

Rocky River Early Childhood PTA

Message from the President

April 2018

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Spring is finally here!!!! I don't know about your family, but this year was a long, cold winter for mine. The last month was certainly packed with great PTA events. March came in like a lion with so many events: Ice Skating Party, Donuts with Dad and Community Service. And we ended the month like a lamb, with an amazing Easter Egg Hunt. Special thanks to the organizers for all these events: Nicolette Szy, Jennifer Ciepel, Maggie Watson, Allison Coale, Heather Burnett, Laura Smith, Deanna Calabrese, Mindy Lang and Sue Pichotta. It is because of all their help that our families can have a great and safe time at these events!!!

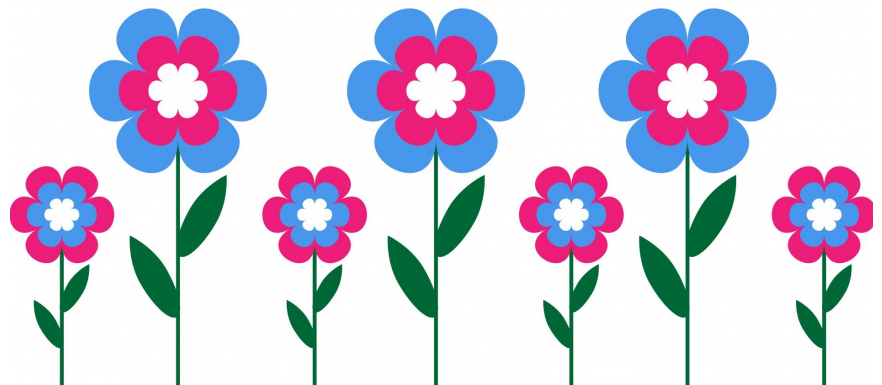
Inside this newsletter is information about upcoming events throughout April, including Pirates and Princesses Party (April 28th 10-12p) and Great Day with Grandparents (April 22nd 9-11a).

Friendly reminder that if you have had fun at ANY of our events this year, think about signing up to be a committee chair next year. Maggie Male and CC Zerbey have updated the website with open positions, descriptions, time commitments, plus committee reports from prior years. **We very much need someone to sign up for Auction Coordinator — this is our largest fundraiser for the programming and scholarships we provide!** Volunteering is a great way to meet people and ensure that we continue to have great events throughout the next year!

Our next meeting will be **April 10th at Rocky River Middle School Commons. Please bring one pack of disposable diapers (any sizes infant to toddler) for our Laura's Home donation collection (you will be entered to win a gift card).** The meeting starts at 7:30, but show up as early as 7 p.m. for sign-ups and to mingle with other members.

Happy Spring to you and your families!!!

Jen Rieker



APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 10:00a: Field Trip to Beck Center	5	6 9:30a: Field Trip to Mitchell's Ice Cream	7
8 10:30a: Field Trip to Sesame Street Live	9	10 ^{**} Bring Diapers ^{**} 6:00P: Board Meeting 7:30P: General Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 10:00a: Field Trip to LENS	18 6:00p: AW Adult Yoga Class	19	20	21
22 9:00a: Great Day with Grandparents	23 9:15a: Field Trip to Avon Lake Library Discovery Works	24	25	26	27	28 10:00a: Pirates & Princesses Party (9:30a for quieter atmosphere)
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MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 10:00a: Field Trip to Western Reserve Historical Society
6	7	8 ** Bring Baby Formula ** 6:00P: Board Meeting 7:30P: General Meeting	9	10	11 10:00a: Field Trip to Pat Catan's	12
13	14 10:00a: Field Trip to Rocky River Fire Department	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 7:05p: AW Cleveland Indians Baseball Game
27	28	29	30	31		

VP of Programs

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Thanks to everyone who showed up to help stuff Easter Eggs at our last meeting. Our next meeting will be on **April 10th at Rocky River Middle School**. **Please bring one pack of disposable diapers (any sizes infant to toddler) for our Laura's Home donation collection (you will be entered to win a gift card).** Mary Alice Grassa, Heinen's Wellness Consultant and Early Childhood Wellness Specialist, will be coming to talk to us about Heinen's 5-star dinner program. The meeting will begin at 7:30, so remember to come as early as 7:00 to sign up for field trips and volunteer opportunities.

As always, babysitting will be provided by Magnificat students if there is a need. Please RSVP to me if you think you will be needing this service so we have an accurate headcount.

Don't forget about your chance to win our \$250 scholarship to be used towards your child's preschool or activity. In order to be eligible, you just attend at least four meetings and volunteer for two events. We will pull our scholarship winners at the end of our May meeting.

There will be a social at Beachcliff Tavern following the meeting.

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Treasurer

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Beginning Balance on Hand – 02/01/2018	\$ 18,659.92
Receipts (+)	\$ 76.00
Disbursements (-)	<u>\$ 1,557.00</u>
Ending Balance on Hand – 02/28/2018	\$ 17,225.20

Further Detail of Account Available Upon Request.
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VP of Parties

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Many thanks to all who have planned all of the parties this year. While the year is winding down, there are still a few left. Watch for the Evites which will have additional information.

Great Day with Grandparents -- **Sunday, April 22nd at 9:00am** at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center

Pirates and Princesses Party -- **Saturday, April 28th at 10:00am** at Goldwood Primary School (**9:30am for children who need a quieter atmosphere**)

Nominating Committee

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Have you been trying to find a way to get more involved?! Well, this is your chance! We are in the final stages of finalizing committee positions for the 2018-2019 school year. It is super fun to be on the board in any capacity and the absolute best way to meet people and get involved in our great organization. You can even grab a friend and take on a job together.

A list of committee chair positions, along with descriptions of the duties for each role, is available on our website. An email was recently sent out with the password. You will be able to sign up through the link and we will be in contact with you. The link is as follows:

<https://www.rrecpta.org/nominations/>

Please see the open positions below. Email if you'd like to take on a fun and rewarding experience. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions about any of the positions.

OPEN POSITIONS:

- **Auction Coordinator** - Need 1-2 people. **This is our largest fundraiser for the programming and scholarships we provide!**
 - **Adult Wellness & Networking:** Need 2 people
 - **Audit Committee:** Need 2 more people
 - **Bike Parade (River Days):** Need 2 people
 - **Family Support & Resources:** Need 1 person
- **Field Trip Coordinators:** Need 1 person for Nov/Dec and 1 for Jan/Feb
 - **Membership, Recruiting & River Days:** Need 1 more person
 - **Publicity:** Need 1 person



Kids Klost

CC Zerbey & Maggie Male
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We have decided to postpone this Spring's Kids Klost while we explore ways to revamp the sale for next year. We are looking at a few ideas, including teaming up with other PTAs or doing a Big Kids Sale.

Please come to the meeting on **April 10th meeting** to share your thoughts and ideas. **Please bring one pack of disposable diapers (any sizes infant to toddler) to give to Laura's Home (part of The City Mission)** as they were to receive Kids Klost sale donations.

Happy Birthday

Michelle Chavez	April 1	Shannon Gilfillan	April 12	Kelly Dillon	April 28
Cathleen Grossman	April 5	Carolyn Billick-McNeeley	April 14	Andy Sonntag	April 30
Lindsay Buckingham	April 6	Sara DeCaro	April 17	Robyn Luce	April
Natalie Fischer	April 8	Ivana Vucenovic	April 19	Wendy Hanna	May 5
Katie Galla	April 9	Ginenne Clark	April 20	Erin Acklin	May 7
Rachel Polk	April 11	Jessica Slomka	April 20	Sharon Krumwiede	May 7
Amanda DiSalvo	April 11	Kacie Baon	April 25	Melissa Heavey	May 9
Mary Rath	April 12	Amy Nahra	April 26	Catherine Hartzell	May 10

Area Spring Resale Events

Avon Lake ECPTA Spring Kids Klost Sale
When: Saturday, April 14, 2018; 7am-12pm

Where: Avon Lake High School, 175 Avon Belden Road, Avon Lake, 44012

Cost: Early bird (7am-9am): \$5 per person; General admission (9am-12pm): \$2 per person



North Ridgeville ECPTA Kiddie Klost
When: Saturday, April 28, 2018; 7:30am-12pm

Where: North Ridgeville Academic Center, 34620 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Cost: Early bird (7:30am-9am): \$5 per person (includes free raffle ticket); General admission (9am-12pm): \$2 per person

For More Resale Events visit Northeast Ohio Family Fun.



April Field Trips

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Get ready to mark your calendars! Listed below are field trips planned for April. Sign-ups start at the PTA general meetings and can be paid for with cash or check. The trips with limited space available on a first come, first serve basis. After the meeting, you can sign-up and pay at <http://rrecptaevents.bigcartel.com/>

Beck Center for the Arts - Arts Sampler

Wednesday, April 4th from 10:00-11:30am

@ Beck Center for the Arts, 17801 Detroit Rd, Lakewood, OH 44107

Learn the different art forms through sampling music and movement, visual arts, and theater. Spend 30 minutes on each section.

-Cost is \$10/child (siblings <12mon are free) Min of 10 children required.

Sign-up by March 26th.



Mitchell's Ice Cream

Friday, April 6th from 9:30-10:30am

@ Mitchell's Ice Cream, 19700 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116

Start the day off right with a sweet treat! We will get a tour of the ice-cream shop and learn how our favorite summer treat is made. There will be time after to purchase ice-cream.

-Cost is \$3.75/scoop ticket (for after tour or a later date) and 30 children max.

Sign-up by March 28th.



Sesame Street Live

Sunday, April 8th from 10:30-12:30pm

@ The Wolstein Center, 2000 Prospect Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44115

Jump to the beat with your friends on Sesame Street! An all new interactive show at the funniest, furriest party in the neighborhood. It's Sesame Street Live!

-Cost is \$28/child or adult in lower level. Cost is \$18/child or adult in upper level. Children under 12 months are free if seated on lap.

Sign-up by March 15th.



Log Cabin Adventure

Tuesday, April 17th from 10:00-11:00am

@ Lake Erie Nature & Science Cen, 28728 Wolf Rd, Bay Village, OH 44140

With Earth Day near, join us in the Log Cabin for an hour of fun: animal encounters, a planetarium show, and a "wild" craft.

-Cost is \$8/child and a maximum of 16 people (including parents).

Sign-up by April 1st.



Discovery Works

Monday, April 23rd from 9:15-10:15am

@ Avon Lake Library, 32649 Electric Boulevard, Avon Lake, OH 44012

Come explore, build, and create with friends. All ages welcome. Parents must accompany children and stay in Discovery Works while attending.

-Cost is free.

Sign-up by April 18th.



May Field Trips

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Cleveland History Center

Saturday, May 5th 10:00-11:00am + Lunch???

@ Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106

Join us for a fun morning at that "museum with a carousel". Participate in a dancer-themed program - Imagine you are a carousel animal! Students will use their imaginations to interpret the movement of the Grand Carousel and imitate the movements of the carousel animals. Finish up with a make-and-take craft focusing on carousel animals! Make a day of it in University Circle - pack a lunch to eat at the museum. All attendees are then welcome to explore more of the museum on their own.

- Cost is \$6.00/person (adult or child).

Sign-up by April 20th.



Pat Catan's Paint your own birdhouse

Friday, May 11th 10:00-11:00am

@ Pat Catan's of Westlake, 1499 Columbia Road, Westlake, OH 44145

Enjoy a fun springtime craft with your little one. Join us in the group classroom to paint and decorate your own small wooden birdhouse.

- Cost is \$5/birdhouse. Pay at the door on the day of the event.

Sign-up by May 4th.

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Tour of Rocky River Fire Department

Monday, May 14th 10:00-10:30am

@ Rocky River Fire Department, 21012 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River, OH 44116

Take a tour of our local fire department. Tour will last approximately 30 minutes and is geared towards preschool ages. Meet some firefighters, tour the station and see a fire truck up close.

- Cost is free (But some nice thank you art work might be appreciated).

Sign-up by May 7th.



Tour of Rocky River Riding Stables

Monday, May 21st 10:30-11:30am

@ Rocky River Stables 19901 Puritas Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135

Learn about care and feeding of horses at the Valley Riding Stables. Kids will get to meet some of the horses and ponies that live at the stables (and maybe a cat or two). Come dressed for the stables!!

- Cost is \$3.00/person (adult or child).

Sign-up by May 14th.



Adult Wellness

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These are the Adult Wellness Events for the rest of the PTA year! Hope to you can join us!

Adult Yoga Class

When: *Wednesday April 18th at 6:00pm*

Details: Join us for a yoga class led by RRECPTA's very own Shannon Gilfillan.

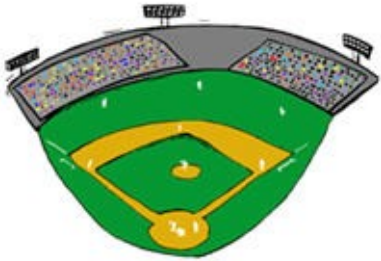


Where: Paragon Health and Fitness, 19970 Ingersoll Drive, Rocky River

Cost: \$8/person

Questions? Contact Amy Ewing at amyewing200@yahoo.com

Sign up online at <http://rrecptaevents.bigcartel.com/> or by giving a check made out to RRECPTA to Amy Ewing. Deadline to sign up is 1 week prior (April 11th). Your payment is due when you sign up.



SOLD OUT—Cleveland Indians Baseball Game

When: *Saturday, May 26th at 7:05pm* Tickets are \$20 a piece.

Details: Ending the year the way we started it off, with a homerun! Join us for ECPTA Night Out at the Ballpark to cheer on the Indians against World Series Champs, the Houston Astros.

Cost: (SOLD OUT) \$20/ticket.

Questions? Katie Kuhn ktkuhn@yahoo.com

Community Service

Laura Smith & Deanna Calabrese

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With the Spring Kid's Klostet cancellation, the City Mission will not receive donations left by sellers at the end of the event. To continue support, at the remaining May meetings and at the Memphis Kiddie Park end-of-year event, we will have targeted collections to support Laura's Home, part of The City Mission.

At the **April 10th meeting**, **please bring one pack of disposable diapers (any sizes infant to toddler).** Attendees who donate will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. Can't make the meeting, drop off a pack of diapers: 21484 Kenwood Avenue, Rocky River, OH.

What is Laura's Home? For women and children, we are a bridge from crisis to stability and self-sufficiency. Today, hundreds of single-mothers and their children are experiencing or on the verge of homelessness in our city. With 166 beds and 55 rooms, Laura's Home offers a variety of services intended to prepare women and children for positive, productive futures.

 **191** women and
464 children
supported in their
recovery from crisis

99,309 
meals served to women and
children at Laura's Home

52,716 
nights of safe and
secure shelter provided
for women and children

Great Day with Grandparents

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Mark your calendars for Great Day with Grandparents!

Sunday, April 22nd
9:00am-11:00am

Lake Erie Nature and Science Center
28728 Wolf Rd Bay Village, OH 44140

Take the morning off and send the kids with the grandparents to enjoy a planetarium show, special animal guests and a craft!

Light refreshments will be served.
Please RSVP on the evite!



Pirates & Princesses Party

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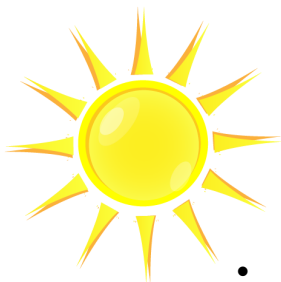
Calling all salty seadogs and picture perfect princesses! Come join in the fun as we search for treasure, play a few games, and craft some royal jewels! Capt'n Willie will be on deck to entertain the crew and we we'll have a princess too!



Pirate and Princess Party

Saturday, April 28th @ Goldwood Elementary 10am - 12pm, 9:30am for any child who can benefit from a quieter atmosphere.

We will provide snacks and some beverages, but encourage families to BYO....sippy cup or water bottle to help cut down on cost and waste.



Sunshine Committee

Andrea McGannon & Katherine Lehtinen

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- Leah and Jeff White welcome baby Gia Marie to their family in January
- Mandy, Ben, and big brother Issac(3) welcome baby Freya in February

If you are someone expecting a baby and would like a meal delivered to you and your family OR if you are someone who would like to deliver a meal to a family with a new baby in their home, please let us know using our new form: <https://www.rrecpta.org/sunshine-committee/>