











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!

# We hope you can join us for our FREE SECPTA Valentine's Day Party!! Friday, February 7th, 2020

**Parkside Elementary School Gym** 

5:30-7:30pm

RSVP at this link: <a href="http://bit.ly/SECPTA2020Vday">http://bit.ly/SECPTA2020Vday</a>

# KRISTEN'S SECTION

#### Notes from the SECPTA President:

Happy New Year, SECPTA Families! I always love the rejuvenation and exciting changes that a new year brings! For SECPTA, that means a long-awaited online registration system! We still have a few tweaks to finish tweaking (that's legit internet jargon, in case you were wondering), but we should be ready to roll out for the January meeting. That being said, you'll still find the form at the end of this newsletter because we like to have backups available (you've burned us one too many times, internet!!). You will see a borderline obnoxious amount of communication from us in the coming weeks regarding the sign-up process. We'll be here to help, and we appreciate your patience as we take this exciting new step forward! Welcome to 2020!!

Kristen

president@secpta.net



# 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!

Emily Wallen VP of Programs, programs@secpta.net

# January's General Meeting and Program:

# Preschool Parade!

Tuesday, January 28th at 6:15 pm

Solon Community Center, 35000 Portz Parkway

Join us for our general meeting and to meet with representatives from local preschools. This is a great opportunity to meet with many preschools and get information all in one location! Find the preschool that is the right fit for your family!

# Schedule:

6:15 pm Check-in, preschool parade begins

7:15 pm Business meeting 7:45 pm Meeting adjourns

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



**SAVE THE DATE!** 



February's General Meeting on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:15 pm



# FEBRUARY ADULT DUTINGS



# MOMS DUTINGS

Kallie Rae's Creative Studios Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Join the MOMs of SECPTA for a crafting night at Kallie Rae's Creative Studios in Solon. We will be doing a paint pour project from 7:00-9:00 pm. You are welcome to BYOB and we can also bring snacks into the studio! **Cost: \$25/Mom.** 

# DADS DUTINGS





Join the DADs of SECPTA at the new TopGolf Cleveland! You will have 2 hours of time to play starting at 6:15 pm. Please try to arrive around 6 pm if possible so you can all get checked in and set up before playing. SECPTA will cover the cost of the membership card needed to play. **Cost is \$5/Dad.** 

# **COUPLES OUTINGS**

Game Night
Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm

Join the COUPLES of SECPTA for a game night in! This event will take place at a members' home from 6:00-9:00 pm. SECPTA will provide food for the group. Due to space, this event is limited to 6 couples so be sure to sign up at the January General Meeting! **Cost is FREE.** 





# **JOIN SECPTA'S BABYSITTING CO-OP**

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

The babysitting co-op is a group of SECPTA moms who share babysitting with points instead of money! We post sits in a private Facebook group and at Babysitting Co-op meetings throughout the year.

For any questions, or to join, contact Ruth Diaz at <a href="mailto:babysittingcoop@secpta.net">babysittingcoop@secpta.net</a>.

Our next meeting will be February 25<sup>th</sup> following the General Meeting! This meeting is open to new and current co-op members.





# YUM! SECPTA'S FOODIE CLUB YUM!

Foodie Club and Book Club are teaming up in February! Read the book *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* and then meet with us the evening of February 22<sup>nd</sup> to chat about the book, enjoy heavy snacks, and taste several different styles of beer in homage to our book choice! You can sign up at the January General Meeting or email <u>foodieclub@secpta.net</u> or bookclub@secpta.net.







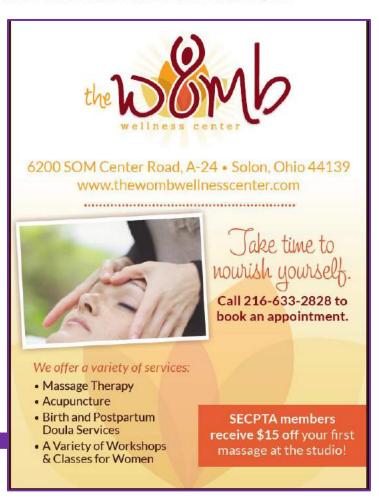
## **SECPTA's Coffee Club:**

Red Rover, Red Rover, come on over! Save the date for Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 am at Lydia Faber's house in Twinsburg. Let's share in the SECPTA Coffee Club LOVE with yummy food, drinks, a simple craft, and TONS of energy burning fun! We hope to see you there!

**Save the date for the next Coffee Club:** On Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at Playground World in Warrensville Heights from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Please notice the time change!













# **SECPTA Fitness Classes**

## **BARRE3**

Wednesday, 2/12 @ 7pm; Barre3 Studio - 6130 Kruse Dr, Solon. Barre3 is a full-body workout designed with our signature approach of sustained holds, micro-movements, and cardio bursts that will leave you feeling balanced in body and empowered from within. Price: FREE

## **REFIT Dance Class**

• Monday, 2/24 @ 6pm; Kenston Intermediate School Cafe (17419 Snyder Rd, Chagrin Falls). REFIT® is an athletic-style dance fitness experience. The easy-to-follow formula is perfect for both beginners and fitness enthusiasts. This 45-minute, interval workout (combining cardio, balance, flexibility, and toning) will rock your body, heart, and soul with powerful moves, positive music, and a welcoming community to inspire you from the inside out. The workouts are designed for EVERYONE, everybody — regardless of age, shape, size, or ability. Come sweat, laugh, burn a lot of calories, and truly enjoy your fitness revolution! Bring water, a towel, and leave your stresses behind! Price: 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 Kelly at fitness@secpta.net.







# **SECPTA Playgroups**

Check out Playgroups if you'd like to meet and hang out with SECPTA friends!



- <u>Playdates</u> open to all SECPTA members! We meet at local locations a few times a month.
- Organized Playgroups are assigned by kids' ages/availability and meet at local locations/member's homes. Email Kristen E., at playgroups@secpta.net to sign up at any time. Groups typically meet 1st
   & 3rd week of each month. See Playgroup Request Form at the back of the newsletter.

This Year's Playgroups:
-Mon AM (Pre-K)
-Mon AM
-Tues AM

-Tues AM -Thurs AM -Thurs PM/Sat

-Fri AM

Find more info on "SECPTA Playgroups" Facebook Page!

# **BIG NEWS!!!**



SECPTA Member Directories will be available for pick-up at the January 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.

# BOK \*\*

# **Upcoming dates and meetings:**

• Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:30 "The Day the World Came to Town"

Request to join the **SECPTA Book Club Facebook group** to keep up with the latest information and cast your votes for what to read next! Contact Jenna at <a href="mailto:bookclub@secpta.net">bookclub@secpta.net</a> for more information.







PLEASE JOIN US AND WEAR ORANGE AT OUR JANUARY GENERAL MEETING TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR LITTLE PHIL THE WAYNER FAMILY NEEDS OUR LOVE WHILE PHIL FIGHTS LEUKEMIA.

# TEAM PHIL

Things in need:

1 size 4T shirts or pjs. They can be new or used.

2 arts and crafts, playdough, coloring books.

3. iTunes gift cards so he can download games and things for the ipad.

4. misc gift cards; such as gas cards or generic Visa cards will be most helpful.

SECPTA SERVICE WILL HAVE A TABLE SET UP FOR COLLECTION, AT OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH





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# **ADVERTISE WITH US!**



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

Let SECPTA help you get the word out!

Contact Jamael S. at waysandmeans@secpta.net.

Please ask about special member pricing!



# **Our Redeemer Lutheran Preschool**

We offer classes for 3, 4 and 5-year-olds. Visit our website for details! http://orlcsolon.org/about

Our program includes weekly Chapel, library, music, Large Muscle Room play, Sign Language/Spanish (4's/5's), monthly Story time with Miss Lucy and KidFit! We provide snack daily and have curbside drop-off and pick-up. Open enrollment has begun! Call or email Julie Mitchell, Director, to set up a tour at 440-248-4066 or orlcpreschool@sbcglobal.net

Our Redeemer Lutheran Preschool 7196 SOM Center Rd. Solon, OH 44139





# Welcome SECPTA Adventurers!

SECPTA provides access to fun, age-appropriate field trips as one of the many great benefits for members. During the 2018-2019 year, SECPTA offered 91 field trips, some at no cost to members!

The 2019-2020 Field Trips Committee is hard at work planning some fantastic outings for the coming year and we hope that you will join us!

A special thank you to the members of the Field Trips Committee:

- Jamie Routman (Chair)
- Juliette Falletta
- Jenna Hoover
- Rose Kemmerling
- Pavika Wilson

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 participate in activities with your family you've always wanted, but maybe found too costly. Other trips provide access to places and events that only large groups typically attend. 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, the Field Trips Committee will process forms and email confirmation, along with a total and a link to pay. Payment can be made via credit card or check. Payment in the form of a check can be made out to SECPTA and must be sent to Treasurer, Sarah Leiby, at:

P.O. Box 391354 Solon, OH 44139

#### 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), you will receive an email with the total payment due and a link to pay. If paying by check, please send payment to the Treasurer, Sarah Leiby, payable to SECPTA, including the trip title(s) in the Memo line.

P.O. Box 391354 Solon, OH 44139

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 at <u>secpta.net/fundme</u>. Any 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 provided contact email or phone, 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 will be given for "no-shows" who have not given 24-hour notification of cancellation. We will be sending at least one reminder e-mail prior to each trip in an effort to minimize no-shows.

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 (<u>fieldtrips@secpta.net</u>). Your help is always appreciated!!

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please email <u>fieldtrips@secpta.net</u> to contact us for general questions or suggestions. For trip-specific questions, please email individual Field Trip coordinator as listed in the newsletter for each trip.





## FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS



Sign-ups will take place at the January General Meeting!

Please bring the attached Sign-Up Form already completed.

Stay tuned for more information regarding online sign-ups!

### 2/2/2020 (Sunday) The Very Hungry Caterpillar Children's Theatre Field Trip

Three beloved stories by Eric Carle, award-winning children's book illustrator and author, are retold on stage through the magic of black light and fanciful puppets. The Very Hungry Caterpillar follows the wonderful adventures of a very tiny and very hungry caterpillar as he eats his way through an amazing variety of foods on his path to becoming a beautiful butterfly. High up in the sky, Little Cloud playfully transforms himself into various creatures, including a sheep, and an airplane, a shark and more. The Mixed-Up Chameleon is bored with his life, sitting about predictably changing color all day. Following an adventurous trip to the zoo, he attempts to emulate the beautiful animals he sees before coming to the conclusion that there is value in his own unique self.



Time: 2:00-3:00 pm

Location: Ohio Theatre, Playhouse Square, 1511 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115

Cost: \$7/ticket

Ages: 3+

Contact: fieldtrips@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 1/28/2020

\*\*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.\*\*

## 2/6/2020 (Thursday) Greenbridge Tea House

Join us at Greenbridge Teahouse and Café for a sweet luncheon and royal cupcake tea party fit for our SECPTA princesses and princes. The menu includes a light snack followed by chilled tea, tea sandwiches and fruit sticks. Dessert will be your own creation as each attendee will decorate his/her own cupcake to enjoy. Dressing in royal attire, tiaras and crowns is encouraged. Children must be at least 3 years old. Limited to 16 attendees, which includes adults.



Time: 5:30-7:00 pm

Location: 9036 Church St., Twinsburg (park on Church St.)

Cost: \$10/person

Ages: 3+

Contact: rose@secpta.net Sign-up Deadline: 1/31/2020



#### 2/9/2020 (Sunday) Adrenaline Monkey Mommy and Wee Open Gym

Session includes access to the ninja courses, bouldering wall, and climbing walls (must be 35 pounds to use climbing walls). Any caretakers welcome to accompany their little ones for this gym time. Arcade, virtual reality, snacks, and drinks are also available to purchase. Adrenaline Monkey is a woman-owned and designed indoor adventure center with important and relevant goals to inspire adventure for life through active lifestyles and empowering experiences for each member of the group through adventurous play. The ninja-style obstacle, aerial ropes courses, and fitness/training center offer unparalleled opportunities for players of all ages, sizes, and abilities to test, challenge, inspire, or compete.



Time: 9:30-11:00 am

Location: 26800 Renaissance Pkwy., Warrensville Hts, OH

Cost: \$8/child Ages: 2-5 years

Contact: fieldtrips@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 2/2/2020

#### 2/10/2019 (Monday) Peace Love and Little Donuts

Children will have a chance to decorate 6 mini donuts with a variety of toppings and frostings. Come on out, get creative and enjoy a yummy treat!

Time: 10:00 am

Location: 51 S. Main Street, # 4 Hudson, Ohio

Cost: \$2/child Ages: 2+

Contact: jenna.hoover@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 2/5/2020



### 2/14/2020 (Friday) Nature Crafts for Kids

Families are invited to come out of winter hibernation and visit the nature center to make a craft, enjoy a fire and have a treat. \*This is a public event - drop in anytime from 1:00-3:00 pm

Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

Location: Liberty Park Nature Center, 9999 Liberty Rd. Twinsburg OH 44087

Cost: Free Ages: All ages

Contact: jenna.hoover@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 2/10/2020





## 2/15/2020 (Saturday) Twinsburg Library Music on the Move

Introduce your child to different instruments, rhythm, pitch and even classical music in a way that is fun for the whole family.

Time: 11:00-11:30 am

Location: 10050 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

Cost: Free Ages: 2+

Contact: pavika@secpta.net
Sign-up Deadline: 2/10/2020



## 2/23/2020 (Sunday) Let the Good Times Roll!

Head to Chagrin Valley Roller Rink for open skating, movin' and groovin'! Kids price includes admission and skate rental. Adults get free admission and can rent skates. We'll need a headcount for all those who plan on coming.

Time: 2:00-5:00 pm

Location: Chagrin Valley Roller Rink, 7151 South Main St. Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Cost: \$5 per child (including skates); Free admission for adults; \$2 per adult skate rental

Ages: 3+

Contact: rose@secpta.net Sign-up Deadline: 2/10/2020

#### 2/25/2019 (Tuesday) The Treehouse

At the Treehouse, kids build healthy bodies and minds through play! Enjoy an open studio play time where kids can play, climb and socialize with fun equipment and toys.

Time: 1:00-2:00 pm

Location: 689 Broadway Ave. Bedford, Ohio 44146

Cost: \$2/child Ages: 2+

Contact: jenna.hoover@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 2/20/2020



#### 2/29/2020 (Saturday) The Pond

Why battle the elements outside when you can try ice skating inside? Join us for public skate, a great place for beginners to try ice skating for the first time! Children ages 4 and under are free but there is a charge for skate rental if needed.

Time: 1:30-3:00 pm

Location: 9999 E. Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

Cost: Free admission for ages 4 and under; \$3 for Adults/Kids 5 and up; \$2 per Skate rental (any age)

Ages: 3+

Contact: pavika@secpta.net Sign-up Deadline: 2/15/2020





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 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.

If you would like to join the Helping Hands Committee, please contact Tru for more information. We are always looking for new members! **E-mail Tru at <u>helpinghands@secpta.net</u>** to begin a meal delivery service or to join the committee!







# 2020 Playgroup Request Form

Thanks for your interest in SECPTA Playgroups! Playgroups are organized based on child's age and availability, meet at member's homes or at a local location of choice, and usually occur bi-weekly. The success of each playgroup depends on YOUR willingness to participate and take initiative in meeting up. You may join more than one group or switch groups if scheduling conflicts arise. Please provide the following information and submit the form to Kristen Eschmann at playgroups@secpta.net (you can scan and email the document, take a cell phone picture and email it, or copy/paste the information into an email). Feel free to contact Kristen for any questions, comments, or ideas you may have. Looking forward to another great year of playgroups!

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Parent Name(s):	Mom's Outing:			
	Thurs 2/20/20 Craft Night people @ \$25/person	\$		
Email Address:  Cell Number (optional, for last minute field trip updates only):	Dad's Outing: Tues 2/18/20 TopGolf people @ \$5/person			
Child Name(s) and Age(s):	Couple's Outing: Sat 2/22/20 Gamenight people @ FREE	\$FREE		
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SIGN UP SHEET FEB FIELD TRIPS	Fitness:			
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Thurs 2/6/20 Teapeople @\$10 \$	Mon 2/24/20 REFIT people @ FREE	\$FREE		
Sun 2/9/20 Adrenaline Monkeykids @\$8 \$				
Mon 2/10/20 Donutskids @\$2 \$				
Fri 2/14/20 Nature Craftskids @FREE \$ FREE				
Sat 2/15/20 Twinsburg Librarykids @FREE \$ FREE				
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