



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 www.secpta.net/register for more information and to join. Questions? Reach out to membership@secpta.net. Don't miss a moment of the fun!

TINA'S THOUGHTS

Notes from the SECPTA President:

My favorite season has arrived! I hope everyone is enjoying all the wonderful things Fall has to offer. We've already been apple picking, sipped on warm apple cider, and wandered through a corn maze. Needless to say, I can't wait to fill the next month with additional seasonal activities. I hope you'll join us at our SECPTA Halloween Party, which is completely free for members and take advantage of all the fun that comes with Boo Grams! More details about both can be found inside the Newsletter.

I'd like to take a moment to thank Scott & Jenni Sumerak for taking on the Soccer chair position. They've done an amazing job getting the season up and running. We hope all our participants are enjoying the new nets and fields set up closer to the parking lot. If anyone is interested in stepping into the chair position for T-Ball, please let me know.

If you haven't had a chance to join us at one of our General Meetings, please consider stopping by this month. We are excited to learn about Financial Planning and to share some news about our website.

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

October's General Meeting and Program:

FAMILY FINANCES

Tuesday, October 24th at 6:15 pm

Solon Community Center, 35000 Portz Parkway

Join us for our General Meeting and guest speaker on the topic of "Family Finances." Financial Planning 101 has six steps: Step 0 is to budget, reduce expenses, and set realistic goals. We'll cover the subsequent six steps and other common concerns to young families. Financial planning is about more than assets, investments, and net worth. It's about what you want to do with your money and why. It's about identifying your concerns, expectations, and goals – it's about how you feel and what you want.

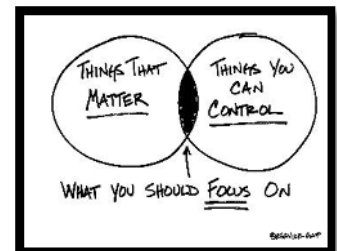
Focus on your goals in retirement and how you will pay for them. Address your concerns and expectations for retirement. Identify things that could pose a threat to your retirement and manage them. Feel more educated, confident, and in control of your financial future. Help navigate the complexity of financially moving into retirement.

Our discussion will be directed by Todd Pouliot, AIF of Gateway Financial, LLC.

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Schedule:

- 6:15 pm** **Arrival, sign-ups, refreshments**
- 6:30 pm** **Business meeting**
- 6:45 pm** **"Family Finances" 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!



"Organizing Your Home Before the Guests and Gifts Arrive" by Nancy Bender from Room to Breathe Home Organizing, LLC.

November General Meeting on Tuesday, November 28th at 6:15 pm



NOVEMBER ADULT OUTINGS

MOMS OUTING

Moms Night In
Friday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm

Join us **Friday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm** for Moms Night In!! We will gather at a fellow SECPTA mom's home for a fun and relaxing evening of socializing and **chick flicks**. SECPTA will provide **appetizers** and **desserts**, and each mom can bring a beverage of their choice! **Pajamas** are a requirement so we can all sit back and comfortably start our weekend. Sign up at October's General Meeting or e-mail Tiffany at adultoutings@secpta.net.



DADS OUTING



Are you looking for a night out to see the **Cleveland Monsters**? If so, you will not want to miss this event with fellow SECPTA dads on **Saturday, November 18th**. The dads will meet up downtown for food and beverages, then head to the Monsters game for a **7:00 pm** face off! **The cost is \$10/dad**, and this is limited to 15 dads. Please sign up at the October General Meeting or e-mail Tiffany at adultoutings@secpta.net.

COUPLES OUTING

WhirleyBall
5055 Richmond Road, Bedford Heights
Saturday, November 11th at 7:00 pm

Show your competitive side, and join us for an evening of **WhirleyBall** on **Saturday, November 11th at 7:00 pm**. WhirleyBall is a combination of basketball, hockey, and jai alai all while riding on a machine that feels like you are at an amusement park! **The cost is \$20/couple and includes 2 hours of WhirleyBall and pizza**. You won't want to miss this super fun couples outing so line up your sitters now!! Sign up at October's General Meeting or e-mail Tiffany at adultoutings@secpta.net.



SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE OCTOBER OUTINGS:

On **Saturday, October 14th**, the Couples of SECPTA will be having a **Halloween House Party!**

On **Saturday, October 21st**, the Dads of SECPTA will be playing **Shuffleboard!**

On **Thursday, October 26th**, the Moms of SECPTA will be going to **Wild Lily Studio!**

SECPTA's Coffee Club:



Gobble, Gobble! Let's have a Friendsgiving Coffee Club Celebration! On **Thursday, November 16th** from **9:30 – 11:30 am**, we'll join and "give thanks" for our many SECPTA friends at Brianna Torrey's home in Chagrin Falls. A fall-themed breakfast will be served, and kids can enjoy playing together and making fall crafts to display at home! Autumn is in the air, so join us for this fall affair!



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

Save the date for the next Coffee Club:

The weather outside may be frightful, but Coffee Club sure will be delightful! Save the date for **Wednesday, January 17th** from **9:30 – 11:30 am** at the Solon Library. We will warm up with a hot cocoa bar!



SECPTA FOODIE CLUB

Feeling adventurous? Pack up the family and take a trip to the west side for the **3rd Annual Crocker Park Food Truck Challenge**, taking place **Saturday, October 7th** from **11:00 am – 4:00 pm**. Over 25 trucks will be on-site, each bringing their own unique menus. During the event, every participating food truck will create a delicious sample for our guest judges to try. Winners will be announced at 3:00 pm. You too can vote on your favorite truck, with the winning truck receiving the coveted title "Crocker's Coolest Food Truck."



Join the SECPTA Foodie Club **Sunday, November 12th** from **4:00 – 7:00 pm** for a night of delicious eats at the **Taste of Solon** hosted at **Signature**. SECPTA has purchased a table of 10 so we can partake in UNLIMITED samples from over 30 participating Northeast Ohio restaurants! The evening will feature culinary specialties from area "foodie" establishments, celebrity judges awarding "Best Of," music, and marketplace boutiques. A cash bar will be available as well. Tickets are **\$10/person** and space is limited so sign up today by e-mailing foodieclub@secpta.net or doing so at the General Meeting!



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, November 11th, 18th, and 25th
Time: 8:00 – 9:00 am
Where: Pioneer Preschool Gym, Solon
Cost: \$6/class

**There is still time to register for the October classes on Saturday, October 7th, 21st, and 28th*

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, November 5th and 19th
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Where: Oasis Yoga + Fitness, Solon
Cost: \$6/class



**There is still time to register for the October classes on Sunday, October 8th and 22nd*

November Fitness Opportunities

HIIT

Get ready to sweat! Join us for a HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training workout), led by trainer Andre Smith. This exciting workout is centered around interval training, an exercise strategy alternating short periods of intense anaerobic exercise with less-intense recovery periods. This class will be geared to all levels and is sure to be a great workout.

When: Saturday, November 4th
Time: 8:00 – 9:00 am
Where: Pioneer Preschool Gym, Solon
Cost: \$6/class

3rd Annual SECPTA Gobble Walk/Run

Join SECPTA Fitness Thanksgiving Day for our **Tone it Up for Turkey Day**. We will have a walk or run for the whole family, an obstacle course for the kids to warm up, and prizes as you complete the course! We'll meet at the Roxbury School parking lot, and the route will be provided. Bring the whole family! Strollers and relatives welcome!



When: Thursday, November 23rd
Time: 9:00 am
Where: Roxbury School Parking Lot, Solon
Cost: 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 fitness@secpta.net. 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.*



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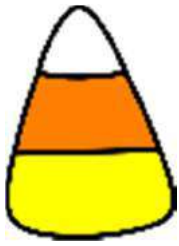
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SECPTA HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 20th
5:30-7:30 pm



Parkside Elementary School Gym
6845 Som Center Road, Solon

Wear your costumes and join us for food, games, crafts, balloons, a magic show, inflatable obstacle course, and more!

RSVP by Monday, October 16th at bit.ly/SECPTAFallParty17



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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, October 26th at 7:30 pm, *The Other Einstein* (Benedict), location TBD
- Thursday, November 30th at 7:30 pm, *Station Eleven* (Mandel), location TBD
- Monday, December 18th at 7:30 pm, book TBD (help us decide!), location TBD

Attention SECPTA New Members

Join us at **Wild Lily Art Studio** (9840 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg) on **Wednesday, November 8th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm**. We will be getting into the holiday spirit by creating a wooden countdown sign sure to remind your child to stay on the nice list. \$35.00 gets you all the supplies and step by step instructions to make these adorable family keepsakes. Feel free to bring food and drinks to share!



RSVP to LeeAnn at newmembers@secpta.net.

SECPTA BOO Grams are Baaaaack!

What's a BOO Gram? BOO Grams are a fun, treat-filled bag of goodies (candy and snacks, stickers, small toys, and other fun stuff) that you, a friend, or family member can order for your kids! They are personalized with each child's name and will be delivered to their doorstep the week before Halloween as a special surprise!

Who can order BOO Grams? Anyone! You don't have to be a SECPTA member to order Boo Grams, and neither does the child. We only ask that the recipients live in **Solon, Glenwillow, Twinsburg, Aurora, Reminderville, Macedonia, or the Chagrin Falls area**.

How much are they? **Only \$5 per BOO Gram!** This is a SECPTA fundraiser, so all proceeds go back into the organization. Cash and checks made payable to SECPTA will be accepted.



How do I order them? Please print and fill out the BOO Gram form on page 20. You'll need to print separate forms for BOO Grams going to different addresses. Please turn in the forms and payment at any soccer game, the Children's Halloween Party on Friday, October 20th, or mail to SECPTA c/o Kristen Cash, PO Box 391354, Solon, OH, 44139. The deadline is **Friday, October 20th**.

Any questions, please e-mail Kristen at waysandmeans@secpta.net.

SECPTA SERVICE

Help our little ones make a difference in our local communities!!!

Don't forget your "Grab-N-Go" bag for the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland. If you took brown paper bags at the August or September meetings, **THANK YOU!!!** You can return your filled bags at the October General Meeting on Tuesday, October 24th or at the Children's Halloween Party on Friday, October 20th.



November Service Project:



Field Trips and Service are teaming up for a special activity to say THANKS! We will gather together at the **Twinsburg Library** on **Friday, November 3rd** to make **Gratitude Grahams** that your children can deliver to those they are thankful for during the Thanksgiving season. While at the library, the children will enjoy a fall story time, too. Limit of 20 kids. Please sign up for this event through Field Trips.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Danielle or Marlee at service@secpta.net.

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Contact Kristen C. at
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Please ask about special member pricing!

Join us for a playdate!



SECPTA Playgroups

- **Organized Playgroups** are assigned by kids' ages/availability and meet at members' homes or location of choice. E-mail playgroups@secpta.net to sign up for a morning/evening/weekend playgroup.
- **Playdates** 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)

- Tuesday, October 3rd: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Craft & Lunch Playdate - Mini Pumpkin Decorating (*bring your own lunch to Solon Library's large meeting room*)
- Wednesday, October 11th: 5:30 – 7:00 pm, Evening Playdate at Twinsburg Library's play room
- Thursday, October 26th: 10:30 – 11:15 am, Sign Language Demo Class for ages birth-2.5 years (*see below*)
- Thursday, November 2nd: 10:30 – 11:15 am, Picky Eating Interactive Session (*see below*)
- Friday, November 17th: 10:00 – 11:00 am, Empathy Workshop for Kids: a Social Skills Playdate (*see below*)
- Tuesday, November 28th: 10:45 am – 1:00 pm, Twinsburg Liberty Park Nature Center

Sign Language Demo Class led by Certified Sign Language Instructor

Meet at Orange Library's "Hope meeting room A" to learn how to sprinkle family-friendly signs into songs & play with instructor Stephanie Bowlin. Cost: \$1. Minimum 3 children.

"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. 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. Space is limited.



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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 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.



NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS

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



11/1/17 (Wednesday) Aurora School of Music

Join the Aurora School of Music's Director, Vera Holczer, in an interactive exploration of instruments, notes, and tempos. If there is an overwhelming demand, a second time slot (10:30 am – 11:00 am) will be offered. Maximum of 12 kids for each time.

Time: 10:00 – 10:30 am, 10:30 – 11:00 am
Location: 211 South Chillicothe Road, Aurora
Cost: FREE
Ages: 2 – 5 years
Contact: Karla@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 10/28/17



11/2/17 (Thursday) Spirit of Clay

Have your little ones put on their paint berets and smocks and get their creative painting skills in motion. Join SECPTA as we paint pottery at this cute studio located in Mayfield Village. Cost includes one piece of pottery, snack, and juice box. Limited to 20 children.

Time: 12:30 – 2:30 pm
Location: Spirit of Clay
828 SOM Center Road, Mayfield Village
Cost: \$8/child
Ages: 3 – 5 years
Contact: Rose@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 10/27/17



11/3/17 (Friday) Making Gratitude Grahams at Twinsburg Library

Field Trips is teaming up with Service for a special activity to say Thanks! We will gather together at the Twinsburg Library to make Gratitude Grahams that your children can deliver to those they are thankful for during the Thanksgiving season. While at the library, the children will enjoy a fall story time, too.

Time: 11:30 am
Location: Twinsburg Library
10050 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages
Contact: Amy@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: None



11/7/17 (Tuesday) Akron Children's Museum

Akron Children's Museum is a place where children learn through play and exploration in an environment created JUST FOR THEM. Reflecting their diverse communities, the museum creates playful, interactive learning experiences. Join us for a morning of exploring the plethora of exciting exhibits! Limited to 20 children.

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: 216 South Main Street, Akron (next to Lock 3 Park)
Cost: \$3/person
*children under 1 year are free
Ages: All ages
Contact: president@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 11/3/17



11/8/17 (Wednesday) 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 who will be attending. Infants are welcome at no charge. Limit of 12 children/class.

Time: 9:45- 10:30 am, 10:45 – 11:30 am
Location: 32405-B, Aurora Road, Solon
Cost: \$2/child
Ages: All ages
Contact: Karla@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 10/28/17



11/10/17 (Friday) First Flips Gymnastics

Tumble, flip, and jump during this instructor directed gymnastics class. A great way to get moving as the weather gets colder! Maximum of 20 children.

Time: 10:00 – 10:45 am
Location: First Flips Gymnastics
30500 Carter Street, Solon
Cost: \$4/child
Ages: 2 – 5 years
Contact: Catherine@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 11/3/17



11/17/17 (Friday) Campbell's Sweet Factory

Learn about the history of popcorn, Campbell's Sweets, and their start in Cleveland. Discover how the crew at Campbell's Sweets transforms each ingredient in yummy treats. Sample hand-dipped popcorn balls. Plus, each guest receives a \$5 voucher to purchase products from the store immediately following the tour. Limited to 15 people. Additional session to be added right after the first based on demand.

Time: 3:00 – 3:45 pm
Location: Campbell's Sweet Factory
2084 West 25th Street, Cleveland
Cost: \$4/person
Ages: All ages (ideal for ages 3 years +)
Contact: Rose@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 11/3/17



11/18/17 (Saturday) Learning Ladder Gymnastics

Join us in an introductory gymnastics class with an animal twist. Kids will make a craft and learn straight, tuck, and straddle jumps on the trampoline. They will also spend time on the bars and balance beam and learn to do basic forward and backwards rolls, cartwheels, and handstands. Limit of 15 children.

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 am (check in begins at 8:45 am)

Location: Sky Zone
6217 Chittenden Road, Boston Heights

Cost: \$8/child

Ages: 3 – 5 years

Contact: fieldtrips@secpta.net

Sign-up deadline: 11/8/17



11/19/17 (Sunday) Prince and Princess Dance Class

Come join a fun ballet movement class dancing to your favorite songs. Students will learn basic ballet terminology and positions as well as hopping, skipping, and galloping. The exercises learned will assist the development of coordination, flexibility, and balance. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Feel free to dress in leotards and ballet slippers, but they are not required. Limit of 15 children with possible second session based on demand.

Time: 4:00 – 4:30 pm

Location: Twinsburg Library
10050 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg

Cost: \$7/child

Ages: 3 – 5 years

Contact: fieldtrips@secpta.net

Sign-up deadline: 11/9/17



11/25/17 (Saturday) Deck the Hall at Stan Hywet

Bring the whole family to enjoy one of Ohio's largest and most spectacular holiday traditions, Deck the Hall. The estate is illuminated inside and out with over 900,000 lights, and the historic Manor House is decorated and inspired by the theme of "A Storybook Christmas." DAZZLE is a fantastic outdoor light show animated to new music each year, and Gingerbread Land, our popular Playgarden, is "dressed up" for the holiday season.

****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: 5:00 pm

Location: Stan Hywet
714 North Portage Path, Akron

Cost: \$12/adult, \$5/child ages 6-17

**children 5 and under are free*

Ages: All ages

Contact: Amy@secpta.net

Sign-up deadline: 10/28/17



11/26/17 (Sunday) Kringle's Inventionasium

Mr. Kringle® gives families the opportunity to have fun together in a very special way. Kringle's Inventionasium® is more than just a visit with Santa, it's an adventure all to its own - a fully immersive hands-on experience where guests take an active role inventing toys for the holiday season.

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Tower City
230 West Huron Road, Cleveland

Cost: \$13/person

Ages: 3 years +

Contact: president@secpta.net

Sign-up deadline: 11/12/17



11/30/17 (Thursday) Solon Center for the Arts-Art Class

Join us at the Solon Center for the Arts as a preschool art teacher guides us through a fun-filled morning of art and storytime. Each child will create a multi-step art project to take home. Maximum of 10 children per class.

Time: 10:00 – 10:45 am, 11:15 am – 12:15 pm
Location: Solon Center for the Arts
6315 SOM Center Road, Solon
Cost: \$4/child
Ages: 2 – 5 years
Contact: Catherine@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 11/25/17



Field Trip Coming in December



We will have sign-ups for this trip in October to ensure it fits into your busy schedule:

12/8/17 (Friday) Polar Express

All aboard! Enjoy the holiday season with the magic of the Polar Express on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Ride the rails to the North Pole with Santa and his helpers. Have a cup of hot cocoa, a cookie from Mrs. Clause, and a fun time caroling. Plus, a special visitor brings a present to the train. This is sure to be a memorable evening. There is a limit of 80 tickets.

Please note seats are in blocks of four with two seats facing two seats. Therefore if you purchase any amount other than four, some members of your party will be sitting with other SECPTA families. We will not have any empty seats. Please plan on picking up your tickets at the November 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: 6:00 pm (Train leaves at 7:00 pm)
Location: Rockside Station
7900 Old Rockside Road, Independence
Cost: \$35/person
**children under 2 years of age are free but must be lap sitting*
Ages: All ages
Contact: Amy@secpta.net
Sign-up deadline: 11/17/17



Do you know a SECPTA member who could use a friend? Did they just have a baby?

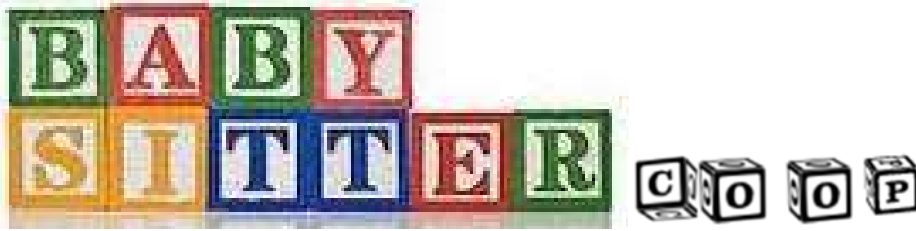
Is a medical issue taking away their time and attention?



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! 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 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.



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 babysittingcoop@secpta.net.



SECPTA BOO GRAMS

A treat-filled bag will be delivered to your door (or your friend's door) as a Halloween surprise!

Please fill out the following form if you are interested in Boo-ing your child/ren. Delivery will take place sometime during the week before Halloween in **Solon, Glenwillow, Twinsburg, Aurora, Reminderville, Macedonia, and the Chagrin Falls areas only.**

This is an excellent way for grandparents or other family members to surprise your children! You can turn in your form at any soccer game, the Children's Halloween Party on Friday, October 20th, or please mail to SECPTA c/o Kristen Cash, PO Box 391354, Solon, Ohio, 44139 by **Friday, October 20th.**

Each Boo Gram cost is \$5.00 per child (checks made payable to SECPTA).

Please print additional forms if you are sending to multiple addresses.

Please Print

CHILD/REN'S NAME AND AGE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Address Boo Gram is being delivered to: (street number, name, and city)

Who is the Boo Gram from?

Your name and phone number:

Total # Boo Grams: _____ **X \$5.00 =** _____

(Checks made payable to SECPTA)

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For SECPTA use only

Date Received: ____/____/____

Venue: Meeting Game Party Mail

Tender: Cash Check# _____

Initials: _____





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

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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): _____

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS
SIGN-UP SHEET

11/1/17 Aurora School of Music: _____ kids @ \$0 \$ _____

11/2/17 Spirit of Clay: _____ kids @ \$8 \$ _____

11/3/17 Gratitude Grahams _____ kids @ \$0 \$ _____

11/7/17 Children's Museum: _____ people @ \$3 \$ _____

11/8/17 Sing and Swing: _____ kids @ \$2 \$ _____

11/10/17 First Flips: _____ kids @ \$4 \$ _____

11/17/17 Campbell's: _____ people @ \$4 \$ _____

11/18/17 Learning Ladder: _____ kids @ \$8 \$ _____

11/19/17 Dance Class: _____ kids @ \$7 \$ _____

11/25/17 Stan Hywet: _____ adults @ \$12
_____ kids (6-17) @ \$5 \$ _____

11/26/17 Inventionarium: _____ people @ \$13 \$ _____

11/30/17 Solon Art Class: _____ kids @ \$4 \$ _____

12/8/17 Polar Express: _____ tickets @ \$35 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Member Name: _____

PAYMENT FORM

Boo Grams: _____ @ \$5 \$ _____

Moms Outing: _____ @ FREE \$ _____ n/a

-Moms Night In

Dads Outing: _____ @ \$10 \$ _____

-Monsters Game

Couples Outing: _____ @ \$20/couple \$ _____

-WhirleyBall

Fitness:

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

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

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

-Walk/Run: _____ @ FREE \$ _____ n/a

Foodie Club:

-Food Truck: _____ @ varies \$ _____ pay at event

-Taste of Solon: _____ @ \$10 \$ _____

New Members:

-Wild Lily: _____ @ \$35 \$ _____

Playgroups:

-Signing Class: _____ @ \$1 \$ _____

-Picky Eating: _____ @ \$1 \$ _____

-Empathy Class: _____ @ \$4 \$ _____

Field Trips: \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

paid by CASH / CHECK # _____