



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: Our new membership year started on July 1, so for more fun with SECPTA, please renew your membership for 2020-2021! 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 Kelly at membership@secpta.net



SECPTA WELCOME PICNIC



Join us on **Sunday, August 9th from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm** at the Solon Community Park Pavilion as we kick off the 2020-2021 SECPTA year! The picnic will look a bit different this year as we are very conscious of the current environment. We will still have SECPTA swag, new member packets, an activity-to-go, snacks, and more! The playground will also be available to all.

You can register for the Welcome Picnic here: <https://forms.gle/WVQg58cxd9FgTQKLA> and find more detailed information!

Have questions? Email Kelly at membership@secpta.net

KATE'S SECTION

Notes from the SECPTA President:

Hello SECPTA Families - I am so excited to have the SECPTA year begin! Yes, it looks totally different than before and things are constantly changing BUT I am so excited to share this newsletter with you. The amazing volunteers on the board have worked hard to pivot and have come up with some really great ideas on how to stay connected and have fun during all of this. So, please take some time to review and sign up for some really fun events. If you have any questions about any of this, feel free to contact me directly at president@secpta.net. Cheers to a great year!

Kate

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. Virtual meeting will be available this year due to social-distancing regulations. More details on in-person meetings will be posted soon.

Emily Wallen VP of Programs, programs@secpta.net

August's General Meeting and Program:

Children's Virtual Safety

Tuesday, August 25th at 6:15 pm

Join us at this link: <https://meet.google.com/yqz-bxbw-sce>

Join SECPTA for our first meeting as we kick off this great year! Our August speaker is Mike Daugherty, Certified Educational Technology Leader, and Director of Technology for the Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District. He will be sharing his expertise on safety and recommendations for children such as time spent on computers, as many of our children will be educating virtually this year.

Schedule:

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| 6:15 pm | Virtual Arrivals & Social Time |
| 6:45 pm | Business Meeting |
| 7:15 pm | Children's Virtual Safety Program |
| 7:45 pm | Meeting adjourns |

If you are interested in attending an on-site meeting please email Emily Wallen at programs@secpta.net for details!



SAVE THE DATE!



September General Meeting on **Tuesday**, September 22nd at 6:15 pm

More information to come!

SEPTEMBER ADULT OUTINGS



MOMS OUTING

Virtual Wine Tasting
Monday, September 21st at 7:00 pm

Join the Mom's of SECPTA for a fun night at home for a virtual wine tasting! Enjoy a live, private wine tasting with a winemaker from Zo Wines Farmstay Wine Tasting Experiences (Healdsburg, California). Each guest receives a wine tasting sample kit of 6 of their award-winning wines in sample sized (50ml) bottles. **Cost: \$30 per person.** Please sign up by emailing adultoutings@secpta.net by deadline of September 4th.

DADS OUTING

BOSS Pro-Karting
Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 pm



Join the Dad's of SECPTA for a fun night at BOSS Pro-Karting, an indoor electric karting place. You will have the opportunity to drive in 3 races against other Dad's. BOSS Pro-Karting is located at 18301 Brookpark Rd, Cleveland, OH 44142. Please arrive at 6:30 pm as racing will begin at 7 pm. This event is limited to 15 Dads, so be sure to reserve your spot! They are following recommended cleaning procedures and social distancing measures. All participants must wear a mask and wash hands upon arrival. **Cost: \$40 per person** - includes 3 races + race license. Please sign up by emailing adultoutings@secpta.net.



COUPLES OUTING

Virtual Cooking Class
Saturday, September 26th at 5:30 pm

Join Chef Catherine St. John from the Western Reserve School of Cooking in Hudson for this virtual cook along class. You will be sent the recipes, grocery list, equipment list, prep list (setting up the recipes so people can keep up with the class), AND you will obtain access to a Facebook group for 1 week in which you can download the video. This is a live format so questions can be typed in and answered as needed. Here is the menu: Caprese salad, chicken skillet pasta with a white wine lemon sauce (chicken, onions, garlic, mushrooms & artichoke hearts), parmesan garlic bread and chocolate lava cake with raspberry sauce! **Cost: \$35/couple (must be able to have access to Facebook to join the group)** Please sign up by emailing adultoutings@secpta.net by deadline of September 11th.



SECPTA SOCCER REGISTRATION IS HERE!!!!



- **Who:** All children, ages 3 (must turn 3 on or before 9/12/20) to 5 years old. 2019-2020 SECPTA memberships expired on 6/30/2020 and must be renewed for the 2020-2021 year to play soccer.
- **Where:** Solon Recreation Community Ball Fields (next to the tennis courts)
- **When:** Saturday mornings for 6 weeks, beginning September 12 through October 17, from 9:30AM - 10:30AM. If needed, a rain date of October 24 has been scheduled.
- **Cost:** \$25 per child. This cost will cover t-shirts and equipment. The registration fee is non-refundable.
- **How:** www.secpta.net for more information and to register!!

SECPTA Soccer Rules and Guidelines

- ❖ All games are for fun! Scores will not be kept. Everyone is a winner.
- ❖ Practices are at the beginning of each game.
- ❖ Coaches will rotate all players. Each child will play a minimum of 2 quarters each game.
- ❖ Shin guards are required for each child to play. This will be strictly enforced for the safety of all players. (Shin guards are not included and must be provided/purchased by parents)
- ❖ Cleats are not permitted. Regular athletic shoes are recommended.

REMINDER: YOU MUST BE A CURRENT SECPTA MEMBER IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS.



Check out SECPTA Book Club!

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



- **August Book Club** is Friday, August 21st and we'll be reading "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid
- **September Book Club** is Friday, September 25th and the book is TBD

Anyone that wants to join the Facebook group can request it here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1685461198337422/?ref=share> (must be a current SECPTA member to join) Contact Kristen C. for more information at bookclub@secpta.net



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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Our new membership year started on July 1, so for more fun with SECPTA, please renew your membership for 2020-2021! You can register online at bit.ly/SECPTAMembership. If you previously had an online SECPTA account, you will be asked to log-in first. While some things might look different, we are still planning on a fun year with many outings, field trips, fitness, and more (both virtual and in-person)! Have questions? Email Kelly at membership@secpta.net.

And don't forget, September is REFER-A-FRIEND month for SECPTA!! If you've been encouraging a friend to join SECPTA, now is a great time for them to register AND maybe you'll both win a prize in September! New members are encouraged to share the name of their referring friend during registration and both you and your friend will be entered to win a Target gift card! Did your referring friend already register? Send Kelly an email by Sept 30th to let her know so she can include you in the drawing! If you have any questions, please email Kelly at membership@secpta.net. We're so glad you're here! 😊



Solon Early Childhood PTA Fundraiser!!



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Friday, September 11, 2020: Only \$129!! and/or
Saturday, September 12, 2020: Only \$149!!

Mark your calendar to take a break!! Support your school while having fun! Get away without going too far from home to America's LARGEST indoor waterpark and enjoy a special rate for families and friends! Rooms feature 2 Queen beds and INCLUDE waterpark passes! A portion from EACH room booked will benefit Solon Early Childhood PTA. BOOK EARLY to avoid being shut out. Book online today!

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50041160/owner/49785631/home>



America's largest indoor waterparks



Savannah Strike Zone Bowling



"Big game" room



Hand-tossed pizza

Limited # available. For call-in reservations 1-877-525-2427 ask for the Solon Early Childhood Group Rate. Standard Rooms sleep 4-6, admission for 4 to the Waterpark! Up to 2 guests may be added for \$50 each. Rates prior to 13.75% tax



SECPTA Fitness is offering 2 outdoor classes this month!

❖ Wednesday 9/2 @ 6:00pm for “Summer Sizzler Circuit” in Solon:

Lead by **Christie Cox, Certified Personal Trainer, ACE, NFPT**. Join us for a TRX Class and experience a full-body strength workout where you will utilize your own body weight instead of relying on machines or dumbbells. All levels welcome, from beginners to advanced. Class will be outdoors. Please email fitness@secpta.net for address. Cost \$5/person. **Deadline to register is Friday, August 28.**

❖ Tuesday 9/22 @ 7:00pm for Body Boost with Fit4Mom:

Body Boost classes are 60-minute high-intensity interval workout (HIIT) classes. We will cycle through cardio, strength, and core work and conclude with a relaxing meditation to help you recharge and head back to your family. All levels welcome, from beginners to advanced. Cost \$5/person. Class will be at E. Idlewood Park in Twinsburg. (9797 E. Idlewood Drive Twinsburg) **Deadline to register is Friday, September 18.** *If this will be your first Fit4Mom class ever, this class is free.

**Sign-ups for September classes will be conducted online. For questions, please e-mail Michelle at fitness@secpta.net. A 24-hour cancellation policy applies for all fitness classes to receive a refund.*

**All fitness classes will practice social distancing guidelines. We will be 6 feet apart. Hand sanitizer will be available. Bring your own mat, towel, and water. Stay home if you or anyone in your household is showing COVID-19 symptoms.*

SECPTA Walking Group

Join us for a weekly, kid-friendly walking group! We will meet at a different, paved walking path each week. All ages and abilities (and strollers) are welcome! We will go at the pace of the kids present. Walks will last approximately one hour. If a walk is canceled due to weather, it will be announced on the SECPTA Events page. Email fitness@secpta.net with questions!

❖ **Thursday, 9/10 @ 10:00am:** Frohring Meadows in Chagrin Falls to walk the Dragonfly Trail (16780 Savage Rd. Chagrin Falls)

❖ **Monday, 9/14 @ 10:00am:** Twinsburg Ledges; meet outside the Nature Center to walk the Maple Loop Trail (9999 Liberty Rd. Twinsburg)

❖ **Friday, 9/25 @ 10:00am:** South Chagrin Reservation; meet at the Henry Church Picnic Area parking lot, close to the swing sets, and we will walk on the all-purpose trail (located East of Rt. 91 on Hawthorn Parkway in Bentleyville)





SECPTA SERVICE!



Let's get the SECPTA year started off right with a service project to benefit some of those most affected by Covid-19. Nursing home residents cannot have visitors right now, so our first project of the year is to make cards and letters for nursing home residents. They will be collected up until the first General Meeting in August.

Cards can be dropped off at the Welcome Picnic as well as designated members' homes (contactless drop offs). Please use these last few weeks of summer vacation to have your children make a few cards and spread some joy during these tough times.

For questions or information about drop off locations please contact Megan at service@secpta.net. Thank you!!

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page - SECPTA Events to stay updated on the current Picnic Pals Schedule!!

All Picnic Pals events are **FREE** and open to the public!
Events will be held at local parks and playgrounds,
and SECPTA hosts will bring toys, chalk, bubbles,
and other fun items for kids to play with too!
You're welcome to bring your lunch or dinner and make it extra special!

Check out www.secpta.net or the SECPTA Events Facebook page for more information about specific dates and locations.



Welcome SECPTA Adventurers!



SECPTA provides access to fun, age-appropriate field trips as one of the many great benefits for members.

The 2020-2021 Field Trips Committee is hard at work planning some fantastic outings and virtual fieldtrips for the coming year and we hope that you will join us!

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

- Pavika Wilson (Chair)
- Julie Best
- Jenna Hoover
- Becky Kastner
- Heven Pfeifer
- Jamie Routman
- Melissa Stapel
- Rainy Titus

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. And for those wanting to stick closer to home, each month we will offer virtual fieldtrips or classes that you can register for and will always give resources of free virtual ones you can check out anytime. Come with us and enjoy outings with your children and the camaraderie of other SECPTA families whether in person or online!

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!

Pavika Wilson
Field Trips Chair
fieldtrips@secpta.net

IMPORTANT SECPTA EVENT POLICIES

SIGN-UP POLICY:

Event 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 online to members by the monthly board meetings.

2) GENERAL MEETINGS:

Attendance will be taken at each general meeting. Following the conclusion of the monthly general meetings, online event registration will open to members that attend the meeting (in person or virtual).

3) AFTER GENERAL MEETINGS:

Online registration will open to the remaining members 24 hours after the general meeting.

*Please note that some events may have sign-up deadlines or limited availability. After these deadlines, we cannot accept any further sign-ups or additions to the waitlist. We apologize for any inconvenience.

PAYMENT POLICY:

Online payments by credit is required at the time of registration. Please contact the treasurer with any questions – treasurer@secpta.net 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 – Online waiting lists may be created for “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:

Attendance will be taken at all field trips, adult outings, fitness, parties, and any other SECPTA events that registrations are required.

If you need to cancel a registration for an event please submit through your online member account at www.secpta.net in order to minimize SECPTA's expense for "No-Shows".



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.

Refunds will not be issued for any ticketed events unless the ticket can be transferred to another SECPTA member.

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 72 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 72 hours of the event; evidence of untreated lice; scabies, or other parasitic infestations. Please do not attend any SECPTA events if you or your family members have any other symptoms related to COVID-19 or have any exposure to COVID-19.

COVID-19 POLICY:

SECPTA requires that all individuals participating in our events follow the state-wide mask mandate that became effective on July 23, 2020. Our organization is also requiring any children 6 and up to wear masks at any SECPTA event. In addition, children under the age of 6 are not required to wear masks but are encouraged to do so! This policy can change and is based on the most current health & safety guidelines. SECPTA will communicate any changes when a change has been made to the policy.

By participating in any SECPTA events you voluntarily assume all risks related to the exposure of COVID-19. We have taken enhanced health and safety measures to meet all recommended COVID-19 safety guidelines, however, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the CDC, senior citizens and people with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. If you are exhibiting any COVID-19-related symptoms, you should not attend a SECPTA event. Please help keep each other healthy.

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.



SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS



9/13/2020 (Sunday) Rosby's Berry Farm

Come one, come all and enjoy some (hopefully) beautiful weather and the joy of raspberry picking!

Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Location: 42 E. Schaaf Rd, Brooklyn Hts., OH 44131

Cost: \$ 3.00 per pint - desired number per family must be specified in advance

Ages: All Ages

Contact: becky@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 9/3/2020



9/14/2020 (Monday) Riverside Park & The Popcorn Shop

Riverside Park houses a children's playground, a covered picnic shelter, and ample green space for outdoor fun! A snack from The Popcorn Shop will be provided by SECPTA.

Time: 1:30 pm-3:00 pm

Location: Riverside Park 62 E. Orange St. Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Cost: Free

Ages: All Ages

Contact: julie@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 9/11/2020



9/18/2020 (Friday) Penitentiary Glen

Meet us at the outdoor nature playground at Penitentiary Glen. Pack a picnic and stay for lunch.

Time: 10 am - 12:00 pm

Location: 8668 Kirtland Chardon Rd Kirtland, OH 44094

Cost: Free

Ages: All Ages

Contact: jenna.hoover@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 9/14/2020



9/23/2020 (Wednesday) Liberty Park Nature Center

Join us at the Liberty Park Nature Center for some fun, outdoor exploring!

Time: 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Location: Liberty Park Nature Center 9999 Liberty Road, Twinsburg

Cost: Free

Ages: All Ages

Contact: julie@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 9/20/2020



9/17/2020 (Thursday) SCA Arts: A Virtual Basic Drawing Fun - Fall Theme

Solon Center of the Arts is offering SECPTA members a VIRTUAL Basic Drawing Class for ages 4 and older. Max: 10 participants. A Zoom link will be sent week of event. All drawings can be done with the following list of supplies:

1. Pencil & eraser
2. White paper
3. Black Fine tip Sharpie preferred for outlining (regular black crayola sometimes smudges)

Coloring with any or all of the following options:

4. Set of 12-24 color crayons
5. Set of colored pencils *having a pencil sharpener handy will help if using colored pencils
6. Set of colorful markers

Time: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Location: VIRTUAL

Cost: \$ 3.00 per person

Ages: 4+ years

Contact: rainy@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 9/9/2020



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

9/25/2020 (Friday) The Golf Dome Miniature Golf

The Golf Dome Miniature Golf is a hit with every family member - from the seasoned golfer to the child who has never held a club. The fully landscaped 18-hole course features three winding streams and a 20 foot waterfall! It provides a delightful backdrop for family fun as well as a realistic setting for practicing your 'full sized' game. Water on 14 holes and numerous sand traps wait to grab your errant shots. One pull of the putter and you're in the hazard! Located in Chagrin Falls, The Golf Dome offers year-round activities for the whole family!

Time: 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Location: 8198 Washington St, Chagrin Falls, 44023

Cost: \$ 4.00 per person

Ages: 3+ years

Contact: Melissa@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 9/11/2020



9/26/2020 (Saturday) Master Crafter DIY Virtual Craft Class

Kids will make a night light including vinyl cut out and sea glass paint. Instructor will lead the class via online conference while families can follow along in their own home. Materials are included and will be distributed to families prior to field trip.

Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am

Location: Virtual

Cost: \$13 per project

Ages: 3+ years

Contact: fieldtrips@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 9/11/2020



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

9/27/2020 (Sunday) The Natural Classroom - Campfire Stories

The Natural Classroom is a team of passionate educators committed to delivering high quality outdoor, play-based education to the communities of the Chagrin Valley. Campfire Stories with The Natural Classroom is a family event. Children and their caregivers will join us for 1.5 hours of nature immersion. Families will enjoy a hike in the woods, activities and games, oral storytelling, and of course, s'mores! This program is limited to 5 families (20 people MAX)

Time: 4:00 pm-5:30 pm

Location: Lewis & Ruth Affelder House 15139 Chillicothe Road, Russell Township

Cost: \$ 4.00 per person

Ages: All ages

Contact: pavika@secpta.net

Sign-up Deadline: 9/16/2020



FREE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP: Egg Farm Field Trip

<https://www.aeb.org/eggs-in-schools/classroom/farm-to-table-virtual-field-trips>

Check out this fascinating virtual field trip to an Egg Farm in Ohio and learn all about eggs! Video geared towards K-5, there are also activity pages on website for preschoolers and up.



**We can't WAIT to see you,
virtually and in person!!**



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.

Also, 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 for more information!**

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 Maya at
waysandmeans@secpta.net.**

Please ask about special member pricing!