





# 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

Ready or not, here it comes! Renew your SECPTA membership NOW! It's so easy!! Go to <u>www.secpta.net/register</u> for more information and to join. Questions? Reach out to <u>membership@secpta.net</u>. Don't miss a moment of the fun!

# TINA'S THOUGHTS

## Notes from the SECPTA President:

It always seems strange that we start putting together the last newsletter of the year in October. There still seems to be so much time left in 2017. However, we all know that 2018 will be here in the blink of an eye. I'd like to say my family is going to take this season slowly and refrain from over-planning, but that would be a lie. I tell myself it's okay to plan, plan because our twins are nearly 7 years-old and I can't be sure how much longer the magic will last. We've got to get it all in while we still can, right? I think I've officially given up on the idea that life will slow down or that there will ever be enough time to fit everything in and I'm okay with that. Instead, I'll just be thankful for all the goodness that comes from the planned and unplanned moments of parenthood, especially throughout the holiday season. Speaking of being thankful, I am so very thankful to all of our members for your friendship, enthusiasm and contributions to our group. My year has been filled with amazing moments thanks to so many of you!

## Tina

## president@secpta.net

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# 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

# November's General Meeting and Program: ORGANIZING YOUR HOME BEFORE THE GUESTS AND GIFTS ARRIVE

Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm

Solon Community Center, 35000 Portz Parkway

Join us for our General Meeting and guest speaker on the topic of home organization. Are you looking around your home thinking about clearing the clutter and getting organized before the holidays? Nancy Bender, owner of Room to Breathe Home Organizing, will discuss getting your home ready for guests and gifts.

## Schedule:

6:15 pm Arrival, sign-ups, refreshments
6:30 pm Business meeting
6:45 pm "Organizing Your Home" program
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!



"*What Can We Do About Bullying*" by Maureen Capellas January General Meeting on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 pm



# **DECEMBER ADULT OUTINGS**

# MOMS OUTING

On **Thursday, December 14**<sup>th</sup>, the moms of SECPTA will meet for our annual **Cookie Exchange**! We will meet up at **7:00 pm** at a fellow member's home while we exchange our homemade cookies and enjoy some adult holiday beverages! SECPTA will provide

cute packaging while each member will provide their cookies and recipe. Make sure to sign up at the November General Meeting or at <u>adultoutings@secpta.net</u> after the meeting!

# DADS OUTING



On **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, the dads of SECPTA will meet for a **Dads Night In/Beer Share** at a member's home in Glenwillow! The start time is **8:00 pm** and munchies will be provided while the dads share their beer (or beverage of their choice)! This will be a low key, fun night to unwind and socialize with other dads before a hectic holiday season! Be sure to sign up at the November

General Meeting or at <u>adultoutings@secpta.net</u> after the meeting.

# JANUARY ADULT OUTINGS

## Moms outing

## Painting with a Twist

## **116 West Streetsboro Street, Hudson**

On **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30** – **8:30 pm**, the moms of SECTPA will meet at **Painting with a Twist** in Hudson to create an original wooden name sign. Cost is \$25, and this event is limited to 20 moms. Make sure to sign up at the November General Meeting!



# DADS OUTING



## **Cleveland Rock Gym**

21200 Saint Clair Avenue #B3, Euclid

Join the dads of SECPTA on **Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00** – **8:00 pm** at **Cleveland Rock Gym** for an evening of rock climbing and fun!! For just \$20 you will get ample instruction followed by 90 minutes of guided rope climbing. No experience is necessary!! After working up a sweat, the dads will head to a local establishment for snacks and drinks. This event is limited to 10 dads, so make sure to sign up early at the General Meeting!!

# **COUPLES OUTING**

On **Saturday**, **January** 6<sup>th</sup> **at** 6:30 pm, join the couples of SECPTA for a **SOUP SOCIAL** and **WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE** at our President's home in Twinsburg! Break out those crockpots and bring your favorite soup recipe to share with the group during chilly January. After we fill our bellies with everyone's favorite recipe, we will move onto the gifts! This gift exchange is meant to be fun and affordable-so find an old gag gift, a holiday gift that you have no use for, or just something lying around the house that you no longer need. Line up those babysitters now and be prepared for a night of laughs! Please sign up for this event at the General Meeting or e-mail <u>adultoutings@secpta.net</u>.







## **SECPTA's Coffee Club:**



Waddle on over and warm up at Coffee Club's Winter Wonderland Party. On **Thursday, January 18**<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at the Solon Library for some winter fun! In addition to all the usual yummy drinks and snacks, we will have a hot cocoa bar! Crafts and library activities will be enjoyed by the kids. Coffee Club is scheduled from **9:30 – 11:30 am**. It's going to be SNOW much fun!



\*REMINDER: There will be no Coffee Club in December. Enjoy the holidays with your family!\*

## Save the date for the next Coffee Club:

Red Rover, Red Rover, come on over! Save the date for **Thursday, February 8**<sup>th</sup> from **10:00 am – 12:00 pm** at Playground World in Warrensville Heights. Please notice the time change!



# SECPTA FOODIE CLUB



BUMPUS HOUNDS! Foodie Club is planning a trip for **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** to **The Christmas Story House and Museum** in Tremont! A Christmas Story House, now restored to its movie splendor, is open to the public for tours. Directly across the

street from the house is the official A Christmas Story House Museum, which features original props, costumes, and memorabilia from the film, as well as hundreds of rare behind-the-scenes photos. Among the props and costumes are the toys from the Higbee's window, Randy's snowsuit, the chalkboard from Miss Shields's classroom, and the family car. After our guided tour, we will continue with the Christmas Story theme and go out for a delicious Chinese dinner at a location T.B.D. Plan to meet at the museum at **4:00 pm** with dinner happening around **6:00 pm**. Tickets to the museum and tour will be **\$5/person**, and SECPTA will pick up some tasty apps at dinner. Sign up by e-mailing foodieclub@secpta.net or come to the November General Meeting!



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## FITNESS 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, December 2nd, 16th, 23rd, and 30th<br/>Saturday, January 6th, 20th, and 27thTime:8:00 – 9:00 amWhere:Pioneer Preschool Gym, SolonCost:\$6/class

\*There is still time to register for the November classes on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>

## <u>Oasis Yoga + Fitness - Yoga & TRX</u>

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, December 3rd and 17th<br/>Sunday, January 7th and 21stTime:6:30 - 7:30 pmWhere:Oasis Yoga + Fitness, SolonCost:\$6/class



\*There is still time to register for the November classes on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

## <u>Barre3</u>

Barre3 is a fantastic workout inspired by ballet barre, yoga, and Pilates. This full body workout, designed for all levels, will tone and lengthen your muscles, increase your heart rate, and build total body strength.

When:	Tuesday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>
Time:	6:30 – 7:30 pm
Where:	Barre3, Solon
Cost:	\$10/class



## **Additional Winter Fitness Opportunities**

## **CycleBar**

A classic spin class! This ride has something for everyone with a rocking mix of strength, endurance, challenges, hills, and drills. Guests can expect to receive the CycleBar royal treatment with their exclusive amenities including cycling shoes, towels, water bottles, fresh fruit, and more! We will also have full access to their Community Room after the ride.

When:	Saturday, December 9 <sup>th</sup>
Time:	8:00 – 9:00 am
Where:	CycleBar, Beachwood
Cost:	\$10/class

Here's how it works:

- 1. Copy this link into your browser: https://beachwood.cyclebar.com/class-detail/?apptid=1992990
- 2. Create your account
- 3. Select a bike
- 4. Select the Drop-In class at checkout

5. Use the Promo Code: secpta (this will take \$10 off the Drop-In rate)

Then all that's left to do is Rock Your Ride<sup>™</sup>! See ya in the studio!



Promotional code valid only for the 8:00 am class on 12/09/17 at CycleBar Beachwood. Offer Expires 12/09/17.



## The Set

This high intensity workout is perfect for those looking to lose weight and shed fat. Utilizing intense compound exercises coupled with very short recovery intervals, you will get a full body workout that has you burning calories long after you leave the gym. Cost for each individual is free, as long as this is your first time coming to The Set! Please sign up through www.mindbodyonline.com.

When: Time: Where: Cost: Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 9:15 – 10:15 am The Set 31 South Franklin Street, Chagrin Falls FREE



\*Sign-ups for all fitness classes will take place at the monthly General Meeting. For questions, or for sign-ups after the meeting, please e-mail Julianne and Emily at <u>fitness@secpta.net</u>. A 24 hour cancellation policy applies for all fitness classes to receive a refund. All fitness classes are geared to all levels unless noted otherwise.

# **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 <u>bookclub@secpta.net</u> for more information.



## **Upcoming Book Club Meetings:**

- Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, *Station Eleven* (Mandel), location TBD
- Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, *Confessions of a Domestic Failure* (Laditan), location TBD
- January Meeting Date TBD at 7:30 pm, book and location TBD
- Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm, book and location TBD



# SECPTA SERVICE

Ring in the holiday season with SECPTA as we support the time honored tradition of

the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Program.



Date:Saturday, December 2ndTime:8:00 am - 2:00 pmWhere:Walmart7235 Market Place Drive, Aurora

SECPTA will be manning the Red Kettle at the Walmart in Bainbridge! We are looking for families to volunteer for 20 minute shifts between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. The children can have fun ringing the bell and handing out candy canes to generous donors. Hot chocolate provided!! If you have any questions please contact Danielle or Marlee at <u>service@secpta.net</u>. Please follow the link below to sign up!!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E48A8AF2FA3FB6-salvation

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to all of those who donated Grab-n-Go bags for the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all the families!!!



# **ADVERTISE WITH US!**



Do you have a business or event that you would like to promote?

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Contact Kristen C. at <u>waysandmeans@secpta.net</u>.

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# **SECPTA Playgroups**



- <u>Organized Playgroups</u> are assigned by kids' ages/availability and meet at members' homes or location of choice. We have groups currently meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month: MON, THURS, FRI MORNINGS and TUES, THURS, SAT AFTERNOONS. You may join more than one group. E-mail <u>playgroups@secpta.net</u> to sign up!
- <u>Playdates</u> are scheduled a few times per month and are open to all SECPTA members! We meet at local (usually free) locations occasionally have speakers.

## **Upcoming Playdates:**

(more info on "SECPTA Playgroups" Facebook Page)

- Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>: 10:30 11:15 am, Picky Eating Interactive Session (*see below*)
- Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 11:00 am, Empathy Workshop for Kids: a Social Skills Playdate (*see below*)
- Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>: 10:45 am 1:00 pm, Twinsburg Liberty Park Nature Center
- Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: 10:30 11:30 am, Intro to Babywearing (*see below*)
- Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>: 10:30 11:30 am, Decorate Your Own Cupcakes (*see below*)

## "Picky Eating" Interactive Session for Parents & Children

The Solon Center for LifeSkills provides many services, including working to widen a child's food repertoire. Stefanie J. Peck, M.A. CCC-SLP, will introduce a combination of methods and philosophies. Program will be held in the Solon Library Mgt. Room. Cost: \$1, snack provided, all ages welcome. Space is limited.

## Empathy Workshop for Kids: a Social Skills Playdate

Children will hone social skills such as sharing, kindness, & feelings through interactive activities led by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (Jennifer Blankenship) and Certified Speech-Language Pathologist (Melissa Baker). Program will be held in the Solon Library Mgt. Room. Cost: \$4, all ages welcome. Space is limited.

## Intro to Babywearing Playdate

Babywearing is infant to big kid friendly! Fellow SECPTA mom & Babywearing International of Cleveland VP of Marketing, Mallory Over, will talk about safety and benefits of babywearing. She will also bring all different styles/types of carriers to demo and try out! Program will be held in the Chagrin Library lower meeting room. Cost: FREE.

## **Decorate Your Own Cupcakes**

Join SECPTA mom & co-owner of Unique Cakes, Rebecca Grove, to decorate winter themed vanilla cupcakes. Please wear old clothes (we'll bring some too). Program will be held in the Solon Library Mgt. Room. Cost \$5, 1 cupcake per child, all ages welcome.



# SOLON CIVIC CLUB'S 43rd ANNUAL LUNCH WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 9, 2017 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Solon Middle School/Parkside Elem. 6835 S.0.M. Center Rd.



## TICKET PRICE INCLUDES:

\* PIZZA LUNCH \*8 GAMES \* 2 CRAFTS BALLOON TWISTING \* MAGIC SHOW \* VISIT WITH POCKET LADY \* \* VISIT WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS \* Bring wish list!

Buy pre-sale tickets <u>on these dates/times only</u> at the Solon Community Center, 35000 Portz Parkway: Saturday November 18 from 10 to 12 noon Tuesday November 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday December 2 from 10 to 12 noon

## \$8 pre-sale or \$9 at door day of event

Adults and all children 2 and older must have tickets; Children need to be accompanied by a parent

Questions/tickets: Contact Nancie at (440) 248-4458 Email: sandrapannetti@gmail.com Website: www.soloncivicclub.org









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# 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 <u>fieldtrips@secpta.net</u>.

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 <u>at</u> 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 <u>fieldtrips@secpta.net</u> to contact us. <u>You may receive</u> <u>different contact information for a particular trip you are scheduled for from that Field Trip Coordinator.</u> That information is specific to each trip, each month.

## DECEMBER AND JANUARY FIELD TRIPS

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

## **DECEMBER**

## 12/1/17 (Friday) Amazone Family Entertainment Center

Leap across the snake pit and swing over the alligator swamp, even use the zip line to glide above open waters! Rush down one of the waterfall slides, cross the rickety bridge, and make your way safely to the tree house! It's a giant three story playground; the largest in Northeast Ohio. Socks are required on the play area.

\*\*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:	6:00 pm – CLOSE (10:00 pm)
Location:	2789 Medina Road, Medina
Cost:	\$5/child ages 3 years +, \$2/child ages 18 months – 2 years
Ages:	18 months +
Contact:	Karla@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 11/28/17	

## 12/3/17 (Sunday) Story Time Family Yoga

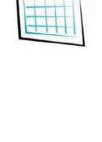
Books and music bring yoga to life in this creative winter adventure! We will move through yoga poses, breathing exercises and mindful play, with a focus on partner poses between adult/child. We will practice yoga for 30 minutes, followed by 30 minutes of yoga inspired arts and crafts.

Sign-up deadline: 11/28/17	
Contact:	fieldtrips@secpta.net
Ages:	2 – 5 years
Cost:	\$12/family
	33180 Station Street, Solon
Location:	Oasis Yoga
Time:	2:00 – 3:00 pm
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### 12/4/17 (Monday) Curious George & Friends Make Pizza at Farinacci in Hudson

Join your SECPTA friends as we read about Curious George's adventure going to a pizza party! Our group will then roll and pat out the dough to make our own personal pizzas! \*Plain cheese or cheese with pepperoni\* Carrots will be provided as a snack to munch on while the pizzas are in the oven. Cost covers pizza and option of drink for kids. Adults may make or just purchase a large pizza with soda pop/lemonade for themselves.

Sign-up deadline: 11/29/17	
Contact:	Rose@secpta.net
Ages:	All ages, ideal for ages 3 years +
Cost:	\$7/child, \$9/adult
	86 Owen Brown Street, Hudson
Location:	Farinacci Hudson
Time:	5:00 – 7:00 pm







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## 12/5/17 (Tuesday) Chery's Gymnastics and Beyond

Join us at Chery's Gym where your child can safely play and gain new skills while having fun and burning some of the crazy amount of energy! This is a parent/child class so an adult must stay with the child at the gym.

Sign-up deadline: 11/28/17	
Contact:	karla@secpta.net
Ages:	18 months +
Cost:	\$4/child
Location:	9943 East Washington Street, Chagrin Falls
Time:	10:00 – 11:00 am



### 12/7/17 (Thursday) Glow at The Cleveland Botanical Gardens

Experience Glow at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens. Enjoy a self guided tour of gingerbread houses, take a train ride through the gardens, and marvel at the beautifully decorated Christmas trees. Maximum of 40 people.

Sign-up deadline: None	
Contact:	Catherine@secpta.net
Ages:	All ages
	*children ages 2 and under are free
Cost:	\$7/adult, \$4/child ages 3 years +
Location:	11030 East Boulevard, Cleveland
Time:	10:00 am – 5:00 pm



## 12/9/17 (Saturday) Cleveland Monsters: Looking for Some Benchwarmers!

Experience the thrill of watching pre-game warm-ups from the best seats in the house - the Cleveland Monsters' team bench! Plus our group will be featured on the Q-Tube - the giant scoreboard. After warm-ups and before the puck drops, we'll head to our seats to cheer on our hometown hockey team. In addition, the first 1,000 kids 12 years of age and under receive a Castaway Bay Kids Day Pass. Limited to 15 benchwarmers (kids), 30 tickets overall. **\*\*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:	12:00 – 3:00 pm
	*Game begins at 1:00 pm
Location:	Quicken Loans Arena
	1 Center Court, Cleveland
Cost:	\$16/ticket
Ages:	All ages
Contact:	Rose@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 11/30/17	



### 12/11/17 (Monday) Solon Center for the Arts Music and Movement

Preschool music and movement with a focus on singing and instrument play, rhythmic awareness, active movement, and basic coordination. This class will provide a fun and engaging introduction to music and movement. Maximum of 15 children per class.

Sign-up deadline: 12/4/17	
Contact:	Catherine@secpta.net
Ages:	2 – 5 years
Cost:	\$3/child
Location:	6315 SOM Center Road, Solon
Time:	9:45 – 10:30 am; 11:00 – 11:45 am





## 12/15/17 (Friday) Shopkins Live

Shopkins Live! lights up the stage in this premiere live production packed with show stopping performances featuring the Shoppies. Join Jessicake, Bubbleisha, Peppa-Mint, Rainbow Kate, Cocolette, and Polli Polish as they perform the coolest dance moves, sing the latest pop songs, and show off the trendiest fashions. 25 Mezzanine tickets available.

\*\*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:	7:00 pm
Location:	State Theatre: Playhouse Square
	1501 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland
Cost:	\$20/person
Ages:	4 years +
Contact:	president@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 12/4/17	



### 12/16/17 (Saturday) Gingerbread Tea

Come join us for the annual Holiday Show with Santa and his friends. Children will delight in the light hearted romp with Mrs. Claus, Frosty, Mousie the mouse puppet, Santa's Elves, Rudolph, and of course Old Man Winter. Children are invited on stage to help sing Christmas songs, and Santa himself will arrive near the end of the show for a photo op! The tea will be upstairs in CVLT's River at 3:00 pm with the show beginning at 3:30 pm. 30 tickets available. **\*\*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:	3:00 pm
Location:	Chagrin Valley Little Theatre
	40 River Street, Chagrin Falls
Cost:	\$8/person
Ages:	All ages
Contact:	Amy@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 11/30/17	



### 12/17/17 (Sunday) Talespinner Children's Theatre - Mr. Scrooge's Ghosts (a Dickens of a Tale)

In this imaginative re-telling of Dickens's well-known classic, "A Christmas Carol," we get to hear the Ghosts' side of the story. Why Scrooge? What's so important about this one decidedly cranky, miserly man? And what's in it for the ghosts? Find out the answers to all of these questions (and so much more) in this riotously funny, surprising take on everyone's favorite holiday story. You and the family will leave feeling jollier than a wreath made of holly and filled with holiday cheer.

\*\*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:	Reinberger Auditorium
	5209 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland
Cost:	\$5/ticket
Ages:	All ages
Contact:	fieldtrips@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 12/10/17	





## **JANUARY**

## 1/3/18 (Wednesday) Chuck E. Cheese

Pizza, games, and prizes. Come and play at Chuck E. Cheese. Each child receives 20 tokens to play and 2 slices of pizza with a drink. Chuck E. Cheese is divided into 3 zones to ensure safe fun: Toddler Zone, Kiddie Area, and Skill games and Arcades. Maximum 40 children.

Time:11:00 amLocation:1615 Golden Gate Plaza, Mayfield HeightsCost:\$6/childAges:2 years +Contact:Amy@secpta.netSign-up deadline:12/20/17



## 1/5/18 (Friday) Romp 'n Stomp!

Junior Jumpers, designed for children up to 6 years old, offers plenty of playtime on the inflatable bounce houses, craft station, parachute play, and more! Food is available for purchase from the on-site cafe - no outside food allowed.

Time:	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Location:	Romp 'n Stomp Inflatables and Fun Center
	900 Medina Road, Medina
Cost:	\$6/child 34 inches +, \$3/child 33 inches or less
Ages:	Crawlers – 6 years
Contact:	Rose@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 12/28/17	



## 1/6/18 (Saturday) Sing and Swing Music Together

Come join us for a session of singing, dancing, and instrument playing! Sing and Swing offers the internationally recognized early childhood music and movement program, Music Together. Kids and adults alike can enjoy the rhythms and movement of this music class. Participants should wear comfortable clothes and be prepared to participate with their children. Please register each child over 8 months and older who will be attending. Infants 7 months and under are welcome at no charge.

Time:	4:00 – 4:45 pm
Location:	Twinsburg Library
	10050 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg
Cost:	\$2/child
Ages:	All ages
Contact:	fieldtrips@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 12/30/17	



## 1/8/18 (Monday) Auntie Anne's Pretzels

Experience the fun of making your very own pretzel! After creating your pretzel, enjoy a delicious lemonade! Maximum of 20 children.

Time:	10:00 am
Location:	26300 Cedar Road, Beachwood
Cost:	\$3/child
Ages:	2 – 5 years
Contact:	Catherine@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: None	





## 1/12/18 (Friday) Little Leapers

Little Leapers is a great way to start off your Friday with an open gym class to get your little one excited about gymnastics and try out age appropriate gym equipment. This is a parent/child class, so an adult must stay with your child for the duration of the one hour open gym.

Time:	10:15 – 11: 15 am
Location:	1797 Georgetown Road, Hudson
Cost:	\$5/child
Ages:	18 months +
Contact:	Karla@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 1/5/18	



## 1/13/18 (Saturday) Disney on Ice

Celebrate what's possible as the adventures of five daring Disney heroines spark the courage inside us all at Disney On Ice presents Dare To Dream! In her Disney On Ice debut, see how far Moana will go when she embarks on an action-packed voyage with mighty demigod Maui in a quest to save her island, become a wayfinder, and find her own identity. Anna's devotion to her estranged sister Elsa sets her on a perilous journey to mend their bond, and stop an eternal winter. Rapunzel breaks out of her tower and teams up with an unlikely companion, Flynn Rider, as she goes to great lengths to realize her dream. Armed only with courage, Belle befriends the enchanted castle staff and learns to look beyond the Beast's rough exterior. With help from her friends and a little magic, Cinderella is determined to make the wish in her heart come true. Hosted by Mickey and Minnie, discover why no dream is too big when we find the strength to shape our own destiny at Disney On Ice presents Dare To Dream! 50 tickets available in rows 3 and 4 of section 106/107.

\*\*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 am
Location:	Quicken Loans Arena
	1 Center Court, Cleveland
Cost:	\$28/person
Ages:	All ages
Contact:	president@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 1/4/18	



### 1/14/18 (Sunday) Gymboree Play and Music

Join us for playtime at Gymboree Play and Music! Gymboree is a kids' gym designed to facilitate large and fine motor development as well as socialization. The center is entirely covered with gymnastic mats and includes lots of age-appropriate equipment for little ones ages 6 months to 5 years to climb, slide, and jump. The instructor will lead the children in a variety of activities, songs, and games around the gym, ending with bubbles and parachute time. Class is limited to 15 children.

Time:	4:00 – 5:00 pm
Location:	Gymboree Play and Music
	4630 Richmond Road, Suite 180,
	Warrensville Heights
Cost:	\$4/child
Ages:	6 months – 5 years
Contact:	fieldtrips@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 1/7/18	





## 1/19/18 (Friday) The Pond

Welcome to skating at The Pond, a great family friendly activity. "Bobby the Seal" can be also rented for the smallest of skaters (\$5 for 30 minutes). Visit <u>http://www.skateatthepond.com/</u> for more info.

Time:	7:10 – 8:40 pm
Location:	9999 East Washington Street, Chagrin Falls
Cost:	\$4/person ages 5 years +
	*children ages 4 and under are free
	**Skate rental is \$4/person for all ages. Payment for
	skate rental occurs once you arrive. SECPTA is only
	collecting (and subsidizing) the entrance fee.
Ages:	18 months +
Contact:	Karla@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 1/12/18	



### 1/23/18 (Tuesday) Wild Lily Art Studio

Join us for art fun! We will read a story, make a craft, and engage in fun art play stations. Maximum of 12 children per session.

Time:	9:30 – 10:15 am; 11:00 – 11:45 am
Location:	9840 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg
Cost:	\$5/child
Ages:	2 – 5 years
Contact:	Catherine@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 1/16/18	



## 1/26/18 (Friday) I See Sea Creatures!

After hearing the Eric Carle fable A House for Hermit Crab, an Aquarium tour reveals the real-life animals that inspired Carle's characters. You even have the opportunity to touch real urchins, snails, and other invertebrates. This program enhances standards in life science, science inquiry, and language. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch or purchase food from the cafe to eat after the program.

\*\*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:	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location:	Greater Cleveland Aquarium
	2000 Sycamore Street, Cleveland
Cost:	\$5/children ages 2-12 years, \$12/adult
Ages:	2 years +
Contact:	Rose@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 1/16/18	





## 1/28/18 (Sunday) Mr. Popper's Penguins

In the small town of Stillwater, Mr. and Mrs. Popper are pleasant, practical, predictable people. But when a package for the Poppers produces a penguin, chaos waddles into their lives! Soon, the Poppers open their home and hearts to not one, not two, but to a bunch of boisterous black and white birds! With catchy songs and penguin puppets aplenty, Mr. Popper's Penguins, a brand new musical adapted for the stage by Pins and Needles Productions (Bristol, UK), will have you chirping with cheer! 32 tickets available.

\*\*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/person
Ages:	3 years +
Contact:	president@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 1/14/18	



### 1/29/18 (Monday) Sled Riding

Bring a sled and have fun sled riding!

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Time:	4:00 pm	
Location:	Hawthorn Parkway south of Solon Road	
	*Parking is available at Shadow Lake Picnic Area	
Cost:	FREE	
Ages:	All ages	
Contact:	Amy@secpta.net	
Sign-up deadline: None		





Thank you to all those that came to the Halloween party! We had a fantastic turn out and we hope all the kids had a great time! We hope to see you at the next Children's Party, location and date to be announced soon! If you have any desire to help in the planning process, please let us know at <u>parties@secpta.net</u>.

> Thanks, Alice and Sarah

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?



HANDS

If so, please let us help them! The Helping Hands Committee looks forward to preparing a homecooked 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 <u>helpinghands@secpta.net</u> to begin a meal delivery service or to join the committee.* 





Would you like to schedule a date with your spouse, an appointment, or shopping trip and not have to bring the kids?

What about having dependable, reliable babysitting, that's also FREE?

Then the SECPTA Babysitting Co-op is for you. It's a group of SECPTA members that exchange babysitting services for each other. The Babysitting Co-op provides members with a babysitting option where no money is exchanged.

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 <u>babysittingcoop@secpta.net</u>.





## 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 <u>playgroups@secpta.net</u> (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 <u>cannot</u> meet with a Playgroup. If you have a <u>preference</u> 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							

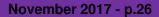
Would you be willing to be the group's leader (responsible for communicating with the SECPTA Playgroups Chair and providing immediate support to the group, as needed)? Yes / No

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 DECEMBER FIELD TRIPS

12/1/17 Amazone:kids 3+ @ \$5	\$
18 mos – 2 yrs @ \$2	\$
12/3/17 Yoga:family @ \$12	\$
12/4/17 Pizza at Farinacci:kids @ \$7	\$
adults @ \$9	\$
12/5/17 Chery's Gymnastics:kids @ \$4	\$
12/7/17 Glow:kids @ \$4	\$
adults @ \$7	\$
12/9/17 Monsters Hockey:tickets @ \$16	\$
12/11/17 SCA Music:kids @ \$3	\$
12/15/17 Shopkins:tickets @ \$20	\$
12/16/17 Gingerbread Tea:tickets @ \$8	\$
12/17/17 Talespinner:tickets @ \$5	\$

## **JANUARY FIELD TRIPS**

1/3/18 Chuck E Cheese:kids @ \$6	\$
1/5/18 Romp 'n Stomp:kids 34"+ @ \$6	\$
kids <33" @ \$3	\$
1/6/18 Sing and Swing:kids @ \$2	\$
1/8/18 Auntie Anne's Pretzels:kids @ \$3	\$
1/12/18 Little Leapers:kids @ \$5	\$
1/13/18 Disney on Ice:tickets @ \$28	\$
1/14/18 Gymboree:kids @ \$4	\$
1/19/18 Ice Skating:people 5+ @ \$4	\$
1/23/18 Wild Lily:kids @ \$5	\$
1/26/18 Aquarium:kids 2-12 @ \$5	\$
adults @ \$12	\$
1/28/18 Popper's Penguins:tickets @ \$7	\$
1/29/18 Sled Riding:people @ FREE	\$

Member Name:					
PAYMENT FORM					
Moms Outing:					
-Cookie Exchange:	_@ FREE	\$n/a			
-Painting:	@ \$25	\$			
Dads Outing:					
-Beer Exchange:	@ FREE	\$n/a			
-Rock Gym:	@ \$20	\$			
Couples Outing:	@ FREE	\$n/a			
-Soup Social & Gift Excha	nge				
Fitness:					
-Cardio Interval:	@ \$6/class	\$			
-Yoga:	@ \$6/class	\$			
-Barre3:	@ \$10/class	\$			
-CycleBar:	@ \$10/class	<pre>\$_pay online</pre>			
-The Set:	@ FREE	\$n/a			
Foodie Club:					
-Christmas Story:	@ \$5	\$			
Playgroups:					
-Empathy Class:	@ \$4	\$			
-Babywearing:	@ FREE	\$n/a			
-Cupcakes:	@ \$5	\$			
Field Trips:		\$			
TOTAL DUE: paid by CASH / CHECK ;	\$				

TOTAL

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