

Rocky River Early Childhood PTA

Message from the President

May 2018

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Maybe it is an occupational hazard, but my calendar is always set months ahead. I am usually looking at deadlines months away and working on projects that will not see the light of day until the next season. This month, that is transferring over to the PTA. While we still have several weeks until summer vacation, we are planning year-end activities, summer events and fall parties. I am not only looking forward to the next few weeks, but the year ahead!!

We had an amazing April—complete with Great Day with Grandparents. Thank you to Alison Aber and Emily Vanderplough for organizing such a great event. I enjoyed a wonderful brunch sans kids, and I hope you did, as well! Ginenne Clark and Sue Pichotta planned such a fun Saturday with the Pirates and Princess party!!!

Coming up we have a really fun event. On **June 2nd**, we will have our end of year Memphis Kiddie Park party. It will be from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. **Please bring one FULL-SIZE baby bath item (lotion, shampoo, wash, oil or powder) for our Laura's Home donation collection.** Every kid will get unlimited rides, a drink, popcorn and a balloon. If you want to ride anything with your children (train, merry go round, roller coaster) you will need to buy/bring some tickets. It is such a fun day—I cannot wait to see you there!!!

We will continue with activities over the summer months, including our pony rides at River Days and the Bike Parade (tentatively **Saturday, July 14th**). Summer months are a great time to recruit new members—if you know anyone who wants to join send them to Lena Baran and refer them to our website <https://www.rrecpta.org/>.

To help improve the RRECPTA, please take a few minutes to answer the end of the year survey. We will use the information collected to help with programming for next year. Please share your thoughts by **May 31st** so we can review the feedback and implement changes. Answers are COMPLETELY confidential. Please submit your feedback [HERE](#)! Thank you in advance for your participation!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the next few meetings and at Memphis Kiddie Park!!!

Jen Rieker

Memphis Kiddie Park



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 &/or wipes ** 7:00P: General Meeting @ Beachcliff Tav	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
27	28	29	30	31		

JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 ** Bring Baby Bath Item ** 10:30a: Memphis Kiddie Park
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 River Days 19:30a: Bike Parade & Party ** Tentative **
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9 7:00p: Com- mittee Meeting ** Tentative **	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 7:00p: New Member Meeting ** Tentative **	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

VP of Programs

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A huge thanks to everyone who came to support our group and our speakers at the monthly meetings this year. If you attended 4 or more meetings and completed two volunteer experiences you are entered in our drawing for a \$250 scholarship at the final meeting in May.

Our final meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00pm**. This time, we will be meeting at **Beachcliff Tavern on Detroit**. We will provide some light appetizers and games, so hope to see you there. **Please bring baby wipes (without perfumes and dyes) and/or baby formula (a much-needed item) for our Laura's Home donation collection.** This is when we will be doing our drawings for the scholarship, so you don't want to miss! You don't have to be present at this meeting to win, as long as you have met all the requirements.

Note: We found out too late that May 8th is the same night as Goldwood Art Show. Our "meeting" is very informal and more of an end-of-year party! So, please come late — join when you can!

Do you have some great ideas for topics/speakers you would like to hear about at future meetings? Do you know someone who you think has valuable information to share with our group? Please don't hesitate to get in contact with me, as I will begin planning our meetings for next year soon.



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Treasurer

Jennifer Barnes rrecptatreasurer@gmail.com

Beginning Balance on Hand – 03/01/2018	\$ 17,225.20
Receipts (+)	\$ 176.00
Disbursements (-)	\$ 1,493.94
Ending Balance on Hand – 03/31/2018	\$ 14,152.83

Further Detail of Account Available Upon Request.



VP of Parties

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Wishing everyone a great end of the school year and wonderful summer. Thank you to everyone who took on party planner roles this year. Every event was creative, organized and seamless. Cathleen Grossman will be serving as the VP of Parties for the 2018-19 year with a lot more fun in store once again for the RRECPTA kids and families!

Happy Birthday

Wendy Hanna	May 5	Shelby Roberts	June 15	Katherine Lehtinen	July 24
Erin Acklin	May 7	Dixie Trunko	June 16	Nadine O'Boyle	July 24
Sharon Krumwiede	May 7	Jenny Hawe	June 17	Ashley Frazier	July 28
Melissa Heavey	May 9	Katie Stelmak	June 19	Alice Pratt	July 29
Catherine Hartzell	May 10	Jennifer Rieker	June 20	Melissa Makii	July 29
Meghan Reagan	May 14	Jennifer Ansevin	June 21	Anna Cozzone	July 29
Emily Jones	May 14	Heather Burnett	June 22	Jennifer Fredericks	July 30
Sarah Blue	May 14	Hilary Gutfranski	June 22	Rachael Stafford	July 31
Kimberly Dahodwala	May 21	Jenny Sadlier	June 22	Allison Briscoe	August
Nikie Sturman	May 21	Celestia Johnson	June 22	Shannon Coleman	August 3
Krystal Massey	May 25	Kelci Cotter	June 28	Sarah McAleer	August 10
Leslie Bergan	May 28	Andrea Nunney	July 1	Mandy Allen	August 10
Sue Pichotta	May 29	Molly Schrig	July 3	Sharon Snyder	August 10
Beth Bihuniak	May 29	Karen Rickard	July 4	Vickie Rowney	August 11
Liesl Glover	May	Caitlin Christie	July 5	Colleen Caso	August 12
Abby Heisler	May	Amy Kenpf	July 5	Jennifer Barnes	August 15
Cynthia Lytell	June 3	Lindsay Barbicas	July 6	Chris Bertalan	August 16
Susan Whelan	June 3	Erica Blake	July 7	Jocelynn Clmeings	August 16
Jessie Reed	June 5	Jessie Brent	July 8	Meryl Baskin	August 17
Jill Uhl	June 5	Erin Conner	July 10	Susan Wolf	August 17
Maggie Nash	June 6	Danielle Richards	July 15	Alicia Nevin	August 18
Amanda Klidas	June 6	Kelly Frindt	July 15	Kerianne Marston	August 19
Michael Huang	June 6	Lisa Chavel	July 15	Eleni Kostakis	August 21
Jacke Wiedemer	June 8	Lindsay Sereika	July 15	Brandy Chittester	August 23
Laura Horner	June 12	Allison Aber	July 19	Jen Farrell	August 24
Brittany Coughlin	June 13	Shawna Ciccoritti	July 20	Melissa Kolenc	August 25
Coleen Fisher	June 13	Theresa Hastings-Filipic	July 21	Alicia Levy	August 31
Christine Knific	June 15	Gina Hy drew	July 24		

Bike Parade

Mindy Lang mindy.milkovich@gmail.com

The Bike Party and Parade is held the Saturday of Rocky River Days weekend. This is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, July 14th** (keep an eye on www.rrecpta.org for updates). The plan for the Bike Parade is:

- **Set Up:** 9:00am
- **Party Starts:** 9:30am
- **Parade Starts:** 10:30am
- **Course:** Magnificat High School parking lot to City Hall campus.

Join us for the Bike Parade and the Bike Parade Raffle that immediately follows at the City Hall campus (and stay for the rest of the River Day events).



Interested in helping out? We need volunteers! Contact Mindy Lang.

Membership, Recruiting & River Days

Lena Baran lenazbaran@gmail.com

RRECPTA will recruit new members during River Days, tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, July 14th**. Volunteering members will help hand out balloons tagged with RRECPTA information and collect email addresses for interested potential members.

There will also be a New Member Meeting (with a Happy Hour afterward), tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, August 23rd at 7pm**.

Keep an eye on www.rrecpta.org for updates.

Interested in helping out? We need volunteers to help with the River Days activities and planning the New Member Meeting!



Create & celebrate your memories

We Need Your Feedback

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In an effort to improve the membership and family experience, please take a few minutes to answer the questions in this short survey. We will use the information collected to help with programming for next year. Please share your thoughts by **May 31st** so that we can have time to review the feedback and implement changes or improvements.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Note: Email addresses are only being collected to allow follow-up contact for volunteer interest, ideas suggested, and potential donations that you volunteer. Your responses will be kept **COMPLETELY** confidential!

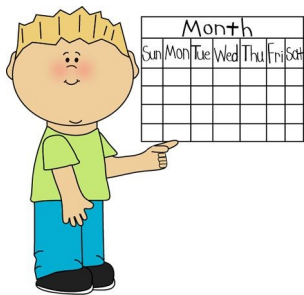
Please submit your feedback [HERE!](#)



Summer Website Updates

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To all incoming committee members for the 2018-2019 school year:



As you start to schedule events for the upcoming year, please always remember to send the dates to me when finalized. This will allow us to update our [website](#) (and will help to educate new and potential members about what we have planned).

The sooner you send me the dates, the sooner I can update the website. So thank you in advance for your help!

Summer House-Cleaning & Community Service

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When you are cleaning your house this summer, please continue to think of the RRECPTA this year. Though we are on break for the summer, we will continue to accept items for the collections to take place in the 2018-2019 school year. Any of these items can be dropped off to 21484 Kenwood Avenue, Rocky River OH (to the bin on the patio). Items include:

- Hand Sanitizer, gently used bath towels (baby or adult), laundry detergent, and clean newspapers to be given to the [Cleveland Animal Protective League](#).
- Unused school supplies from [Cleveland Kids in Need Resource Center](#).
 - Gently used children's books for the [Kid's Book Bank](#).
- Outgrown diapers, extra unscented baby wipes, unused baby formula, full-sized baby bath items, gently used strollers, car seats, and cribs, new toy, and new baby and child clothing for [Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center](#).
- Canned goods, toiletries, and paper goods for the [Rocky River Assistance Program](#).
 - Gently used and new stuffed animals for [Stuffed Animals for Emergencies](#).
 - Cleaning supplies, office supplies, and gently used vases for [The Village Project](#).
- Gently used school-aged clothes, jackets, coats, socks, shoes, and toys for [Rocky River United Methodist Church Twice Blessed Free Store](#).



Cleveland
ANIMAL
PROTECTIVE
LEAGUE



Laura's House
Ending the Silence of Domestic Violence



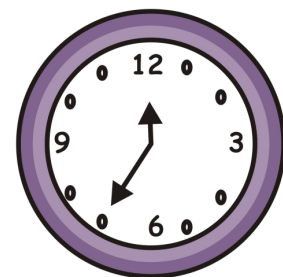
CLEVELAND KIDS IN NEED
RESOURCE CENTER
A SHOES AND CLOTHES FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Reporting Volunteer Hours to RR PTA Council

Kelly Frindt kellyrucker@yahoo.com

We have been requested by the Rocky River PTA Council for all of our volunteer hours. As committee chairs, please let our secretary know your hours as soon as possible. We need to track these hours in order to keep our non-profit tax status.

If you logged hours as delegate for homecoming or any PTA council business should also be logged for RRECPTA.



Thanks for all your help this year!! You are all truly appreciated!!



Committee Reports Due

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With the end of the year quickly approaching, it is time for all committee members to upload their committee reports to Google Drive. **The deadline is the same date as our final meeting for the year: Tuesday, May 8th.**

**** Note: If you previously emailed your committee report to someone, you still need to save a copy to Google Drive! ****

We are now using **one** communal Google Drive account to store all committee reports. **Login in information (for everyone to use) detailed [here](#).** If you need the password, please email me.

Committee Reports and related forms are found in the different committee folders. The blank committee report is also on Google Drive in the documents section.

Important Note: Google Docs are "LIVE DOCUMENTS". This means when you starting typing in an old document, you are editing it! Instead, always copy and paste information into a blank version of a document.

The following Committee Reports are needed:

President	Bike Parade	March with the Band	Party, Easter Egg Hunt
VP of Programs	River Days Chair	Membership, Recruiting	Party, Pirates & Princesses
VP of Parties	Come If You Can Playdates	Membership, Database	Playgroups
Treasurer	Community Service/Recycling	Newsletter	Polar Express
Secretary	Donuts with Dad	Nominating Committee	Preschool Info Night
PTA Council Delegates	Family Support & Resources	Party, Boyerts Farm	Publicity
Adult Wellness & Networking	Field Trip Coordinators	Party, Halloween	Santa Visits
All Aglow	Great Day with Grandparents	Party, Pool	Sunshine Committee
Auction Coordinator	Healthy Rocky River	Party, Winter Wiggles	Website
Audit Committee	Kids Closet, Fall	Party, Ice Skating	Wufoo Coordinator

Adult Wellness

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Two tickets left! This is the final Adult Wellness Event for the rest PTA year! Hope to you can join us! Tickets will be passed out at the May meeting.

Cleveland Indians Baseball Game

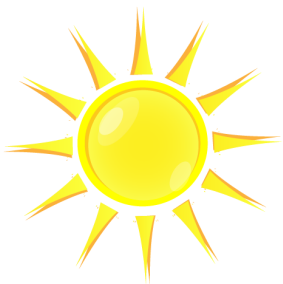
When: **Saturday, May 26th at 7:05pm** Tickets are \$20 a piece.

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: \$20/ticket.

Questions? Katie Kuhn ktkuhn@yahoo.com



Sunshine Committee

Andrea McGannon & Katherine Lehtinen rrecptasunshine@gmail.com

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/>

Community Service

Laura Smith & Deanna Calabrese
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With the Spring Kid's Klost 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 **May 8th meeting**, **please bring baby wipes (without perfumes and dyes) and/or baby formula (a much-needed item) for our Laura's Home donation collection.** Can't make the meeting? 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.

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



Kindergarten Class Rock Photo—Class of 2031

Kacie Baon kacie.baon@gmail.com

We will be organizing the Kindergarten Class Rock Photo for the Class of 2031. The picture will be taken at the RRHS Rock before the start of the school year (date and time TBD). If you have a child entering Kindergarten this year, please join the Facebook group to keep apprised of all of the details, dates, and times.



Join the group [Here!](#)

Questions? Ideas? A strong painting skill? Please reach out to Kacie!

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:

- ****HIGHLY NEEDED POSITION**** Auction Coordinator - Need 1-2 people.

- Auction Support Team: Need 1 more person

This is our largest fundraiser for the programming and scholarships we provide!

- Audit Committee: Need 1 more person
- Bike Parade (River Days): Need 1 more person
- 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



Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work

May Field Trips

rrecpta.fieldtrips@gmail.com

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

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-ups closed.



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-ups have a waitlist.



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—five spots left.

