

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 are very excited to roll out our online sign up procedure!

You should have received an email with your NEW log in information (your old username and password will no longer work). Priority registration will still go to members who attend the general meeting. If you do not attend the meeting, you will receive an email on the Thursday following the meeting letting you know that registration is open. Enjoy this new, easy procedure!

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

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

KRISTEN'S SECTION

Notes from the SECPTA President:

Well, we finally did it! We got online registration up and running - PHEW! I am so grateful for all of your patience and kind words about the new system. I hope that this makes registering much easier for our members, and I know it will make things easier on our end. I'm so excited for the upcoming months and all of the great activities we have ahead of us. You're going to start hearing about our annual fundraiser, which is one of my favorite events of the year! Tickets are on sale now and details can be found in this newsletter and online. I hope to see you there on April 4th! It'll be narly, dude :)

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

February's General Meeting and Program:

Caring for Your Childs Teeth!

Tuesday, February 25th at 6:15 pm

Solon Community Center, 35000 Portz Parkway

Join us for our general meeting and to meet with pediatric dentist, Dr. Jacqueline Beard DDS. She will be talking about caring for your children's teeth, the latest recommendations, and answering any questions!

Schedule:

6:15 pm	Check-in
6:30 pm	Business meeting
6:45 pm	Pediatric Dentistry Program
7:15 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, March 17th at 6:15 pm**



MARCH ADULT OUTINGS

MOMS OUTINGS



Crafting Day-In
Saturday, March 21st at 2:00 pm

Join the MOM's of SECPTA from 2:00pm - 5:00pm on March 21st to get caught up on some craft projects at a member's home or start a new project! Feel free to bring any kind of craft project you would like to work on and enjoy some great company while doing it! SECPTA will provide some snacks to munch on. **Cost: FREE.**

DADS OUTINGS

March Madness
Sunday, March 29th Time TBD



Join the DAD's of SECPTA for some March Madness! Time is TBD based on when they release the finalized schedule for game times but join the dads at Winking Lizard in Bedford for some food, drinks, and of course lots of basketball! **Cost: FREE.**



COUPLES OUTINGS

Progressive Dinner
Saturday, March 14th at 6:00 pm

Join the COUPLES of SECPTA while we travel to members' homes to enjoy a progressive dinner! We will visit different houses for the appetizers and dinner portion, and we will all come together for dessert. Members will be asked to either bring a side for the dinner houses or help contribute to appetizers or dessert. We hope you can join us!! **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 babysittingcoop@secpta.net.

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



YUM!

SECPTA's FOODIE CLUB

YUM!

Foodie Club is inviting you and the family to Lake Farmpark in Kirtland for their annual Maple Sugaring event **March 8th from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**. Come any time and take a wagon ride, witness the maple collection and watch as the sap is boiled and turned into maple syrup and candy. Enjoy samples, make a maple craft, help gather sap and learn how to make maple syrup in your own backyard! Pancakes served all day in the café and Farmpark's own maple syrup and candy will be for sale. **Tickets for this event are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 2-11 years old.** Kids ages 2 and under are free into the Farmpark. You can sign up at the General Meeting or email FoodieClub@secpta.net.





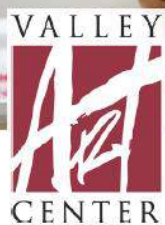
SECPTA's Coffee Club:



Do you feel LUCKY to have these amazing friends in SECPTA Coffee Club? On **Thursday, March 26nd, at Playground World in Warrensville Heights from 10:00am – 12:00pm.**



Please notice the time change! Come enjoy some breakfast treats, coffee, tea, adult conversation, and playtime for your kids! See you there for a shamrocking good time!



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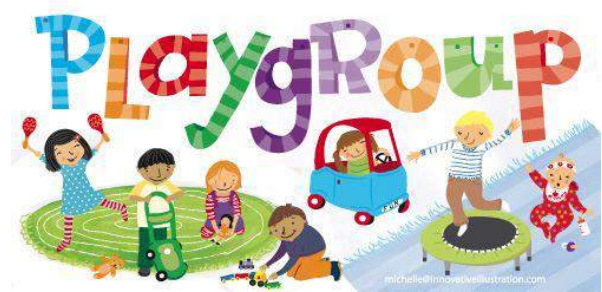
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**SECPTA members
receive \$15 off your first
massage at the studio!**

SECPTA Playgroups

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



- **Playdates** 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
- Thurs AM
- Thurs PM/Sat
- Fri AM

Find more info on "SECPTA Playgroups" Facebook Page!

Check out SECPTA Book Club!



SECPTA Book Club meets once a month and members get to recommend and vote on the books we read.

Upcoming dates and meetings:

- Thursday, March 19th @ 7:30pm "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin
- Friday, April 24th @ 7:30 "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens



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 bookclub@secpta.net for more information.

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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 board members prior to the general meeting. Board priority sign ups will end at 6:00 pm on the day of the general meeting.

2) GENERAL MEETINGS:

Sign-up priority will be granted to all members who attend the general meeting. Online signups will begin at 8pm following the general meeting and stay open through 8pm the following day, when signups will open to all members. Payment must be made to secure your spot. 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:

Beginning at 8pm the evening following the general meeting, event registration will be available to all members. Payment must be made in order to secure your spot.

*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.

*** Our website currently does not support waitlists (but we hope it will soon!). If space is not available, please email the event host to be added to the waitlist.

PAYMENT POLICY:

Online payments will be accepted via credit card. 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 (fieldtrips@secpta.net). Your help is always appreciated!!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please email fieldtrips@secpta.net 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.





MARCH FIELD TRIPS



3/6/2020 (Friday) Chick-Fil-A

Who wants to start the morning with their favorite cow and get a behind the scenes look at the Solon Chick-fil-A? The group will be broken up into 2 or 3 groups and when not touring the restaurant, kids will have a chance to do some crafts. There is a limit of 30 people total. No cost for the tour. Food is available for purchase on your own.



Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Chick-Fil-A, 6150 Som Center Road, Solon, OH 44139

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages

Contact: rose@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 2/27/2020

3/7/2020 (Saturday) Great Lakes Science Center

The Great Lakes Science Center features over 100 hands-on science exhibits including the new Curiosity Carnival. Price includes general admission for the day.



Time: 10:00 am

Location: 601 Erieside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114

Cost: \$7/adult, \$5/ child over age 2

Ages: All ages

Contact: Jenna@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 2/27/2020

3/8/2020 (Sunday) What Do You Do with an Idea Children's Theatre Field Trip

One day, a child has an idea. At first, they don't know what to do with it. It seems strange. They don't know what other people will think of this idea and they attempt to hide it away. But the idea persists and gets stronger— along with the child's confidence. And then, one day, something amazing happens...Told through movement, music, and narration, an ensemble of dancers creates a magical world where ideas grow and take flight. Based on the New York Times best-selling book, this is a story for anyone, at any age, who has ever had an idea that seemed a little too big, too odd, or too difficult.



Time: 2:00 pm

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

Cost: \$7 per ticket

Ages: 3+

Contact: fieldtrips@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 2/27/2020

****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.****

3/11/2020 (Wednesday) Twinsburg Karate Institute

The Twinsburg Karate Institute is a safe, family-oriented environment where children, teens and adults can learn martial arts. Sensei Brown will lead an active, fun and engaging class for the kids that will introduce them to the basics of martial arts and also help them develop some skills and abilities such as balance, coordination, self-confidence, gross motor skills, and self-control. This class is specifically geared for kids ages 3-5.



Time: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Location: Twinsburg Karate Institute - 2272 Pinnacle Pkwy, Twinsburg, OH 44087

Cost: \$4/child

Ages: Ages 3-5

Contact: pavika@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 2/28/2020

3/14/2020 (Saturday) Messenger Century Farm Open House

It's maple syrup season! Come see a 1910 sugar house on a century farm. There will be fun activities learning about the equipment used in making syrup today compared to years ago. Enjoy tasting the free "Tastes of Maple" samples using maple syrup in desserts, meat, vegetables, salad and beverages. This farm is just one of many on the Ohio Maple Madness driving tour 2020.

Time: 10:00 am

Location: 17098 Messenger Rd., Auburn, OH 44023

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages

Contact: pavika@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 3/1/2020



3/15/2020 (Sunday) Toddler Time at Sky Zone

Join us at Sky Zone, the world's first indoor trampoline park. Toddlers can experience the weightlessness of bouncing, flipping and landing in a pit filled with 10,000 foam cubes. All participants must have sky socks (included with admission). Adults may elect to jump for a fee or choose to stay around perimeter of trampolines with sky socks. Please complete waiver at <https://bostonheightsstore.skyzone.com/waiver/> for all participants prior to start of event. Guests encouraged to arrive at 9:15 am to allow sufficient time to check in.



Time: 9:30 - 11:00 am

Location: Sky Zone, 6217 Chittenden Road, Boston Heights 44236

Cost: \$5 per jumper (child or adult), FREE for adults observing, SECPTA will provide sky socks

Ages: Walkers to 6 years old

Contact: fieldtrips@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 3/8/2020

3/19/2020 (Thursday) Akron Art Works

Here's your chance to do some splatter painting and see if you have a mini Jackson Pollock (the painter who lead the abstract art movement in the art world) in your family! This is a child/parent activity that allows the artists to create an abstract 11x14 canvas size painting using paint and flicking the hand with a paint brush to drop paint onto the canvas. The brush never touches the canvas. It's about color and letting go of expectation! Limited to 20 children.

Time: 5:30 - 6:30pm

Location: Akron Art Works 1720 Merriman Road, Suite A, Akron, OH 44313

Cost: \$10 per child (includes parent)

Ages: 3+

Contact: rose@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 3/9/2020



3/25/2020 (Wednesday) Chuck E. Cheese

Join us over spring break for all you can play games at Chuck E. Cheese! Price includes game card with 90 minutes of unlimited play, 2 slices of pizza and soft drink, per paid child.

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: 1615 Golden Gate Plaza, Mayfield Heights, OH 44124

Cost: \$6/child

Ages: All ages

Contact: jenna@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 2/20/2020



Various dates: 3/26-3/29, 4/2-4/5, 4/9-4/13, 4/15-4/19/2020 (Varies) I-X Indoor Amusement Park

This annual springtime event returns to the I-X Center March 26th – April 19th, 2020, and offers a full day of smiles, thrills and family fun, all at a budget-friendly price! I-X Indoor Amusement Park is one of the best entertainment values around. It is jam-packed with over twenty acres of rides, games, food and attractions all under one roof with FUN for the whole family. Tickets are valid for any one of the event dates. Parking for I-X Center shows is \$10, paid at event.

Time: Varies by date, details found at: <https://ixamusementpark.com/event-information/>

Location: One I-X Center Drive Cleveland, Ohio 44135

Cost: \$15/ticket (ages 3 and under are free)

Ages: 4+

Contact: juliette@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 3/13/2020

****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.****



SAVE THE DATE!!!



Save the date for a field trip that
will **cool** down your summer!

Frozen (the Broadway Musical)
Sunday, August 16th
6:30 pm
Playhouse Square

A limited number of seats will be available
(in balcony)

**Registration will take place
after April general meeting!**

Please contact Jamie at
fieldtrips@secpta.net with questions!



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

HELPING



HANDS

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

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

**Don't forget to check
out our website:
www.secpta.net**

**for TONS OF FUN year-
round!**

**We hope to see you
soon!!**





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!

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 WRITE YOUR PREFERENCE for a day/time to meet with a Playgroup, kindly indicate your first, second, and third preference for playgroup times by **writing a 1, 2, & 3 in the appropriate boxes**. List if there is a specific time you prefer.

	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 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:

