



Rocky River Early Childhood PTA

Message from the President

August 2018

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Back to School time is here. This time of year can be filled with stress—new schools, return to early wake-ups, and so many activities. I hope the events that we have planned in the coming months will give you and your family a chance to enjoy some time together.

I want to welcome back all of our returning families and extend a warm welcome to our new members! I look forward to getting to know you.

Over the summer, our amazing executive board and committee chairs have been working hard to plan our annual parties, fun activities, and field trips.

Emily Richmond is serving her second term as VP of Programs, and has worked hard to plan and schedule all of our meetings. She has all secured Magnificat high school babysitters to watch kids during our meetings. Our meetings will continue to be the second Tuesday of each month, with the first meeting on **September 11th at 7:30pm** at the Rocky River Middle School. Come by as early as 7:00 pm for sign up opportunities (field trips, volunteering, special events). Also, plan on joining us after for a social event.

Cathleen Grossman is our VP of Parties. She has been booking our parties and working with our cochairs to make sure that our traditional events (and some new ones) go forward. Check out the calendar for all the amazing events she and our committee chairs have coordinated-- including some of my favorites--Marching with the Band and Boyert's Farm.

Elizabeth Kasnekaw will be our Treasurer. She has hit the ground running finalizing the details of this year's budget. She will be a great addition to our executive team.

Kelly Frindt, rejoins us again as Secretary, and will be keeping minutes and taking attendance at all of our meetings. She will also be keeping track of all of our volunteer hours, which is no easy task! Make sure you sign in for meetings and any hours, as we raffle away a scholarship at the end of the year to volunteers!

Erin Meisenzahl, Laura Smith, Rachel Stafford and Mara Broderick, our council delegates, will attend the PTA council meetings, and keep us informed of all the news and different activities happening within the Rocky River School District. In addition, they are already planning our role in the Homecoming festivities, which takes place on **Friday, September 21st**.

Special thanks to **Lena Baran**, Membership Recruiting chair, who has been hard at work this summer putting up flyers all over town, playing River Days, and talking to anyone anywhere who may be interested in joining!

Finally, I would like to thank last year's entire board for all the incredible work that we did last year. Our membership grew, we added new events, and made necessary changes to our website and calendar (special thanks to CC Zerbey, Maggie Male and Ginenne Clark!)

This year I am looking forward to all the amazing events we have planned and getting the chance to get to know each of you better!

Sincerely,
Jen Rieker

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Area Programs

New to Rocky River or just new to planning activities in the area?

Here are some links to area programs to help you out:

- ♦ The Rocky River Public Library Fall [Programs](#) begin soon. Registration begins **Saturday, September 8th.**
- ♦ The Rocky River Recreation Center Fall 2018 [Program Guide](#) has classes for children of all ages. Registration is online now.

AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <u>Member Kids Kloset Registra- tion</u>	21	22	23 <u>7:30P: New Member Night</u> <u>9:00P: Social</u>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> <u>AW Baseball Pay Deadline</u>	

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 9:30A: FT Play Grounds Family Cafe	7	8
9	10 Non-Member Kids Kloset Registration	11 Bring Cans & Clothes! 6:P: Board 7P: Sign-ups 7:30P: General	12	13	14 7:05P: AW Baseball Event	15 9:30A: FT Morley Park
16	17		19	20 9:30A: FT Kidsplay	21 10A: CIYC RR Park 4:30P: Home-coming	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 October Newsletter Deadline	29 8A: Kids Kloset Sale 10:30A: FT FCN&AC
30 Early Dues Deadline						

VP of Programs

Emily Richmond rrecptavpprogramsgmail.com

We have a lot of fun events and meetings planned for all of our new and returning members this year. Our meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, so be sure to mark your calendars with these dates:

September 11th	October 9th	November 13th Education Expo Night	January 8th
February 12th	March 12	April 9	

All meetings will be held at Rocky River Middle School Commons. Should a meeting need to be relocated, we will notify you via the RRECPTA Facebook page and email. Plan to arrive at 7:00PM to be first in line to sign up for field trips and special events. Meetings begin promptly at 7:30PM. with business, followed by a brief speaker. After each meeting, be sure to join us at the member social to catch up with old friends, and make some new friends.

Tuesday, September 11th: First General Meeting

Meet our new members and visit with old friends

General introductions to the board and an overview of business

FREE Babysitting will be provided by the Magnificat Honor Society.

**** However, you MUST contact me to reserve a spot so that we can make sure we provide the proper amount of sitters. ****

Scholarship

Once again we will be offering our members a chance to win a \$250 scholarship to be used towards your child's preschool or activity (e.g. Little Gym, BayArts, Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, etc.). The winners of the scholarship will be drawn at the last membership meeting in May.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, you must:

- Be a member in good standing and have paid membership dues
- Attend at least four general membership meetings (be present for the business part of the meeting, as well as the speaker).
- Volunteer for at least two RRECPTA events (e.g. Auction, Kids Kloset, etc.)

We have some great programs planned for the upcoming year and I look forward to seeing you all there!

Treasurer

Liz Kasnekaw rrecptatreasurer@gmail.com

Balance on Hand (as of 06/01/2018)	\$ 7,917.22
Receipts (+):	\$ 594.29
Disbursements (-):	\$ 2,421.79
Ending Balance (as of 06/30/2018)	\$ 9,966.96

Further Detail of Account Available Upon Request.

	<u>Jul 18</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
ACTIVITIES REVENUE	
Adult Wellness	2,100.00
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES REVENUE	
Boyerts Farm Receipts	1,500.00
Field Trip Receipts	4,450.00
Ice Skating Receipts	150.00
Memphis Kiddie Park Receipts	1,500.00
Polar Express Receipts	4,332.00
Santa Visit Receipts	3,570.00
Total CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES REVENUE	<u>15,502.00</u>
Total ACTIVITIES REVENUE	17,602.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	7,100.00
WAYS AND MEANS REVENUE	
Auction	
50/50 Raffle	175.00
Admissions	1,500.00
Holiday Wish List	500.00
Petty Cash	500.00
Silent Auction	5,000.00
Sponsors	<u>750.00</u>
Total Auction	8,425.00
Kids Closet and Bake Sale	
Admissions and Bake Sale	1,750.00
Petty Cash	1,000.00
Table Sales	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Kids Closet and Bake Sale	4,750.00
Mini- Fundraisers Receipts	<u>50.00</u>
Total WAYS AND MEANS REVENUE	<u>13,225.00</u>
Total Income	37,927.00
Expense	
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES	
Boyerts Farm	1,800.00
Donuts with Dads	600.00
Easter Egg Hunt Party	300.00
Field Trips	4,500.00
Great Day with Grandparents	475.00
Halloween Party	850.00
Ice Skating Party	1,000.00
Memphis Kiddie Park	2,000.00
Pirates and Princesses Party	550.00
Playgroups	0.00
Polar Express	4,560.00
River Days & Bike Parade	560.00
Santa Visit	3,600.00
Winter Pool Party	500.00
Winter Wiggles Party	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES	22,795.00

	<u>Jul 18</u>
CONTINGENCY FUND	100.00
DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS	
Donations	100.00
Homecoming Donation	200.00
National Dues	528.75
Ohio Dues	587.50
RR PTA Council	117.50
Scholarship Funds	1,200.00
Total DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS	2,733.75
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
Leadership and Training	100.00
Membership Recruiting	250.00
President	300.00
Secretary and Treasurer	400.00
Vice President of Parties	450.00
Vice President of Programs	700.00
Total EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	2,200.00
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	
Bonding Liability/ Mail Permit	150.00
Publicity	150.00
Website	150.00
Total GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	450.00
MEMBER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE	
Adult Wellness	2,800.00
All Aglow	500.00
Board Appreciation	600.00
Community Service	100.00
Family Resources	100.00
Holiday Social	500.00
Sunshine	200.00
Total MEMBER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE	4,800.00
WAYS AND MEANS	
Auction	
Holiday Wish List	500.00
This Years Auction Expenses	
Auction-Room Rental	2,500.00
Petty Cash	500.00
This Years Auction Expenses - Other	325.00
Total This Years Auction Expenses	3,325.00
Total Auction	3,825.00
Kids Kioset and Bake Sale	
Other	150.00
Petty Cash	1,000.00
Room Rental	300.00
Kids Kioset and Bake Sale - Other	0.00
Total Kids Kioset and Bake Sale	1,450.00
Total WAYS AND MEANS	5,275.00
Total Expense	38,353.75
Net Ordinary Income	-426.75
Net Income	-426.75

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VP of Parties

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Get excited for all of the fun parties we are planning for the 2018-2019 school year! We hope to see you at all of our events. There are great teams working to organize dates and times as soon as possible. We have the earliest dates in place already, so mark them on your calendars now!

Boyert's Farm: **Saturday, October 13th, 10am-1pm (October 27th - rain date)**

Halloween Party: **Saturday, October 20th, 10:00am-12pm**

Moms' Holiday Party: **Thursday, December 13th, 7:00pm-???**

Family Pool Party: **January 11th, 5:30pm-7:30pm**

Winter Wiggles Party: TBD

Family Ice Skating Party: **March 9th, 4:30pm-6:30pm (4:15pm for special needs)**

Easter Egg Hunt: TBD

Pirates and Princesses Party: TBD

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to chair a party this year. For those of you still looking for a way to get involved, I would be happy to talk to you about any of these events - we are still looking for help. Thank you so much for helping to make this year a success.

New Member Information Night

Lena Baran lenazbaran@gmail.com

First and foremost, a big welcome to all of our new members! We are so glad you joined and can't wait to meet you personally, if we haven't already. And welcome back to our past members! We are excited for another great year ahead!

We've been busy promoting the RRECPTA around town this summer, including at River Days in July where we handed out balloons to the kiddos (and membership information to their parents!) as they waited for a pony ride. Thanks to the River Days and Bike Parade committees for organizing such great events and activities, and including the Membership committee in the day!

Please don't forget that New Member Information Night is on **Thursday, August 23rd at 7:00pm** at Rocky River Middle School (in the Commons where our regular meetings are held). We will highlight all of the activities we offer for children and adults, and get to know one another. ***We will wrap up the night with a social at Market immediately following the meeting.*** We hope to see all new members and past members there!

Finally, past members, please don't forget to officially join the RRECPTA this year! You must join before **October 1st** in order for your contact information to be included in the directory and to avoid the membership dues price increase...but the sooner, the better.

Don't forget that everyone you meet that has a child, birth through kindergarten, is a potential new member and can benefit from our organization...so please continue to spread the word!

Membership Applications

Ginenne Clark ginennel@yahoo.com

Please complete your online membership application before **October 1st** to be included in our RRECPTA Directory and to avoid the membership dues price increase! The form is on our website: www.rrecpta.org

Dues: \$30 / year
(\$35/year after **October 1st**)

NOTE: You have the option of paying online with PayPal (\$1.50 service fee required) or mail cash/check to Ginenne, whose address is listed at the bottom of the [Registration form](#).

**** After paying your dues please request to join our [Facebook page](#). ****

Member Birthdays

Happy birthday to our following members:

August 10	Kristen Weinberger	August 27	Emily Mayock
August 10	Meghan Hennies	September 2	Linda Ballrick
August 10	Sarah Mcaleer	September 9	Jaci Bloom
August 13	Brittany Maurer	September 13	Maggie Male
August 15	Jennifer Barnes	September 17	Colleen Pallett
August 16	Chris Bertalan	September 29	Mary Lakarosky
August 17	Meryl Baskin	October 5	Kim Steffen
August 18	Alicia Nevin	October 6	Elizabeth Kasnekaw
		October 6	Laura Smith

March With The Band

Katie Kuhn ktkuhn@yahoo.com

Join us on **Tuesday, October 2nd at 7pm** at the South Gate of RRHS Football Stadium for our annual March with the Band Night. The event will run approximately 7:15pm-7:45pm.

This is always a family favorite! The kids will get to interact with the band, testing out the instruments, marching, dancing and having a blast! Kids are welcome to bring their own instruments to play. Please **DO NOT** bring sports balls or equipment of any kind. This event is open to the entire community and a great way to get new parents in our city introduced to the ECP-TA, so please let your friends and neighbors know!

Can't wait to see everyone there!

If you have any questions feel free to email me.

Community Service

Maggie Male & Daina Grimaldi rrcptacomcommunityservice@gmail.com

Did you know... more than 1000 Rocky River residents fall below the poverty line? The [Rocky River Assistance Program](#) needs our help! Summer is a slow time for donations so their shelves are bare.

Let's clean out our cupboards!

Please bring in canned food items for donation to our first **General Meeting, Tuesday, September 11th.**

Everyone who donates to RRAP that night will be able to enter a drawing for a **chance to win a gift card.** Thank you for your donations!

Other ways to help: [Volunteer](#) or [Make your tax-deductible contribution online.](#) You can also give to RRAP by mail. Send checks (payable to: Rocky River Assistance Program) to: P. O. Box 16724, Rocky River, OH 44116

All Aglow

Jen Rieker rockyriverecpta@gmail.com Kelly Frindt kellyrucker@yahoo.com
Jen Barnes jbarnes815@gmail.com

All Aglow will be here before you know!!!!
The event is scheduled for **Friday, November 30, 2018.**

Let Jen Rieker, Kelly Frindt, or Jen Barnes know if you would like to volunteer making cookies, soliciting donations, or setting up.

Polar Express

Alicia Nevin & Kim Steffen
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"The thing about trains.. it doesn't matter where they're going. What matters is deciding to get on."

A Polar Express train car is reserved for the RRECPTA on **Friday, December 7th, 2018 at 7:00pm.** Children and adults (if they choose) can ride in their pajamas and head to the North Pole. On the trip there, The Polar Express is read to the children. They will be served cookies and hot chocolate. Upon arrival at the North Pole, Santa will board the train. On the return trip, we will sing carols and Santa will hand each child a Christmas bell! Hope you join us on this magical field trip! Tickets are \$57 each (under 2 are free if they sit on your lap). Have your checkbooks ready at the **Tuesday, September 11th general meeting** to sign up!

Departing from: Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, Rockside Station, 7900 Old Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio 44131

Arrive at Station: 6:00 pm

Departure time: 7:00 pm

Newsletter Deadlines & Website Updates

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Have an item for the newsletter or the website? The newsletter is sent monthly during the school year (even on months with no meeting). The website is updated on an ongoing basis.

Here are the remaining newsletter deadlines for the 2018-2019 school year:

For September Newsletter: August 31st	For October Newsletter: September 28th	For November Newsletter: November 2nd
For December Newsletter: November 30th	For January Newsletter: December 28th	For February Newsletter: February 1st
For March Newsletter: March 1st	For April Newsletter: March 29th	For May Newsletter: May 3rd

Auction 2018

Jess Massari

rrecptaauctioncoordinator@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for **Friday, November 16th from 7-10PM** at Around the Corner. Tickets will go on sale in early October.

We need volunteers for the Auction Support Team! Auction is our biggest fundraiser and we need volunteers to help secure donations, organize the donations, and set-up for the event. ***We need you!***

If you want to help in any way or have a connection to a local business please contact Jess Massari, rrecptaauctioncoordinator@gmail.com.

Come If You Can (CIYC) Playdates

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All CIYC Playdates are fun, relaxed meet-ups. There is no need to RSVP; just Come If You Can! CIYC playdates will primarily be advertised and updated on Facebook. Most dates/times are weather permitting. All Playdates are at 10AM.

September 21st - Rocky River Park	October 19th - Squeaky Sneakers RRRC	November 16th - Bay Village Library
December 14th - Lake Erie Nature & Science Center	January 18th - Kids Play (Pin Oak Pkwy Avon Lake)	February 15th - RR Rec. Indoor Playground
March 15th - Rocky River Library	April 19th - Elmwood Park	May 17th - Rocky River Park

Adult Wellness & Networking Committee

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Adult Wellness events are an awesome opportunity to meet fellow members, make new friends, and have a little fun! Some events will include bringing your spouse or a friend, and some will be strictly for us mom's to get away and burn off a little steam. In addition to the events planned for each month, we will throw in a few happy hours, movie nights etc. Most of this will be done on our Facebook page, so keep a lookout! If you have ideas, please email.

Have your checkbooks in hand at our first ECPTA meeting to reserve your spot for these super fun Adult Wellness events! For each event, sign-ups will start at the PTA general meetings on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are unable to attend that month's meeting, please email me and I will add you to the event if there are open spots.

September's Event:

Night Out at the Ballpark

Indians Game on **Friday, September 14th at 7pm**

Description: Bring your spouse or a friend to help cheer on the Tribe to victory against the Detroit Tigers. Spots are limited!! No spot is saved until money has been received.

Location: Progressive Field, [2401 Ontario St, Cleveland, OH 44115](#)

Cost: \$18 per person. Limit of two tickets.

Contact Melissa Mayer and Brooke Gallucci or purchase tickets <http://rrecptaevents.bigcartel.com/product/indians-adult-welless> if interested.

October's Event:

Zipline Canopy Tour

[Common Ground Canopy Tour](#) on **Sunday, October 21st at 10am.**

Description: Join the RRECPTA for a zipline tour.

Bond with friends, make new ones, and take in the Fall Foliage in a truly unique way.

Location: [14240 Baird Road Oberlin, Ohio 44074](#)

Cost: \$72 per person

Contact Melissa Mayer and Brook Gallucci or purchase tickets <http://rrecptaevents.bigcartel.com/product/common-ground-canopy-tour> if interested.

Early Childhood Education Expo

Melissa Sahnd, Jaclyn Bloom, & Daina Grimaldi
preschoolrrecpta@gmail.com

Join us for the annual Early Childhood Education Expo on **Tuesday, November 13th at 7pm!** Hope to see you there! Over 20 organizations will be represented at this **free** event! This is a perfect way to learn what resources are available for your preschool or Kindergarten aged child. Also available are opportunities to explore childcare options, before- and after-care programs, supplemental programs and more. The Early Childhood Education Expo is open to all parents, guardians or caretakers of young children in the area so please spread the word!

September Field Trips

rrecpta.fieldtrips@gmail.com

Get ready to mark your calendars! Listed below are field trips planned for the month. 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/>.

Play Grounds Family Cafe

Thursday, September 6th 9:30am-11:30am

@15715 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH

They offer coffee drinks, children's' snacks, baked goods, & have dairy-free & gluten-free options. Parking available on the street (bring change for meters) or free in their rear lot. Their play space has a train table, large doll house, play kitchen, puzzles, etc. Outside food is not permitted.

-Cost is FREE. Seating for adults is limited to 14 people.

RSVP by August 30th.

Morley Park

Saturday, September 15th 9:30am-11:30am

@2901 Gasser Boulevard, Rocky River, OH

Free street parking on Morley & Jameson Drive, limited to 25 vehicles. It's a park & playground that connects Morley Avenue & Jameson Drive (both are dead/end streets). There are swings, basketball court, covered pavilion, large field.

-Cost is FREE.

RSVP by September 8th.

Kidsplay Indoor Fun

Thursday, September 20th 9:30am-11:30am

@32864 Pin Oak Parkway, Avon Lake, OH

For ages 6 & under. Cost is for an all day pass that allows you to come and go (open until 8pm on the 20th). There is a playscape, rock wall, ride-on toys & other indoor toys. They sell basic snacks & drinks (but you can bring in your own as long as they are peanut free)!

NOTE: Socks are required for both parents & children.

-Cost is \$10/1st child and \$8/each additional child. Limit of 25 children.

RSVP by September 13th.

French Creek Nature & Arts Center

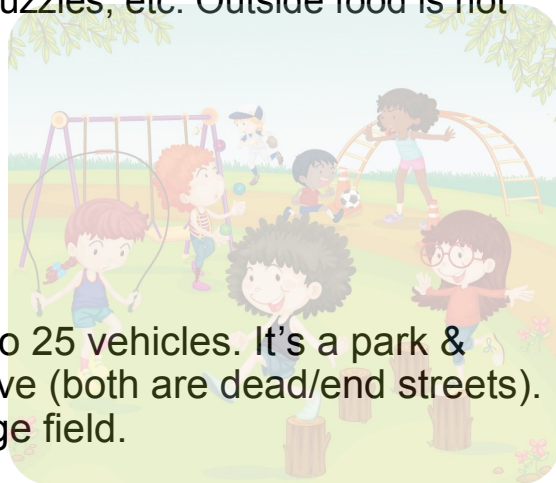
Saturday, September 29th 10:30am-12:30pm

@4530 Old Colorado Ave, Sheffield, OH

Offers some nature exhibits, indoor playscape, with a covered picnic area on the grounds & 4.5 miles of wooded trails.

-Cost is FREE. Limit of 40 children.

RSVP by September 22nd.



Sunshine Committee

Rachael Stafford & Kacie Baon
rrecptasunshine@gmail.com

The Sunshine Committee would like to welcome the following babies to our RRECPTA family!

- ◇ **Kelci Cotter- baby boy Wells Patrick Cotter born on June 7**
- ◇ **Kelly Frindt- baby girl Emersyn (Emmy) Elaine Frindt born on July 3**
- ◇ **Mary Lakarosky- baby girl Brooke Elizabeth Lakarosky born on July 17**

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/>

Boyert's Farm

Mandy Copeland
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Alice Pratt
alice.mackintosh@gmail.com

Our annual Boyert's Farm visit will be

Saturday, October 13th

10am to 1pm.

(Rain date: October 27th).

Boyert's Farm is at 7171 Wooster Pike, Medina, 44256.

Stay tuned for more information and sign-ups!

Halloween Party

Cathleen Grossman cbackus13@gmail.com
Erin Arra erin.arra@gmail.com

Halloween will be here before you know it! Gather up your little witches and goblins and join us for some Halloween fun!

Saturday, October 20th
10am-12pm***

Goldwood Elementary School Cafeteria

There will be a balloon artist, a photo booth, crafts, and trick-or-treating, of course! Light refreshments and beverages will be provided. Please bring a sippy cup full of your child's favorite beverage. An Evite will be creeping into your mailbox soon.

We are in need of volunteers! Please let us know if you are available to help with set-up and clean-up. **Set-up will be from 6pm-8pm on Friday, October 19th.** Clean-up will be immediately after the party. If you are able to help, please contact [Erin Arra](#) or [Cathleen Grossman](#).

We will also be asking members to kindly **donate one bag of NUT FREE (Manufactured in a nut free facility) at the September or October meeting.** We hope to see you there!

***Note: Doors will open at 9:30am for children that have special needs.

Kids Kloset

Alicia Nevin & Kim Steffen
rockyriverkidskloset@gmail.com

Come Raid your Friends Closet!

We have teamed up with the **Bay Village Early Childhood PTA** for this year's Fall Kids Kloset!

Saturday, September 29th 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Rocky River High School

This is a great opportunity to clear out any baby and kid clothes, toys, and gear.
Stock up on gently used goodies you NEED!

Member price is \$20/table and non-member price is \$30/table. Registration for members begins on **August 20th** and for **non-members September 10th**. A form is provided in this newsletter but can also be found on the RRECPTA website along with additional information. Please email rockyriverkidskloset@gmail.com with any questions.

We are also looking for volunteers for Friday, September 28th from 6:00PM–8:00PM and/or Saturday, September 29th from 7:30AM-11:30AM (in 2 hour shifts). Volunteers get in early to shop!

Please email Alicia.brzozowski@gmail.com if you're interested in signing up to volunteer.

September Meeting Call for Kids Kloset Donations

Maggie Male maggie.male@hyland.com

Looking to get rid of some maternity items, baby items, or baby books but do not want to sell at Kids Kloset? This year the RRECPTA will be manning a table at Kids Kloset. Items sold will directly raise funds for the RRECPTA and any items that are not sold will be donated to The City Mission. However, we cannot do this without your generous donations.

Please bring in any stain-free maternity clothes, children's clothes, and/or children's books to be donated to the RRECPTA Kids Kloset table to our General Meeting on Tuesday, September 11th.

Everyone who donates that night will be able to enter a drawing for a **chance to win a gift card**. Thank you for your donations!

Do not have time to get together a donation for the meeting (or have a lot of items to donate and do not want to drag them into the meeting)?

Please drop off any additional donations here:
21484 Kenwood Avenue, Rocky River
(corner of Kenwood and Elmwood)

I will have a storage bin on the patio facing Elmwood. Thank you!

Kids Fall Winter Resale Events

♦ Westshore Mother of Twins Club Fall Sale

When: Saturday, September 8th, 7AM-12PM

Where: RR Recreation Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River

Cost: Early Admission (7AM-9AM): \$5; General Admission (9AM-12P): \$2

♦ Avon Fall Kids Klosest Resale

When: Saturday, September 15th, 7AM-12PM

Where: Avon Middle School, 3445 Long Road, Avon

Cost: Early Admission (7AM-9AM): \$5; General Admission (9AM-12P): \$2

♦ Lakewood Early Childhood PTA

When: Saturday, September 15th, 8:30AM-12PM

Where: Garfield Middle School, 13114 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood

Cost: Early Admission (8:30AM-9:30AM): \$5; General Admission (9:30AM-12P): \$2

For More Resale Events visit Northeast Ohio Family Fun.

Ongoing Community Service for Laura's Home

Maggie Male & Daina Grimaldi rrecptacommunityservice@gmail.com

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.

So, has your child just outgrown a diaper size and now you are wondering what to do with the box? Have baby toiletries given to you that are not your brand? Have unopened formula you will not use? Laura's Home is ALWAYS in need of:

- **Disposable diapers of all sizes infant to toddler**
- **Baby wipes (especially without perfumes or dyes)**
- **Baby formula**
- **Baby lotion, shampoo, wash, oil and powder**

These items will be accepted at every meeting or drop off a donations (to the bin on the patio) or have them delivered using smile.amazon.com (for **Ohio Congress Rocky River Early Childhood**): 21484 Kenwood Avenue, Rocky River, OH.

 **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



Rocky River & Bay Village Early Childhood PTA's

Fall 2018 Kids Klost Table Request Form

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2018
Location: Rocky River High School
20951 Detroit Road, Rocky River, OH 44116

It's time to pull out those boxes of clothes, toys and baby gear your children have outgrown. The 2018 Fall Kids Klost is coming up quickly. It's a great way to free up some space and make some money too! We have a solid reputation of offering gently used, quality items for babies, children and moms-to-be.

RRECPTA & BVECPTA Members: \$20.00/table

Non-members: \$30.00/table

We will refund your table fee if tables are not available. Otherwise, NO REFUNDS are given once you are assigned a table. If you cannot use your table, feel free to find your own replacement.

Friday, September 28, 2018 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Set-up for sellers and bake sale items accepted

Saturday, September 29, 2018

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Set-up for sellers and bake sale items accepted
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Early Bird Preview Sale
	RRECPTA & BVECPTA members: \$5.00 OR free admission with a bake sale donation Non-members: \$5.00
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	\$1.00 admission fee for all
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Clean-up and opportunity to donate unsold items

RRECPTA & BVECPTA members will have priority registration starting August 20, 2018. Please do not send in forms before August 20th. Non-members may begin sending in forms starting September 10th, but all members will have priority until September 10th. Non-member forms received before September 10th will not be counted as received until September 10th. This event sells out every year, so turn in your forms promptly to get a table!

For seller registration questions or to volunteer at this event, please contact Alicia Nevin at rockyriverkidsklost@gmail.com.

Rocky River & Bay Village Early Childhood PTA's [Fall 2018 Kids Klost](#) and Bake Sale

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email to confirm registration (**Please print clearly**): _____

RRECPTA or BVECPTA Member? Yes ☐ No ☐ Number of tables needed: _____ Amount enclosed: _____



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Proposed Calendar

August

New Member Night

August 23
7:30 pm at Middle School
Social TBD

September

Board Meeting
General Meeting

September 11
6:15 Board; 7:30 General

Adult Wellness Indians Game

September 14

Homecoming

September 21
7:00 pm

Happy Hour with Spouse/SO (?)

September 27

KidsKloset

September 29
Rocky River High School

October

March with the Band

October 2

Board Meeting
General Meeting

October 9
6:15 Board; 7:30 General

Boyert's Farm

October 13
Rain Date October 27

Halloween Party

October 20

Adult Wellness - Common Ground Canopy Tour

October 21

November

Pre-School Info Night

November 13

Auction

Santa Visits Start

December

All Aglow

November 30

Polar Express

December 7

Mom's Holiday Party

December 13