



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!



SAVE THE DATE FOR SECPTA'S FUNDRAISER MARCH MADNESS



Saturday, March 10th – Details on page 7

TINA'S THOUGHTS

Notes from the SECPTA President:

I recently heard that temperatures throughout the remainder of winter are supposed to be colder than usual. While I'm hoping that is just a terrible rumor, I sure am glad to see all the wonderful indoor activities we have the opportunity to participate in. Our little ones can get their energy out during Coffee Club's outing to Playground World, visit Cleveland's world renowned museums and theaters with Field Trips, donate their time filling Easter eggs with Service, or enjoy informal gathering with Playgroups. Not to mention, there are some great outings planned for adults! Speaking of which, I hope you've heard about this year's annual fundraiser! Kristen Cash and Sarah Reyes have been hard at work planning this March Madness themed evening. The fundraiser is one of my favorite events of the year and an integral part of our fundraising efforts. SECPTA depends on the money raised during this event to help fund all of the wonderful activities and outings we provide our members. Please consider joining us at Grantwood for an evening of food, dancing, raffle prizes, auctions, and more. You're welcome to invite friends and family, as this event is open to non-members. Tickets can be purchased online, via mailed in payment, or at the February General Meeting. Thank you in advance for supporting SECPTA!

Don't forget to attend our Preschool and Summer Camp Parade during this month's General Meeting. If you have a little one entering preschool in the fall, now is the time to begin touring facilities and filling out registration forms. Area programs are known for filling up quickly, so don't miss out!

Tina

president@secpta.net

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Have you thought about joining a SECPTA committee for the 2018-2019 year?
Check out the descriptions below of what is available. Contact Tina at
president@secpta.net for more information.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

ADULT OUTINGS

Plan Couples, Moms, and Dads outings throughout the year.

adultoutings@secpta.net

Tiffany Rybak

AUDIT

Responsible for the examination of financial records, accounts, transactions, and accounting practices.

audit@secpta.net

Jen Thomas, Ashley Edwards, Mila Bodnev

BABYSITTING CO-OP

Organize a barter exchange of services.

babysittingcoop@secpta.net

Laura Cohen

CHILDREN'S PARTIES

Plan and implement two children's parties a year.

parties@secpta.net

Sarah Leiby, Alice Robinson

COFFEE CLUB

Plan informal morning meet-ups with children and parents throughout the year.

coffeeclub@secpta.net

Brianna Torrey

EVENT REGISTRATION

Upload and maintain all event details on the SECPTA website.

registration@secpta.net

Kandra Brooks

FIELD TRIPS

Plan and organize children's outings during the year.

fieldtrips@secpta.net

Jamie Routman

HELPING HANDS

Acknowledge births, family deaths, illnesses, and other important events of SECPTA members on behalf of the membership.

helpinghands@secpta.net

Jen Thomas

HOSPITALITY

Organize a monthly schedule for liquid refreshments and dinner at monthly meetings. Responsible for supplying snacks to the children in the babysitting room for General Meetings.

hospitality@secpta.net

Chelsea Misseldine

MEMBERSHIP

Assist the VP of Membership organize membership drives. Compile a membership handbook and distribute to the general membership.

membershipchair@secpta.net

Kate Gagne

NEW MEMBER LIAISON

Mediate the relationship between new members and seasoned members in order to create a warm welcome into the association for the aforementioned new members.

newmembers@secpta.net

Jessica Henry, LeeAnn Clemens

NEWSLETTER

Prepare and distribute a monthly newsletter containing relevant SECPTA information to all members from July through May, or as requested by the President.

newsletter@secpta.net

Jenny Ridings

PICNIC PALS

Plan and implement children's activities for membership maintenance and recruitment throughout the summer months.

picnicpals@secpta.net

Lydia Kruse

PLAYGROUPS

Take all names of interested members and assign them to compatible playgroups by location, children's ages, and available times.

playgroups@secpta.net

Kristen Eschmann

PROGRAMS

Assist in the planning of speakers and programs at monthly meetings.

programschair@secpta.net

Allison Mustar

PUBLICITY

Publicize the organization's activities as requested by the various committees and provide flyers and other various means of publicity to local stores, libraries, churches, local papers, and preschools. Articles and other information shall be submitted to local papers as often as possible.

publicity@secpta.net

Rebecca Donatelli

SERVICE

Help to encourage SECPTA members (adults and children) to get involved in community service projects.

service@secpta.net

Danielle Violette, Marlee Chase

SOCCER

Place participants onto teams, set dates for a series of games, coordinate coaches and other volunteers, and secure a location for the games to be played.

soccer@secpta.net

SOCIAL MEDIA

Publicizes SECPTA events on social media and maintains SECPTA social media sites.

socialmedia@secpta.net

Maya Brown-Zimmerman

TBALL

Place participants onto teams, set dates for a series of games, coordinate coaches and other volunteers, and secure a location for the games to be played.

tball@secpta.net

WAYS AND MEANS

Work closely with the VP of Ways and Means to plan and execute the annual, primary fundraiser and other events as designed by the VP of Ways and Means.

waysandmeanschair@secpta.net

Sarah Reyes

WEBSITE

Responsible for posting information (dates of events, deadlines, announcements, etc.) on the website.

website@secpta.net

Marshall Buckley

WELCOMING

Man the welcoming table at General Meetings, organize and distribute nametags, and help create a welcoming environment.

welcoming@secpta.net

Jenn Sumerak

BOOK CLUB

Coordinate a reading group, and assist with the selection of books based on a topic or an agreed-upon reading list.

bookclub@secpta.net

Lydia Kruse

FOODIE/COOKING CLUB

Plan food related activities and outings.

foodieclub@secpta.net

Liz Kardamis

FITNESS

Coordinate and plan fitness opportunities for members throughout each month.

fitness@secpta.net

Julianne Ella, Emily Gallagher



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 Allison Mustar, Chair of Programs
programs@secpta.net

February's General Meeting and Program: Preschool Parade/Summer Camp Fair

Tuesday, February 27th at 6:15 pm

Solon Community Center, 35000 Portz Parkway

Join us for our General Meeting and to meet with representatives from local preschools and summer camp programs. This is a great opportunity to meet with many preschools and get information on summer camps all in one location. Find the preschool that is the right fit for your family and learn about camps and summer programs that are available. Each school will have their own table with representatives to speak with and materials for you to take home.

The following preschools/camps have already confirmed their attendance:

Valley Christian Academy, Goddard Schools, Hathaway Brown School, University School, Gilmour Academy, Play and Prep Preschool, Aurora Co-op, La Chaperon Rouge Solon, Timbernook, Young Explorer Montessori, Solon Center for the Arts, Our Redeemer Lutheran Preschool, & Primrose School

Schedule:

6:15 pm	Arrival, sign-ups, refreshments
6:30 pm	Preschool Parade/Summer Camp Fair
7:00 pm	Business meeting
7:45 pm	Check out, meeting adjourns

All General Meetings include complimentary child care in a room immediately adjacent to the meeting as well as pizza.



SAVE THE DATE!

ITINERARIES FOR WEEKEND GETAWAYS (WITH KIDS)

Presented by: Jennifer Frazier, with contributions from our members!

March General Meeting on Tuesday, March 20th at 6:15 pm

NOTE THAT THIS MEEING IS THE THIRD TUESDAY (DUE TO SPRING BREAK)



MARCH ADULT OUTINGS

MOMS OUTING

SECPTA Moms - are you ready to take care of those feet and hands before Spring Break? If so, then you are in luck!! Join other SECPTA Moms on **Friday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm at Nailtique in Solon** for a manicure, pedicure, or both!! The cost will be paid by each member to the salon: manicures (\$18), pedicures (\$35), or both (\$43). After finishing up, we will head over to **56 Kitchen** for some dinner, drinks, and conversation. This event is limited to 20 moms so please sign up at the February General Meeting!!



DADS OUTING



The Dads of SECPTA will be meeting to watch **March Madness** games on **Sunday, March 18th**. Dads will meet up at **B2B in Solon at 3:00 pm** to socialize, partake in drinks and food, and enjoy lots of basketball! Appetizers will be provided by SECPTA. Please sign up at the February General Meeting!!



COUPLES OUTING

Please join us at the SECPTA March Madness Fundraiser!!! Enjoy dinner, dessert, entertainment, and fun with friends! See page 7 for more information about the event and information about how to register!



Saturday, March 10th, 2018
Grantwood Golf Course
38855 Aurora Road, Solon
6:30 – 11:00 pm
Tickets are \$25/person

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE FEBRUARY OUTINGS:

On **Friday, February 9th**, the Dads of SECPTA will be going to a **Bar & Arcade!**

On **Sunday, February 11th**, the Moms of SECPTA will be going to **The White Flower Cake Shoppe!**

On **Sunday, February 25th**, the Couples of SECPTA will be going to a **Cavs game!**

SECPTA's Coffee Club:



Red Rover, Red Rover, come on over! Please join us on **Thursday, February 8th** at **Playground World** in Warrensville Heights. The kids can burn off some winter energy as we enjoy breakfast, drinks, crafts, and good company! Coffee Club is scheduled from **10:00 am – 12:00 pm**. Please notice the time change. Hope to see you there!



Save the date for the next Coffee Club:

We are so **lucky** to have SECPTA Coffee Club! Save the date for **Thursday, February 22nd** from **9:30 – 11:30 am** at Lydia Faber's house in Twinsburg.



SECPTA FOODIE CLUB



March in Cleveland is still bitter cold. So on **Friday, March 2nd** let's warm up our bellies a little by visiting one of Cleveland's newest ramen shops - **Xinji in Ohio City**. Ramen, steamed buns, Korean-style fried chicken, and rice dishes will all be served up for our foodie tasting pleasure. After stuffing ourselves, let's walk a block to **Platform Beer Co.** - one of Ohio City's favorite breweries - and continue to enjoy each other's company. Please

sign up for this event so reservations can be made at Xinji. E-mail foodieclub@secpta.net or sign up at the February General Meeting.

And for an extra special treat, Foodie Club is joining forces with Book Club for a special dinner meeting on **Saturday, March 17th at 5:00 pm**. We will be discussing the book *Tender at the Bone* (Reichl), a food memoir, while enjoying a meal together. Look for a dinner menu sign-up form and the location on the SECPTA Book Club Facebook page soon!



SECPTA's Annual Fundraiser



We're having fun with a NEW theme! Wear your favorite college team's colors (or even come in a full basketball uniform – we won't judge!).

Enjoy dinner, dessert, entertainment, and fun with friends! All are welcome, no need to be a member to attend!

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Grantwood Golf Course

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6:30 – 11:00 pm

Tickets are \$25/person



You can purchase tickets at the February General Meeting or online at www.secpta.net.

You can also mail in the form to:

Kristen Cash
29308 North Village Lane
Solon, OH 44139

Please e-mail any questions to Kristen at waysandmeans@secpta.net.

COME JOIN IN THE FUN AT OUR NEW MEMBER FAMILY BOWLING BONANZA!



Sunday, February 25th
Roseland Lanes, Oakwood
12:30 – 2:30 pm

Roseland Lanes

**Cost is only \$8/bowler which includes shoe rental, 2 hours of bowling,
AND a pizza slice with pop!**

Sign up for this event by e-mailing newmembers@secpta.net by Saturday, February 17th.
We'd love to have you and your family share in the fun!

*Note, new members are those who have joined in 2017 or 2018. If you've been a member longer and would like to attend, let us know, and we'll try to accommodate your family!

Looking forward to seeing you in bowling shoes!

SECPTA VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Saturday, February 10th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Parkside Elementary School Gymnasium



Wear your festive red and pink and have fun in
a bouncy obstacle course, face painting, crafts,
food, games, and more!!!

RSVP by Monday, February 5th
at <http://bit.ly/SECPTA2018Vday>.

Questions? E-mail parties@secpta.net.

FITNESS

SECPTA Fitness is excited to ring in the New Year and maximize on all of the New Year's Resolutions. Moving forward we'll have a few new steps to signing up/paying for fitness events which will really help ensure SECPTA members and instructors are getting ample planning time for events.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

- 1) Within one week of getting your newsletter please select your classes, and e-mail fitness@secpta.net to let us know you are coming.
- 2) Go to <http://www.secpta.net/fundme> and pay for all the class you'll be attending.

We need around 10 participants to have class. Because of this, signing up the month prior and paying will help us ensure we have enough participants. We are cutting back on the number of classes we are offering while hoping to get numbers up and not raise costs.

We will only grant credits when we are notified *48 hours* in advance. Please do not wait for the reminder e-mail. We may or may not get one to you, so please check your calendar and stick to your workout! We know it's difficult to stay committed to working out, but together we can achieve our fitness goals so please avoid cancelling.

Ongoing Monthly Classes

Cardio Interval

Cardio interval is a challenging workout led by personal trainer/fitness instructor Christine Hales. Geared to all levels, cardio interval class alternates intervals of strength training and cardio bursts. This intense yet easy to follow class targets every muscle group and burns many calories.

When: Saturday, March 3rd and 10th
Time: 8:00 – 9:00 am
Where: Pioneer Preschool Gym, Solon
Cost: \$6/class

Oasis Yoga + Fitness - Yoga & TRX

Oasis Yoga + Fitness combines the powerful benefits of yoga with the TRX system to yield full body strength and wellness. This class will utilize your bodyweight with TRX to promote strength, stability, and balance. This will be followed by vinyasa yoga where we will be led through a series of poses to promote flexibility and healing.

When: Sunday, March 18th
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Where: Oasis Yoga + Fitness, Solon
Cost: \$6/class



FACT:

A baby loves peek-a-boo when he begins to understand an object exists, even when not in view.

BALANCED LEARNING® WAY:

We have teachers who could represent the U.S. in peek-a-boo.

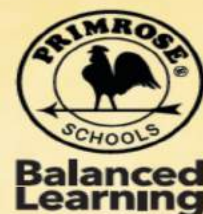
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SECPTA SERVICE

Help A Mom in Need!!

SECPTA Diaper Drive to Benefit Womankind of Cleveland

Saturday, February 10th – Tuesday, May 22nd

Womankind Maternal and Prenatal Care Center was founded 1975. For more than 40 years Womankind has been providing free services and support to women from all over Northeast Ohio who have felt overwhelmed, unsupported, or unprepared for their pregnancies. Womankind does all they can to ensure that no woman faces a pregnancy without hope, help, and possibility.



Please consider donating a package of diapers, any size, brand, or quantity. Your children can shop with you and donate the items at the Valentine's Day Party on Saturday, February 10th or at any General Meeting.

Save the Date!!

**Friday, March 16th
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Solon Library**



Come join the SECPTA Service team as we fill Easter eggs with all sorts of goodies for children in need. After filling eggs, we can enjoy a movie, snack, and play time together. Please RSVP to Danielle or Marlee at service@secpta.net or sign up at the General Meeting.

Check out SECPTA Book Club!

SECPTA Book Club meets once a month and members get to recommend and vote on the books we read. Request to join the **SECPTA Book Club Facebook group** to keep up with the latest information. Contact **Lydia** at bookclub@secpta.net for more information.



Upcoming Book Club Meetings:

- Thursday, February 22nd at 7:30 pm, *Little Fires Everywhere* (Ng), location TBD
- Saturday, March 17th at 5:00 pm, *Tender at the Bone* (Reichl). This is a food memoir, and we will have a special dinner meeting! Look for a dinner menu sign-up form and the location on our Facebook page soon!
- April and May books: **help us choose; vote on our Facebook page!**

HELPING



HANDS

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?

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

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



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SECPTA members receive \$10 off your first massage at the studio!

SECPTA Playgroups

Join us for a playdate!



- **Organized Playgroups** are assigned by kids' ages/availability and meet at members' homes or location of choice. We have groups currently meeting on the 1st and 3rd of each month: MON, THURS, FRI MORNINGS and TUES, WED, SAT

AFTERNOONS. You may join more than one group. E-mail playgroups@secpta.net to sign up!

- **Playdates** are scheduled a few times per month and are open to all SECPTA members! We meet at local (usually free) locations and occasionally have speakers.

Upcoming Playdates:

(more info on "SECPTA Playgroups" Facebook Page)

- Tuesday, February 6th: 10:45 – 11:45 am, **Kids Yoga Playdate** (see below)
- Wednesday, February 7th: 12:00 – 1:30 pm, **Pool Playdate at Goldfish Swim School**, Warrensville Heights (Members – free, Non-members - \$5/swimmer or \$15 max/family, pay at Goldfish)
- Friday, February 23rd: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, **Lunch, Craft, & Play**, Solon Library Large Meeting Room (free, but bring your own lunch!)
- Friday, March 2nd: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, **Twinsburg Nature Center** (outdoor or indoor weather dependent)
- Thursday, March 29th: 10:45 am – 12:00 pm, **Orange Village Playground** (or indoor location if needed)

Kids Yoga Playdate

Children of all ages will learn simple yoga poses alongside parent/caregiver. Led by SECPTA mom Alexandria Lewis, certified yoga instructor in-training & owner of Thyme and Balance. We'll have quiet puzzles/coloring for kids just in case moms want to finish their yoga flow. Program will be held in the Solon Library Large Meeting Room. Cost: \$1/child

Welcome SECPTA Adventurers!



Access to fun, age-appropriate field trips is one of the many great benefits that members of SECPTA are provided.

The 2017-2018 Field Trips Committee is hard at work planning some fantastic outings and we hope that you will join us!

The members of the Field Trips Committee are:

- Jamie Routman (Chair)
- Amy Frackelton
- Rose Kemmerling
- Karla Lane
- Catherine Yates

Our committee's goal is to provide fun, kid-friendly activities and events to help keep you and your family busy! Many of our trips are subsidized, so you can do things with your family you've always wanted, but maybe found too costly. Other trips provide access to places and events that only large groups are afforded. Come with us and enjoy outings with your children and the camaraderie of other SECPTA families!

We are always open to ideas and suggestions, especially at the beginning of the year, when we still have openings in the schedule. Please e-mail any trip suggestions you may have to fieldtrips@secpta.net.

Looking forward to meeting you on a SECPTA field trip!

Jamie Routman
Field Trips Chair
fieldtrips@secpta.net

IMPORTANT FIELD TRIP POLICIES

SIGN-UP POLICY:

Field trip sign-ups are FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. Sign-ups will be accepted in the following order:

1) BOARD MEETINGS:

As a privilege to Board members, sign-ups will be made available to members at monthly board meetings starting at 7:45 pm. Sign-ups will conclude at 8:00 pm at the start of the Board Meeting.

2) GENERAL MEETINGS:

Sign-ups will begin at each General Meeting at 6:15 pm. A line will form outside the meeting room and Field Trip Forms will be collected and numbered. Following the conclusion of the meeting, processed Field Trip Forms can be picked up and payment can be made via cash or check. If you are unable to stay until the end of the meeting, payment in the form of a check made out to SECPTA must be sent to Treasurer, Karolina Buckley, at:

P.O. Box 391354
Solon, OH 44129

3) AFTER GENERAL MEETINGS:

Once the sign-ups at general meetings are complete, you may sign up by e-mailing the designated Field Trips Coordinator for each particular field trip. (Name@secpta.net).

Once you have confirmed a reservation (*some trips may be booked*), please send payment to the Treasurer, Karolina Buckley, **payable to SECPTA, including the trip title(s) in the Memo line.**

P.O. Box 391354
Solon, OH 44129

Payment should be received prior to the event date. ***Please note that no one is officially signed up until his or her name is on the sign-up form and payment is received.***

*Please note if the field trip(s) you are interested in have sign-up deadlines. After these deadlines, we cannot accept any further sign-ups or additions to the waitlist. We apologize for any inconvenience.

PAYMENT POLICY:

Online payments will be accepted via credit card. All checks are made payable to SECPTA. Refunds will not be issued for any ticketed events unless the ticket can be transferred to another SECPTA member. Refunds will not be issued for "no-shows" who do not provide 24-hour notice of cancellation.

WAITING LIST POLICY:

The Field Trips Committee will make their best effort to accommodate all members who have an interest in attending field trips in one or more of the following ways:

WAITING LISTS CREATED - Waiting lists will be created for all "full" field trips. Members will be contacted if spots become available.

INCREASING TICKET NUMBERS - If there is an overwhelming demand for a particular field trip, the committee will make their best effort to accommodate members by increasing the tickets/spots available. Please understand that some field trips have a limited amount of space/tickets available, and an increase may not be possible.

ADDITIONAL DATES SCHEDULED - If there is an overwhelming demand for a particular field trip, the Field Trips Committee will make their best effort to schedule additional dates if possible.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

In order to minimize SECPTA's expense for "No-Shows," and out of courtesy to your fellow SECPTA members, it is imperative that you contact the designated Field Trip Planner via e-mail or telephone at least 24 hours prior to the event so we can fill your spot with another member.

Attendance will be taken at all field trips. No refunds/credits will be given for "no-shows" who have not given proper notification of cancellation.

"No-shows" can be an issue on field trips. We will be sending at least one reminder e-mail prior to each trip in an effort to minimize this. Field Trip reminder sheets will be available for you to fill out after completing the sign-up process. Each trip coordinator will make it clear the best way to contact them if you are not going to make it to an event, especially at the last minute. Please also remember that many trips are subsidized, so a "free" trip to you may not have been free to SECPTA.

ILLNESS POLICY:

Children and/or parents should not attend any SECPTA events if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

Diarrhea more than once within 24 hours of the event; severe coughing; difficult or rapid breathing; yellowish skin or eyes; redness of the eye or eyelid including discharge, eye pain, matted eyelashes, burning or itching; temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; infected skin patches; unusual spots or rashes; unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stools; stiff neck with an elevated temperature; sore throat or difficulty swallowing; vomiting within 24 hours of the event; evidence of untreated lice; scabies, or other parasitic infestations.

LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS AND MEMBERS!

As we already stated, our committee is continually looking for new ideas for field trips. If you have any leads for future events or are interested in joining the committee, please e-mail us (fieldtrips@secpta.net). Your help is always appreciated!!

FACEBOOK

Please "like" SECPTA on Facebook for reminders about field trips sign-ups and other useful SECPTA info!

CONTACT INFORMATION

In an effort to keep things simple, please use fieldtrips@secpta.net to contact us. You may receive different contact information for a particular trip you are scheduled for from that Field Trip Coordinator. That information is specific to each trip, each month.



MARCH FIELD TRIPS

Sign-ups will take place at the February General Meeting!
Please bring the attached Sign-Up Form already completed.



3/5/18 (Monday) Pet Supplies Plus Tour of the Store

Take a short tour of the store and see what they have to offer for you and your pets! Also, come meet some of the pet friends at the store.

Time: 10:00 – 10:30 am
Location: 34370 Aurora Road, Solon
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages
Contact: Karla@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 2/28/18

PET SUPPLIES PLUS.

3/6/18 (Tuesday) Talespinner's Children's Theatre at Solon Center for the Arts

Enjoy the play "Jan & The Trickster (a Polish Tale of Magic)" followed by a cast meet and greet.

****This is a ticketed event. No refunds will be given for cancellations or no-shows unless tickets are purchased by another family on the wait list.****

Time: 10:30 am
Location: 6315 SOM Center Road, Solon
Cost: \$3/person
Ages: All ages
Contact: Catherine@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: None



3/9/18 (Friday) Take a Magical Journey to Make Believe Family Fun Center

Make Believe Family Fun Center boasts the ultimate fun experience for families by going bigger, better, and more hands-on than any other family fun center in the business! With the Great Adventure package, kids will have 3 hours of access to Ballocity, Rock Walls (Tetris/Lego), and Mini-Bowling. Plus each child gets a \$5 game card for the arcade, 2 slices of pizza, and a beverage!

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: 8303 Day Drive, Parma
Cost: \$12/child
Ages: All ages
Contact: Rose@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 3/2/18



3/10/18 (Saturday) Cleveland Orchestra Musical Rainbows - Brilliant Bass

The Cleveland Orchestra's PNC Musical Rainbow programs are a fun way for children to learn about individual instruments of the orchestra. Energetic host Maryann Nagel leads singing, clapping, and moving to the music while Cleveland Orchestra musicians and guests perform short solo selections and kid-friendly tunes, and demonstrate their instruments in this 30-minute program, just right for children 3 years old and up.

****This is a ticketed event. No refunds will be given for cancellations or no-shows unless tickets are purchased by another family on the wait list.****

Time: 11:00 – 11:30 am
Location: Severance Hall
11001 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland
Cost: \$3/person
All ages require a ticket
Ages: 3 years +
Contact: fieldtrips@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 2/28/18



3/11/18 (Sunday) The Gruffalo

Join Mouse on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in Tall Stories' magical, musical adaptation of the classic picturebook. Searching for hazelnuts, Mouse meets the cunning Fox, the eccentric old Owl and the party mad Snake. Will the story of the terrifying Gruffalo save Mouse from ending up as dinner for these hungry woodland creatures? After all, there's no such thing as a Gruffalo –is there?

****This is a ticketed event. No refunds will be given for cancellations or no-shows unless tickets are purchased by another family on the wait list.****

Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Ohio Theatre, Playhouse Square
1501 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland
Cost: \$7/ticket
Ages: 3 years +
Contact: president@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 3/4/18



3/12/18 (Monday) The Ladybug Puppet Show is coming to the Twinsburg Library!

Through the storytelling of Ms. Ladybug (a former preschool teacher), puppets, exotic animals and fun, engaging songs and music, kids will learn about kindness and what it means to be a good friend. Animals include a coyote, hedgehog, lizard, prairie dog, red footed tortoise, hissing cockroach, and more. The premise of the show is to encourage positive behaviors and teach about animals, nature, safety, and more. If there's enough time, kids will hear a story, shared by a puppet, about gun safety - teaching kids to "stop, don't touch, run away, and tell a grown up" if they see a gun.

Time: 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Location: Twinsburg Library
10050 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg
Cost: \$6/person
Ages: All ages
Contact: Rose@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 2/28/18



3/16/18 (Friday) Gym World - Twinsburg

Come and play at Gym World in Twinsburg. It will be an organized open gym for an hour. Kids will be able to explore the gym while learning a few gymnastic moves.

Time: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Location: 9085 Dutton Drive, Twinsburg
Cost: \$4/child
Ages: 2 years +
Contact: Amy@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: None



3/19/18 (Monday) Thrive Arts Center Class

Come to see what Thrive Arts is all about. This program is a great introduction or continuation of music for your young learners. We will be offering two mom and me classes from 9:30 – 10:10 am and 10:20 – 11:00 am. Babies birth to 18 months will be in the first class with 18 months and up in the second class. If siblings would like to stick together, please sign up for the later class if older sibling is over 18 months of age.

Time: 9:30 – 10:10 am (birth – 18 months); 10:20 – 11:00 am (18 months +, younger siblings welcome)
Location: 23600 Commerce Park, Beachwood
Cost: \$8/child
Ages: Birth – 5 years
Contact: Karla@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 2/28/18



3/23/18 – 4/15/18 IX Center Indoor Amusement Park

Come and check out one of the largest indoor amusement parks. The I-X Indoor Amusement Park spans more than 20 acres jam-packed with rides, games, food, and attractions for guests of all ages. Ticket can be used any operating day. Check out <http://www.ixamusementpark.com/> for details. Tickets will be available to pick up at March General Meeting.

****This is a ticketed event. No refunds will be given for cancellations or no-shows unless tickets are purchased by another family on the wait list.****

Time: Varies
Location: IX Center
6200 Riverside Drive, Cleveland
Cost: \$15/person
Tickets required for everyone 4 years of age and older. Ages 3 and under are free.
Ages: All ages
Contact: Amy@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: None



3/26/18 (Monday) Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Explore the planetarium with the show "One World One Sky," featuring Big Bird! Following the planetarium show, everyone is free to explore the museum on their own.

Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Location: 1 Wade Oval Drive, Cleveland
Cost: \$5/person
Ages 2 and under are free
Ages: All ages
Contact: Catherine@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: None



3/30/18 (Friday) Fun Day at the Glen

Enjoy scavenger hunts, a nature craft, s'mores, X-plorer packs filled with seasonal hands-on activities, animal encounters from the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center, and much more! Naturalists will be on hand to answer all of your nature-related questions and to help guide you through the day.

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: Penitentiary Glen
8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages
Contact: president@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: None





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Participation can begin once the person is a paid SECPTA member, attends a co-op meeting, and completes an authorization form. **Monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month and are hosted by co-op members.**

To join or find out more information, please contact Laura at babysittingcoop@secpta.net.



SECPTA'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 10th, 2018

6:30 – 11:00 pm

Grantwood Golf Course

38855 Aurora Road, Solon

Join us for a fun evening with your friends and family in support of a great organization!

Anyone can attend – no need to be a member! You can even wear the colors of your favorite college team in honor of March Madness!

Come test your luck at the basketball grab bag, raffle baskets, silent and live auctions, and more!

Tickets are \$25 per person and include dinner, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks. You can BYOB!!

To RSVP, please fill out the form below and return it with payment (checks made payable to SECPTA) to the February General Meeting, online at www.secpta.net, or mail to:

Kristen Cash
29308 North Village Lane
Solon, OH 44139



SECPTA Fundraiser - RSVP

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

_____ # tickets @ \$25 per person = _____

Paid by: _____ cash _____ check # _____

Collected by: _____ Date: _____



2017-2018 Playgroup Request Form

Thanks for your interest in SECPTA Playgroups! Playgroups are organized based on child's age and availability, and meet at member's homes or at a location of choice. Please provide the following information and submit the form to Kristen Eschmann at playgroups@secpta.net (you can scan and e-mail the document, take a cell phone picture and e-mail it, or copy/paste the information into an e-mail). Feel free to contact Kristen for any questions, comments, or ideas you may have.

Parent Name(s): _____

Cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Child(ren) who will be participating in the playgroup:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Male / Female

Name: _____ Age: _____ Male / Female

Name: _____ Age: _____ Male / Female

Please mark an X through days and times when you **cannot** meet with a Playgroup. If you have a preference for a day/time to meet with a Playgroup, please indicate your first, second, and third preference for playgroup times by writing a 1, 2, & 3 in the appropriate boxes.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning							
Afternoon							
Evening							

Would you be willing to be the group's leader (responsible for communicating with the SECPTA Playgroups Chair and providing immediate support to the group, as needed)? Yes / No

How do you prefer to communicate with other Playgroup members (circle all that apply)?

Text / Email / Private Facebook group

How frequently would you like to meet with a Playgroup? _____ time(s) per month

Currently involved in the Babysitting Co-Op? (Yes/ No) Are you interested in a Babysitting Co-Op Playgroup? (Yes/No)

Please provide any additional information that might be relevant to your Playgroups experience:



Parent Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Best contact phone number: _____

Child Name(s) and Age(s): _____

SIGN-UP SHEET
MARCH FIELD TRIPS

3/5 Pet Supplies Plus: _____ kids @ FREE \$ FREE

3/6 Talespinner: _____ tickets @ \$3 \$ _____

3/9 Family Fun Center: _____ kids @ \$12 \$ _____

3/10 Cleve Orchestra: _____ tickets @ \$3 \$ _____

3/11 Gruffalo: _____ tickets @ \$7 \$ _____

3/12 Ladybug Puppet Show: _____ tickets @ \$6 \$ _____

3/16 Gym World: _____ kids @ \$4 \$ _____

3/19 Thrive Arts Center: _____ kids @ \$8 \$ _____

3/23-4/15 IX Center: _____ tickets @ \$15 \$ _____

3/26 Natural History Museum: _____ people @ \$5 \$ _____

3/30 Penitentiary Glen: _____ people @ FREE \$ FREE

TOTAL \$ _____

Member Name: _____

PAYMENT FORM

Fundraiser: _____ @ \$25/person \$ _____

-March Madness

Moms Outing: _____ @ varies \$ _pay at event_

-Nail Salon

Dads Outing: _____ @ FREE \$ _n/a_

-Burgers 2 Beer

Fitness:

-Cardio Interval: _____ @ \$6/class \$ _____

-Yoga: _____ @ \$6/class \$ _____

Foodie Club:

-Xinji: _____ @ varies \$ _pay at event_

Field Trips: \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____
paid by CASH / CHECK # _____