
in our community!*

If your family has welcomed **a new baby** during this membership year (since 7/1/18), please let us know (email membership@secpta.net)! We would love to feature a **birth announcement** on our private Facebook page and in our newsletter.

In addition, one lucky baby born during this membership year will win his/her family a **FREE membership** for next year.

2018-2019 SECPTA Babies

August

Willow Eden Rose Bugnone
Leo Gagne
David Joseph Germak

November

Ryder Grady Spry
Samuel ("Sam") Morrison
Waud

December

Benjamin ("Benji") Amos Zaller

Are you interested in getting more involved with SECPTA for the 2019-2020 year?

We are still in need of a few volunteers to take on the following roles:



Audit
Coffee Club
Hospitality
New Member Liaison
Programs Chair
Publicity
Service
Ways & Means Chair
Cooking Club

If you are interested or would like more information, please email Kristen at president@secpta.net.

Do you know a SECPTA member who could use a friend? Did they just have a baby? Is a medical issue taking away their time and attention?

HELPING



HANDS

If so, please let us help them! The Helping Hands Committee looks forward to preparing a home-cooked meal for a fellow SECPTA member who may need the extra hand! Whether it is for a new mother or a family going through a tough time, we are here to help.

Also, if you would like to join the Helping Hands Committee, please contact Tru for more information. We are always looking for new members!

E-mail Tru at helpinghands@secpta.net to begin a meal delivery service or to join the committee.

JOIN SECPTA'S BABYSITTING CO-OP

Need to get to the dentist without the kids? Need a date night with your spouse?
Want some time to run errands alone? Then check us out!

We are a group of SECPTA Moms who exchange babysitting hours!
Contact Emily Gallagher to join at babysittingcoop@secpta.net





PLAYmatters[™]
TOYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

playmatterstoys.com

Solon 6025 Kruse Dr. 440.542.7200
Pepper Pike 30789 Pinetree Rd. 216.464.2424

Follow us on social  

Faith, Family & Excellence
since 1910

St. Rita School
PreK-8th Grade

Solon, OH
fkirtly@stritaschool.com
440.248.1350 ext. 256



General & Cosmetic Dentistry | Implants | Invisalign® | ZOOM!® Whitening | Bridges/Dentures & More

Healthy &
Beautiful Smiles
to last a lifetime!



"Dr. Guirguis and his staff are FANTASTIC. Professional, caring, and lots of laughter helps make this patient more comfortable!" ★★★★★ — Jeff D.

Dr. Michael Guirguis, DDS
440-248-5333
WWW.DRGUIRGUIS.COM

33790 Bainbridge Road • Solon, OH 44139

Orangetheory[®]
FITNESS

Give your kids the ultimate advantage



math monkey
grab math by the tail

- + Math Enrichment Classes Ages 4-14
- + Summer Adventure Camps Ages 5-14
- + Lego Robotics and Coding Ages 5-14
- + Math Boot Camps and Tutoring

www.MathMonkeyCleveland.com 440-914-0060

Did you know?
The American Association of Orthodontists recommends all children receive an orthodontic evaluation by age 7.



SOLON ORTHODONTICS
PHILIP D. BOMELI, DDS, MS
6370 SOM CENTER RD., SUITE 101 IN SOLON

FREE
Examination and Consultation

We also offer orthodontic treatment for adults!
In addition to traditional metal braces, we have clear ceramic braces and Invisalign® treatment available.
Call 440.349.5885 today to see how we can help create the beautiful smile you deserve!
www.solonorthodontics.com

goldfish swim school

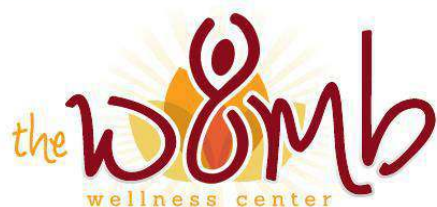


achievement just add water.

Your child's potential is in there.
There's no greater feeling than the pride that comes with witnessing your child accomplish new skills – that's why we're always celebrating at Goldfish. Achievements big and small, milestones, fun. Setting goals, attaining goals, celebrating those goals.

- + LESSONS FOR KIDS 4 MONTHS TO 12 YEARS
- + SMALL CLASS SIZES
- + SHIVER-FREE, 90-DEGREE POOL
- + TRAINED & CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

CLEVELAND EAST SIDE | 216.364.9090
FAIRVIEW PARK | 440.333.5393
HUDSON | 234.380.4400
goldfishswimschool.com |    



6200 SOM Center Road, A-24 • Solon, Ohio 44139
www.thewombwellnesscenter.com



*Take time to
nourish yourself.*

**Call 216-633-2828 to
book an appointment.**

We offer a variety of services:

- Massage Therapy
- Acupuncture
- Birth and Postpartum Doula Services
- A Variety of Workshops & Classes for Women

**SECPTA members
receive \$15 off your first
massage at the studio!**



Register for free
JEWISH BOOKS AND MUSIC
for your child!

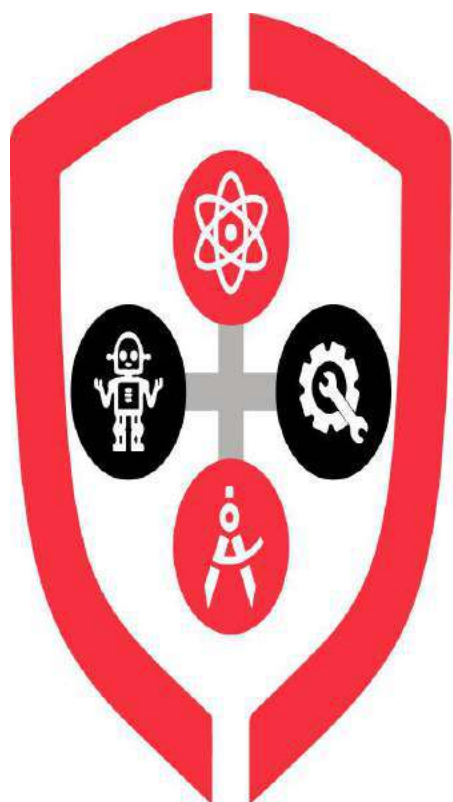


The PJ Library® ("PJ" for "pajamas") program offers free, high-quality Jewish books and music each month to Jewish children ages 6 months to 8 years. Each book comes with simple ideas to help parents and caregivers share the experience.

**LEARN MORE AT
WWW.JEWISHCLEVELAND.ORG/PJLIBRARY**

For more information, contact Leah Taylor at
ltaylor@jcfccleveland.org or 216-593-2853.

In partnership with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, PJ Library® in Cleveland is generously funded by Mort (z"l) and Iris November in celebration of Debra Ann November's life.



St. Rita School

STEM

SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | MATH

Preschool – 8th Grade



Your child's potential is in there.

There's no greater feeling than the pride that comes with witnessing your child accomplish new skills – that's why we're always celebrating at Goldfish. Achievements big and small, milestones, fun. Setting goals, attaining goals, celebrating those goals.

- + LESSONS FOR KIDS 4 MONTHS TO 12 YEARS
- + SMALL CLASS SIZES
- + SHIVER-FREE, 90-DEGREE POOL
- + TRAINED & CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS



CLEVELAND EAST SIDE | 216.364.9090

FAIRVIEW PARK | 440.333.5393

HUDSON | 234.380.4400

goldfishswimschool.com | [f](#) [i](#) [t](#) [t](#) [p](#)



Papa John's Pizza
is pleased to support the families in our community
and the efforts of your

Solon Early Childhood PTA!

Thank you for all that you do!

Solon:
33411 Aurora Road
(Solon Square Plaza – under the tower)
PH: 440 248-7272

Order online @ www.papajohns.com

We're hiring! All positions, all shifts – call or stop in to apply!



 a unique hair salon & toy store
Cuts N Curls
for boys and girls, Inc.
(and grown-ups, too)

Bring in this ad and receive
\$2.00 OFF
A KID'S CUT
\$5.00 OFF
AN ADULT'S CUT
Expires: July 31, 2019


WE NOW OFFER EAR PIERCING!

OUR HOURS
Tuesday through Friday 10 am - 7 pm
Saturday 9 am - 6 pm • **SUNDAY 10 to 5**
Walk-ins welcome. Appointments preferred.
Voted number one kids' salon past 5 years
and number one birthday party venue.

HAVE YOUR CHILD'S NEXT BIRTHDAY PARTY WITH US!
Cuts N Curls 6025 Kruse Drive • Solon 44139
440-542-1750 www.cutsncurls.net

Accepting New Patients Under Age 12

gbpd great beginnings
PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY



Dr. Rachel Rosen & Dr. Laura Adelman

Offering laser dentistry, frenectomies,
and comprehensive oral health care to
children in our Twinsburg office.

GreatBeginningsPD.com

First Flips
GYMNASTICS

Recreational gymnastics in a
non-competitive environment!

 \$20 Off
Enrollment

(440) 498-1770 www.firstflips.com

30500 B Carter St. Solon, OH, 44139
(Near the intersection of Cochran Rd. and Solon Rd.)

2019 PICNIC PALS EVENTS

Join us for Picnic Pals events this summer to meet other parents and let your kids play! All events are **free** and **open to the public** (*no signups necessary*), so invite your friends! Events will be held at local parks and playgrounds. SECPTA hosts will bring toys, chalk, and bubbles for kids to play with too! You're welcome to bring your lunch or dinner and make it extra special! All events will be held weather-permitting. Please make sure to check the SECPTA website at www.secpta.net or the SECPTA Events Facebook page for updates or changes. For more information, e-mail picnicpals@secpta.net.

JUNE PICNIC PALS

Solon Community Park

Thursday, June 6th from 4-6PM

Host: Lydia Faber

6679 SOM Center Rd, Solon

At this outdoor park, you'll find playground equipment, a separate play area for toddlers, and a large, sand-filled volleyball court, where kids can dig and build. SECPTA has reserved the pavilion space near the parking lot and will be providing a snack and drink. There will be a scavenger hunt for the kids! Feel free to bring your dinner and make an evening of it! <http://www.solonohio.org/497/Parks-Facilities>



Glenwillow Park

Tuesday, June 11th from 4-6PM

Host: Kristen Cash

Austin Powder Dr & Town Center Dr, Solon

Join us for some summer playground fun! This park has a playground with a separate area for the younger kids, a pavilion with picnic tables, and soccer fields. Bring your dinner and make an evening of it! (There isn't much shade, so be sure to bring sunscreen and water). <http://www.glenwillow-oh.gov/parks-and-recreation>



Glen Meadow Park

Friday, June 14th from 10AM-12PM

Host: Chelsea Misseldine

1961 Glenwood Dr, Twinsburg

Come full of energy and ready to run and have fun! This park has a variety of activities for the kids to enjoy. There is a baseball diamond, a playground and swings, an animal sculpture park, and tennis courts. There isn't much shade at this park so be sure to bring sunscreen and water! <http://www.mytwinsburg.com/171/Parks-Trails>



Liberty Park

Tuesday, June 18th from 10AM-12PM

Host: Allison Mustar

9385 Liberty Rd, Twinsburg

Liberty Park's 100-acre recreation area includes four ball fields, two soccer fields, and a playground with equipment for both tots and older kids. Bring your lunch and join us at the picnic tables!

<http://www.mytwinsburg.com/171/Parks-Trails>



Solon Community Park

Thursday, June 20th from 10AM-12PM

Host: Renee Burr

6679 SOM Center Rd, Solon

At this outdoor park, you'll find playground equipment, a separate play area for toddlers, and a large, sand-filled volleyball court, where kids can dig and build. <http://www.solonohio.org/497/Parks-Facilities>



Glen Meadow Park

Tuesday, June 25th from 10AM-12PM

Host: Maya Brown-Zimmerman

1961 Glenwood Dr, Twinsburg

Come full of energy and ready to run and have fun! This park has a variety of activities for the kids to enjoy. There is a baseball diamond, a playground and swings, an animal sculpture park, and tennis courts. There isn't much shade at this park so be sure to bring sunscreen and water! <http://www.mytwinsburg.com/171/Parks-Trails>



Orange Village Park

Friday, June 28th 10AM-12PM

Host: Amanda Schramm

4600 Lander Rd, Orange Village

This is a newer playground with extra fun equipment for the kids! And, if you need something special to do, there are paved trails through the woods for walking and sand pits for playing in.

<http://www.orangevillage.com/parks.html>



East Idlewood Park

Sunday, June 30th 4-6PM

Host: Jenna Hoover

9767 East Idlewood Dr, Twinsburg

Join us for some evening fun! In addition to a fun play area for kids, this scenic park has a paved bike/hike path nearby.



JULY PICNIC PALS

Kiwanis-Moore Park

Tuesday, July 2nd 10AM-12PM

Host: Heven Pfeifer

35 West Pioneer Trail, Aurora

Hope you can come to this fun place! There are several playground structures, swings, an athletic field, skate park, and several picnic tables. Pack a lunch or snack to enjoy in the pavilion!

<http://www.auroraoh.com/595/Kiwanis-Moore-Park>



Veteran's Way Splash Pad

Monday, July 8th 10:30AM-12:30PM

Host: Jessica Terry

55 Veteran's Way, Hudson

This park has so much to do! There is a splash pad, so bring your gear to enjoy some summer water fun. Nearby is a playground with equipment for kids of all ages, a short walking trail, and restrooms. Bring your lunch or visit one of the local restaurants to make it a special event!

<http://www.hudson.oh.us/Facilities/Facility/Details/1>



Sunny Lake Park

Wednesday, July 10th 1-3PM

Host: Michelle Petitti

885 East Mennonite Rd, Aurora

Come to play or move! This scenic park includes two playground structures, 1.75-mile paved exercise trail around Sunny Lake (great for walking or bike riding), and a volleyball court.

<http://oh-aurora.civicplus.com/599/Sunny-Lake-Park>



Silver Springs Park SOAR Playground

Thursday, July 11th 4-6PM

Host: Rose Kemmerling

5015 Stow Rd, Stow

SOAR Playground is fully accessible to all children. The playground includes a variety of stimulating opportunities for self-directed, challenging and independent play. SOAR is located next to the existing playground at Silver Springs Park.



East Idlewood Park

Tuesday, July 16th 4-6PM

Host: Heven Pfeifer

9767 East Idlewood Dr, Twinsburg

Join us for some evening fun! In addition to a fun play area for kids, this scenic park has a paved bike/hike path nearby.



Liberty Park Nature Play Area

Friday, July 19th 9:30-11:30AM

Host: Lydia Kruse

9999 Liberty Rd, Twinsburg

Come play in nature with us at the Liberty Park Nature Center's new outdoor play area! We'll plan to meet in the parking lot at 10am before we take a short walk on a paved path (head right at the Y if you miss us) to a nature play area, where kids can play games, build, and explore in a structured play area along the path. Dress to get messy! The Nature Center should also be open if you prefer to explore inside.

<http://www.summitmetroparks.org/liberty-park-nature-center.aspx>



Riverside Park

Monday, July 22nd 10AM-12PM

Host: Brianna Torrey

N. Main St, Downtown Chagrin Falls

Bring the kids to run around, play at the playground, and feed the ducks at this park along the river! (Make sure to bring the ducks some healthy foods such as rice, birdseed, or vegetable trimmings.) After playing, you can walk across the street and visit one of the local ice-cream shops for a treat!

<http://chagrin-falls.org/parks-chagrin-falls/>



Silver Springs Park SOAR playground

Thursday, July 25th 10AM-12PM

Host: Heven Pfeifer

5015 Stow Rd, Stow

SOAR Playground is fully accessible to all children. The playground includes a variety of stimulating opportunities for self-directed, challenging and independent play. SOAR is located next to the existing playground at Silver Springs Park.



Kiwanis-Moore Park & Aurora Fire Station #1 Tour

Tuesday, July 30th 10AM-12PM

Host: Michelle Petitti

35 West Pioneer Trail, Aurora

Join us at 10:00am at the Aurora Fire Station 1 next to the Kiwanis Moore park. We'll meet some of Aurora's finest firefighters and get to see their special trucks and equipment. Then, we'll have some fun playing at the park, where there are several playground structures, an athletic field, and picnic tables.

<http://www.auroraoh.com/595/Kiwanis-Moore-Park>



AUGUST PICNIC PALS

Cascade Park

Thursday, August 1st 4-6PM

Host: Rose Kemmerling

130 Lynn Dr, Hudson

Lots of fun to be had at Cascade Park with several challenging climbing structures, swings, slides, basketball hoops and even baseball fields. Bring along your dinner or snacks to enjoy in the pavilion!



Liberty Park

Monday, August 5th 11:30AM-1:30PM

Host: Kate Gagne

9385 Liberty Park, Twinsburg

Liberty Park's 100-acre recreation area includes four ball fields, two soccer fields, and a playground with equipment for both tots and older kids. Bring your lunch and join us at the picnic tables!

<http://www.mytwinsburg.com/171/Parks-Trails>



Arthur Rd School

Friday, August 9th 9:30-11:30AM

Host: Lydia Faber

33425 Arthur Rd. Solon

Join us for our 2019 Picnic Pals finale! Meet us behind the elementary school for some playground fun, and celebratory summer treats! Here you'll find plenty of playground equipment (3 separate playgrounds close to the parking lot!), a field where you can picnic or kick a ball, and a large paved area to ride bikes/scooters, etc.

