

## Rocky River Early Childhood PTA

### Message from the President

January 2017

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year! As we start 2018, I am looking forward to all the fun activities for the remainder of the year.

A few updates to close out 2017:

We all knew auction was a huge success, but we made over \$8,500 in profit that night! This helps us plan and contribute to events for the remainder of the year. I hope everyone is enjoying their winnings, and another shout out to Lauren Negrey and her auction team.

Our Santa visits were a huge success! Thanks to Kelci Cotter and Krystal Massey. In total there were over 115 (!!!!) Santa visits. Even Santa was impressed with the amount of organization of the visits. Thank you to all the "elves" who helped drive Santa, too!

As we start 2018, RRECPTA has SO MANY fun things in store for you and your family. Next up is an adult wellness event at Whole Foods and a field trip to Disney on Ice. We will close out January with our family pool party. We also have Winter Wiggles party and then Donuts with Dad. Check all the updates in the newsletter and mark your calendars!

Just a reminder that our next meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 7:30pm at Rocky River Middle School in the Commons. Until then, stay warm!

Jen



# JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 <a href="#">6:00P: Board Meeting</a> <a href="#">7:30P: General Meeting</a>	10	11	12	13
14 <a href="#">11:00a: Field Trip to Disney on Ice</a>	15	16	17	18	19 <a href="#">5:00p: AW Wine Tasting at Whole Foods</a>	20
21	22 <a href="#">10:00a: Field Trip to KidsPlay Indoor Fun</a>	23	24	25	26 <a href="#">5:00p: Winter Pool Party</a>	27
28	29	30 <a href="#">10:00a: Field Trip to Dewey's Pizza School</a>	31			

# FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 <a href="#">9a: Field Trip to Heinen's</a>	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <a href="#">6:00P: Board Meeting</a> <a href="#">7:30P: General Meeting</a>	14	15 <a href="#">10a: Field Trip to Little Explorers Play Center</a>	16 <a href="#">5:30p: Winter Wiggles Party</a>	17
18	19	20	21	22 <a href="#">5:45p: AW Vase Making at River Dog Café</a>	23	24
25	26	27 <a href="#">945a or 1045a: Field Trip to Sing and Swing Music Class</a>	28			

## VP of Programs

Emily Richmond

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A huge thank you to Megan Rin and Lauren Chaney for their amazing job organizing our November Preschool Kindergarten info night! It was a great night and provided so many parents with information about options to find the perfect fit for their kids.

It's hard to believe we are started a new year ! Time sure flies when you are having fun. We have great programs planned for our meetings in 2018. Just a reminder that all meetings take place at Rocky River Middle School in the Commons at 7:30pm. Remember to come at 7:00pm to sign up for field trips and special events. Our first meeting of 2018 will be on **January 9th**. Hope to see you all there! **Our 2018 schedule is January 9, February 13, March 13, and April 10 (and end of year party and scholarship announcement, May 8).** If you want to be in eligible for our scholarships, make sure you attend at least 4 general meetings and volunteering for at least two RRECPTA events. We have great speakers lined up, so stay tuned!

# 2018

## Treasurer

Jennifer Barnes

[rrecptatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:rrecptatreasurer@gmail.com)

Beginning Balance on Hand – 11/1/17	\$ 6,097.47
Receipts (+)	\$ 22,264.40
Disbursements (-)	\$ 6,357.15
Ending Balance on Hand – 11/30/17	\$ 20,128.28

**Further Detail of Account  
Available Upon Request.**

**Email Jennifer Barnes at  
[rrecptatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:rrecptatreasurer@gmail.com)**



## Adult Wellness

Katie Kuhn [ktkuhn@yahoo.com](mailto:ktkuhn@yahoo.com)

Amy Ewing [amyewing200@yahoo.com](mailto:amyewing200@yahoo.com)

**When: Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:45-7:45p**

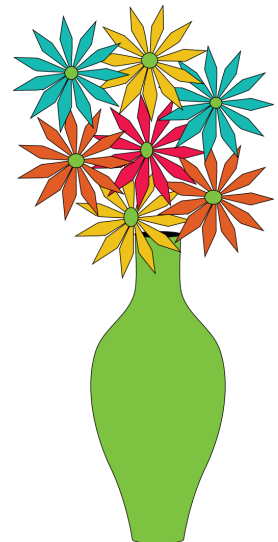
**Details:** Have fun with pottery by making a vase! Wine/drinks and food available for purchase at the venue.

**Where:** River Dog Café, 19900 Detroit Rd, Rocky River

**Cost:** \$30/person

**Questions?** Contact Amy Ewing at  
[amyewing200@yahoo.com](mailto:amyewing200@yahoo.com)

You may sign up at the January RRECPTA meeting. After the meeting, you may sign up by contacting Amy at the above e-mail address. Please make checks out to RRECPTA. Your payment is due when you sign up.



## Community Service

Laura Smith

Deanna Calabrese

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Thank you to those that came to spread some holiday cheer at Rockport Senior Living. A great time was had by all! Watch for more opportunities to serve our community in 2018. If you have any suggestions for ways our children can serve others please let us know! We'd love to hear new ideas!

## VP of Parties

Emily Szy [rrecptavpparties@gmail.com](mailto:rrecptavpparties@gmail.com)

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate the season at our annual moms holiday party. A special thanks to Jennifer Barnes and River Dog Cafe for your hospitality!

Please mark your calendars for our next Party, the Family Pool Party. Come join us for swimming and pizza at the Rocky River Recreation Center on Friday, January 26, 2018. The Evite will hit inboxes soon. Hope to see you there! Thanks to everyone who helps in making our parties so much fun!



## Kids Klostet

CC Zerbey & Margaret Male [rockyrivervkidsklostet@gmail.com](mailto:rockyrivervkidsklostet@gmail.com)

Can you believe it? It might be cold, snowy and gray (at least at time of writing this) but our Spring Kids Klostet is coming up! On April 14, 2018 we will have our annual spring Kids Klostet at Memorial Hall. Did your kids get an overwhelming amount of stuff for Christmas/Hanukkah? Are you contemplating moving because your house is exploding with Hatchimals? Did Santa get a little overzealous with Legos? Then sign up to sell at Kids Klostet!



Or looking to get rid of some maternity items, baby items, or baby books but do not want to sell at Kids Klostet? The RRECPTA will have a table at Kids Klostet. Items sold will raise funds for the RRECPTA and any items that are not sold will be donated to The City Mission. We will collect donations at the April general meeting. Start purging now!

In upcoming weeks I will share the updated spring form as well as other important information. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions!

## Happy Birthday!

Kristen Haning	January 2	Erin Meisenzahl	January 19	Emily King	February 2
Laura Hood	January 5	Kristen Nagle	January 19	Sarah Siebert	February 2
Ann Butler	January 9	Meg Lecavalier	January 20	Agata Niemojewska	February 5
Carla Thompson	January 10	Makinsie Evans	January 24	Carli Allendorf	February 5
Mallory Kulesza	January 11	Lauren Chaney	January 26	Stephanie Harris	February 9
Tina Millane	January 14	Lindsey Glavin	January 28	Katie Berne	February 10
Jessica Dessoffy	January 15	Courtney Hanzal	January 28	Katie Watson	February 10
Deanna Calabrese	January 15	Lauren Negrey	January 29	Susan Hartung	February 10
Kathryn Keckan	January 16	Kellie Jeffers	January 30	Katie Svala-Patrick	February 11
Allison Martin	January 16	William Overko	January 30	Liz Sylvain	February 12



# Webiste Update

## [rrecptanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rrecptanewsletter@gmail.com)

Committee Reports are now on Google Docs. We have created one Google address for the docs and instructions for getting to the Google drive can be found here: <https://www.rrecpta.org/forms-reports/>. If you cannot remember the password to the webpage, email [rockyriverecpta@gmail.com](mailto:rockyriverecpta@gmail.com). Feel free to add more Committee Reports there for this year or past years. Cannot find a file you need? Contact CC Zerbey or Maggie Male.

## January Field Trips

### [rrecpta.fieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:rrecpta.fieldtrips@gmail.com)

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

All sign-ups will open at the January 9th meeting (except for Disney on Ice).

#### Disney on Ice

**Sunday January 14th from 11:00-1:00pm**

@Quicken Loans Arena, 1 Center Ct, Cleveland, OH 44115  
Ticket orders were due November 29th. Tickets were distributed via email in early December. Contact Jessica Wilson if you did not receive your tickets.



#### KidsPlay Indoor Fun

**Monday January 22nd from 10:00 am - ???**

@32864 Pin Oak Parkway, Avon Lake, OH 44102

Come spend the morning with your PTA friends at KidsPlay! We will meet at 10am and can stay at the facility as long as you like.

-Cost is \$8/child over the age of one (children under one are free) - limit of 20 children.

**Sign-up by January 22nd.**



#### Dewey's Pizza School

**Tuesday January 30th from 10:00-11:00am**

@18516 Detroit Rd, Lakewood, OH 44107

Come tour the Dewey's kitchen and make your own mini pizza! Includes kitchen tour, an 11 inch pizza, and a drink for each child.

-Cost is \$5/child - limit of 20 children.

**Sign-up by January 30th.**





## February Field Trips

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

All sign-ups will open at the January 9th meeting.

### Heinen's Store Tour

**Tuesday February 6th from 9:00-10:00am**

@Heinen's, 19219 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116

Come tour the Heinen's store! Get a behind-the-scenes look at your favorite grocery store.

-Cost is free - limit of 20 children.

***Sign-up by January 30th.***



### Little Explorers Play Center, Great Northern Mall

**Thursday February 15th from 10:00-11:00am**

@372 Great Northern Mall, North Olmsted, OH 44070

Come visit the area's newest indoor play center! We will have the facility to ourselves for 1 hour, but you can stay and play all day! This is a discounted price for their typical cost.

-Cost is \$10 for first, \$6 for siblings - limit of 25 children.

***Sign-up by February 8th.***



### Sing and Swing Music Class, West Shore Unitarian Church

**Tuesday February 27th from 9:45-10:30am or 10:45-11:30am**

@20401 Hilliard Blvd, Rocky River, OH 44116

Get your music on with two free classes with Sing and Swing! Once you sign up, you'll be sent a link to register.

-Cost is free - limit of 14 children per class.

***Sign-up by February 20th.***



## Donuts with Dad

Heather Burnett [hkburnett@gmail.com](mailto:hkburnett@gmail.com)  
Allison Coale [allison.coale@gmail.com](mailto:allison.coale@gmail.com)  
Maggie Watson  
[maggiewatson@hotmail.com](mailto:maggiewatson@hotmail.com)

Mark your calendars for Donuts with Dad!!

**Sunday, March 4th**

9:00-11:00am

[Lake Erie Nature and Science Center](#)  
**28728 Wolf Road, Bay Village**

We are planning a sweet morning together for dad & child(ren).

Take the morning off and send the kids with dad to enjoy a planetarium show, special animal guests, and a craft. Donuts and juice will be served.



## Winter Wiggles

Jill Uhl [jillss100@yahoo.com](mailto:jillss100@yahoo.com)  
Liz Kasnekaw  
[elizabeth.kasnekaw@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.kasnekaw@gmail.com)

Time to shake your wiggles out!! This is one of our most popular events! Come and let your kids jump, run, hop, dance, and slide their energy out! There will be bounce houses, food and snacks, and lots of fun!

**Friday, February 16th**

Bounce House Jumping from 5:30–7:30pm  
(5:00-5:30pm for those that need a little quieter setting)

Rocky River United Methodist Church  
19414 Detroit Rd.



An Evite with details will follow.  
We look forward to a fun Friday night with all of you!!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Set-up & Clean-up

**Please email Liz** if you can come early or stay late (shouldn't take too long!)

## Winter Pool Party

Laura Johnston  
[lauraejohnston@gmail.com](mailto:lauraejohnston@gmail.com)  
Melissa Sahnd  
[melissa.sahnd@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.sahnd@gmail.com)

Dig out your swimsuits and bask in the warmth of the Rocky River Rec Center at our annual pool party, 5:00-8:00p **Friday, January 26th**. We'll have pizza and goodies, so get excited. Evite coming soon!

Questions? Email Laura Johnston.



## Sunshine Committee

Andrea McGannon & Katherine Lehtinen  
[rrecptasunshine@gmail.com](mailto:rrecptasunshine@gmail.com)

The Sunshine Committee has no new babies to report this month!

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/>!



# Meet a Member



## BIOGRAPHICAL:

**NAME:** Ginenne Clark

**SPOUSE'S NAME:** Andrew

**BIRTHDAY:** April 20th

**KIDS NAMES AND AGES:** Emma (3) and Charlie 9 months)

**WHERE DID YOU GROW UP:** Mayfield, OH

**NUMBER OF YEARS IN ROCKY RIVER:** 4

**NUMBER OF YEARS IN THE PTA:** 3

**CAREER (EITHER BEFORE KIDS OR CURRENT):** Event Planner

**SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU:** This is tough - I have run in 4 marathons, and I'm guilty of eating BBQ chips any time of the day.

## FAVORITES:

**MOVIE:** Dirty Dancing

**TV SHOW:** This Is Us

**BAND:** I don't think I have a favorite...I'm a guilty top hits and classics kind of music listener.

**CHILDREN'S BOOK:** Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

**KID REARING BOOK:** Google? :-)

**GROWN-UP BOOK:** The Glass Castle

**VACATION SPOT:** St. John

**RESTAURANT:** Gingko Sushi

**FOOD:** Chicken Parmesan

**DRINK:** Diet Dr. Pepper, Wheat Beer

**PLACE TO SHOP:** Nordstrom & Target

## ENTERTAINMENT:

**WHAT DO YOU DO TO UNWIND BEFORE BED?** Play Candy Crush

**LAST CONCERT YOU WENT TO?** FarmAid

**LAST MOVIE YOU SAW?** A Hallmark Christmas Movie

**WHAT IS YOUR IDEAL DATE NIGHT?** Drinks on a patio

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY WITH YOUR KIDS?** The girls trip to the beach Emma and I went on with my mom and aunt.

**FAVORITE RECIPE TO TAKE TO A PARTY:** This really great bean "dip" I make.