

# Rocky River Early Childhood PTA

## Message from the President Kelly Frindt [rockyriverecpta@gmail.com](mailto:rockyriverecpta@gmail.com)

Can you believe 2019 is about to be over? As we start to wrap up this year and look to 2020, I want to send a huge THANK YOU to all of the committee members and chairs! We have had a very successful year so far and are only half way through. We have had a lot of fun and will continue to do so as 2020 approaches.

I am truly thankful for all of your support and dedication to the RRECPTA. I love the friendships I have made and all of the new people I have met through ECPTA this year and in past years. I continue to look forward to meeting more of you and your families.

From my family to yours, we wish you a very Happy Holiday Season!

## Send Us Your Email Addresses Maggie Male [recptanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:recptanewsletter@gmail.com)

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## Upcoming Events

### December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am

Field Trip at Fairview Lanes

### December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Mom's Holiday Party at the Market

### December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

All Aglow at Rocky River Memorial Hall

### December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Field Trip at Little Explorers

### December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

CIYC at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

### December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm Arrive & 7:15pm Depart

Polar Express

### December 14<sup>th</sup>

Playgroup & Book Club Form Submissions Due

### December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Field Trip at Peace, Love, & Little Donuts

### January 7<sup>th</sup>

Board Mtg (6pm) Sign-Ups (7pm) Gen Mtg (730pm)  
**\*\*Bring new packs of underwear & socks to donate\*\***

### January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am

Field Trip at Mitchell's Ice

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## Vice-President of Parties

Cathleen Grossman [recptavpparties@gmail.com](mailto:recptavpparties@gmail.com)

Time to shake things up for the winter! This year, the Pool Party and Winter Wiggles are switching schedules. So Winter Wiggles is coming up in January - mark your calendars now for **Friday, January 24th from 5:30 until 7:30pm** at Rocky River Presbyterian to let your kids bounce the cold out! Watch for an evite in the new year.

Then, just a couple weeks later, we'll be swimming the chills out. Plan on **Friday, February 7th at 5:30pm** for this year's Pool Party at the Rocky River Rec Center. Details will be coming after the new year for that party as well. The annual Skating party will be held on **Saturday, March 7th at 4:30pm** with details to come later this winter. We're hoping all of this indoor fun will help you brave the winter, so put these parties on your schedule and we'll have a blast!

Hope to see everyone at the Moms' Holiday Party at Market on **December 4th at 7:00pm**. Please remember to bring a small gift (\$10 max) for a fun gift exchange. Time to get in the spirit of the season!

Happy holidays to you and yours!

## Upcoming Events

**January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**

Field Trip at Wittle Town

**January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am (until 9:00pm)**

Fundraiser at Mellow Mushroom Rocky River

**January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

CIYC at KidsPlay Indoor Fun

**January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am (Schools Out – MLK Jr. Day)**

Field Trip at Campbell's Sweets Factory

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15pm**

Adult Wellness at Ride + Workout (and West End Tavern)

**January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**

Winter Wiggles at Rocky River Presbyterian

**February 4th**

Board Mtg (6pm) Sign-Ups (7pm) Gen Mtg (730pm)  
**\*\*Bring used towels & other APL donations\*\***

**February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**

Family Pool Party at Rocky River Rec Center

**February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

Donuts with Dad

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Board Mtg (6pm) Sign-Ups (7pm) Gen Mtg (730pm)  
**\*\*Bring unscented diaper wipes for Laura's Home\*\***

**March 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**

Fall Ice Skating Party at Hamilton Ice Arena





Eat at Mellow Mushroom and raise funds!

**Thursday January 16, 2020 between 11:00am-9:00pm**



Location: Mellow Mushroom, 19333 Detroit Road, Rocky River, OH

***Mellow Mushroom will donate back: 15%***

When you purchase your meal **mention your group's name** and follow the restaurant's instructions to receive 15% of your meal's price donated back to Rocky River Early Childhood PTA.

## Vice-President of Programs

Melissa Mayer [recptavpprograms@gmail.com](mailto:recptavpprograms@gmail.com)

There will be no general meeting in December. We will instead be getting together for a holiday party on December 4th. You should have received an invite with all the information! It's always a fun night for members so we hope to see you there. Our 2020 meetings are scheduled for **January 7th, February 4th, March 3rd, and April 7th**. Make sure you mark them in your calendars! Remember, you need to have attended at least 4 meetings to be included in the scholarship drawing. Even if you haven't been able to make a meeting, there is still time! We have some great speakers lined up for the winter/spring meetings.

## Adult Wellness

Anamarija Machesky [amachesky@yahoo.com](mailto:amachesky@yahoo.com)

Christine Knific [Christineknific@gmail.com](mailto:Christineknific@gmail.com)

We're looking forward to our upcoming adult social events!  
More to be added in the future. Hope to see you there!

**Ride + Workout** (@18524 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107) & **West End Tavern** (@18514 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107) - Start the New Year right! Join us for a spinning and strength class at Ride + Workout in Lakewood on **Thursday, January 23rd at 6:15pm**, followed by snacks and cocktails at the West End Tavern. \$14 per person. Must register by **January 20th**. Limit: 20 people. **Sign-ups at Mom's Holiday Party.**

## Come If You Can Playdates

Jacke Wiedemer [jacke.wiedemer@hortonww.com](mailto:jacke.wiedemer@hortonww.com) & Meryl Baskin [Merylbaskin@gmail.com](mailto:Merylbaskin@gmail.com)

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. New members this is a great way to meet other members!

<b>December 13<sup>th</sup></b> Lake Erie Nature & Science Ctr	<b>January 17<sup>th</sup></b> Kidsplay Indoor Fun (Pin Oak Pkwy Avon Lake)
<b>February 14<sup>th</sup></b> Little Explorers (Great Northern Mall)	<b>March 13<sup>th</sup></b> Rocky River Library
<b>April 17<sup>th</sup></b> Elmwood Park	<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Rocky River Park

## Sign-ups at the Mom's Holiday Party

- Adult Wellness
- Field Trips (Dec. & Jan.)
- Items to Bring:
  - o Wrapped Present for White Elephant Gift Exchange (if participating)

## Sunshine Committee

Rachael Stafford & Emily

Richmond

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- o Shannon Gallagher had a baby girl, Jolene, on October 23.
- o Mary Holmes had a baby girl, Ella Irene, on November 11.
- o Lindsay Ondrey had a baby boy, Harrison Tulley, on November 15.
- o Alicia Nevin had a baby girl, Georgia Grace, on November 19.

If you are 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 the [Sunshine Committee Form](#).

## December & January Field Trips

[recpta.fieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:recpta.fieldtrips@gmail.com)

Listed below are field trips planned. Sign-ups start at the PTA general meetings. At the meeting, sign up with your name, email address, and phone number. Following the meeting, all who signed up will be given the payment links and 24 hours to complete payment. Afterwards, if spaces remain, you can sign-up (<https://www.rrecpta.org/>). If you wish to be added to the waitlist, please email the field trip group.

### **Bowling at Fairview Lanes**

**Tuesday, December 3rd, 10:00-11:00am**

@ Fairview Lanes, 21847 Lorain Road, Cleveland, OH 44126

Includes 1 game of bowling and a ramp to help get the ball down the alley. Up to 4 children per lane. Kids will wear their own socks to bowl, if you have socks with little grippers on the bottom, that is preferred.

-Cost: \$6/child. Limit: 32 children

**RSVP by Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **Little Explorers at Great Northern Mall**

**Thursday, December 12th, 10:30-12:00pm**

@ Little Explorers, Great Northern Mall, 4954 Great Northern Mall, North Olmsted, OH 44070

Enjoy different sensory play areas including sand, music, blocks, and more for children 6 years and under. Socks are required and can be purchased onsite for \$1. Waiver will need to be completed prior to field trip.

-Cost: \$10/ 1<sup>st</sup> child. \$6/sibling & children under 18 months. Limit: None

**RSVP by Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

### **Donut Decorating at Peace, Love, & Little Donuts**

**Tuesday, December 17th, 6:30-7:30pm**

@ Peace, Love, & Little Donuts, 3786 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, OH 44111

Tour the shop and kids will get to make batter, learn how to decorate the donuts at the decorating bar, and watch their batter fry the donuts. Once done, kids will decorate their own donuts.

-Cost: \$10/child (includes donuts and drink). Limit: 20 children.

**RSVP by Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **Mitchell's Ice Cream Tour & Treat**

**Thursday, January 9th, 9:45-11:00am**

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

Come tour Mitchell's Ice Cream, learn how ice cream is made and goodies are baked, and conclude with an ice cream treat.

-Cost is \$5/child (cost of child's ice cream). Limit: 15 children.

**RSVP by Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Wittle Town Play Date**

**Wednesday, January 15th, 5:00-7:00pm**

@ Wittle Town, 5296 Detroit Rd, Sheffield, OH 44035

Wittle Town is a 6,500 sq. ft. indoor play place in Sheffield Village for children ages 5 and under. Their play place focuses on imaginative and cognitive play, while incorporating the feel and charm of Main Street USA. Our Wittle Town is just the spot for parents who want a safe, fun place for their kids to play.

-Cost is \$12 for first child and \$10 per sibling. Limit of 60 children.

**RSVP by January 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Campbell's Sweets Factory Tour**

**Monday, January 20th, 10:30-11:30am (Schools Out – MLK Jr. Day)**

@ Campbell's Sweets Factory, 2084 West 25th St., Cleveland, OH 44113

Tour the factory to see how Campbell's makes their delicious popcorn and sweet treats.

-Cost is \$5/person (includes a popcorn ball to dip in chocolate and \$5 voucher for the Sweets shop after the tour); children 2 and under are free (no voucher). Limit of 32 people (caregivers included in count).

**RSVP by January 13<sup>th</sup>**

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**Healthy Rocky River**  
Katie Stelmak [Kleciejewski@gmail.com](mailto:Kleciejewski@gmail.com)

We will share upcoming events in the monthly newsletter to make sure everyone is informed of local healthy activities and talks.

**Squeaky Sneakers**

Come play in the "Big Gym," at the Don Umerley Civic Center. There will be balls, mats, climbing toys, a parachute, and more! Great time to run off all that energy and meet other families

**Date/Time: September 30- December 20, 10-11:30am on Mondays and Fridays**

[Information/Registration Here](#)

**The following classes are offered at the Fairview Wellness Center. More information can be found here:**

[FAIRVIEW WELLNESS CENTER](#)

**Baby & Me Yoga**

Join a certified yoga therapist for a 6-week yoga session to ease back into your yoga practice post-baby's arrival. No previous yoga experience necessary. Bring a small blanket and toy for your baby and a yoga mat for yourself. Advance registration is required. Register online or call 440.356.0670, option 4.

**Date/Time:** Thursday, January 9-January 30, 6-6:45pm

**Zumbini®**

Zubmini program is designed for children ages 0-4 and their caregiver. Zumbini incorporates singing, dancing and instrument play. Advance registration is required. Register online or call 440.356.0670, option 4.

**Date/Time:** Thursday, February 6-March 26 10-10:45am

**Barre Flow & Flex Classes**

Barre classes that will tone, lengthen, and sculpt your whole body and improve your balance. \$35 for a 10 class card. Advance registration is required. Register online or call 440.356.0670, option 4.

**Date/Time:** Tuesdays and Thursdays (ongoing) 6:30-7:30pm

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**Child Playgroups &/or Parent Book Clubs**

Emily Richmond [emilyrichmond214@gmail.com](mailto:emilyrichmond214@gmail.com) & Eileen McGettrick [eileen.oboyle@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.oboyle@gmail.com)

***Child Playgroup Sign-Ups and Parent Book Club Sign-ups in NOW OPEN (Due December 14<sup>th</sup>)!***

**Child Playgroups:** Interested in joining a playgroup for the first time? Have you outgrown your old one? Would like to join another one? **Now is the time!** Let's get together and fight the winter blues! Playgroups are organized by age to give your kids a chance to interact and make new friends and give you a chance to interact with other adults. Sign-up here: <https://www.rrecpta.org/playgroups>.

**Parent Book Clubs:** To join a book club, you also sign-up here: <https://www.rrecpta.org/playgroups>. The form on the top is for parent book clubs only.

Child Playgroup Form and Parent Book Club Emails must be submitted by **December 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will email groups out before the January meeting, and there will be a playgroup social (for playgroup and book club members) after the January meeting if you would like to join!

## All Aglow

Jen Rieker & Kelly Frindt [rockyriverecpta@gmail.com](mailto:rockyriverecpta@gmail.com)

The All Aglow tree-lighting ceremony is a great way to kick off the Holiday Season with your family and friends! This is a community event, sponsored and staffed by the ECPTA. This **FREE** event is open to the public. Festivities begin **Friday, December 6th at 6 pm** at Memorial Hall, where food trucks will be waiting to serve dinner. After dinner, we will head outside for the tree-lighting ceremony, with a performance from the RRHS Choir. Then, enjoy festive winter treats, carols and visits with Santa at Memorial Hall. Bring your kids to make magical "Reindeer Food" and other crafts.

If you are participating in the toy donation for Twice Blessed Free Store, there will be a donation station at All Aglow. Any volunteers are welcomed!



share the holiday spirit!

# ALL AGLOW

Friday, December 6, 2019  
Rocky River City Hall

6:00p | Food Trucks Open  
6:30p | City Tree Lighting & Carols

Live Music, Crafts, Cookies & a visit from  
Santa Claus!

More info: [www.rrecpta.org](http://www.rrecpta.org)

## Auction

Jess Massari & Lauren Barbour [recptauctioncoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:recptauctioncoordinator@gmail.com)

Thanks to all who made our Speakeasy Annual Auction Night a success! Everyone did a wonderful job of dressing up and making it a night to remember. We had such a great turnout of 105 people in attendance. A special thanks to all the members that donated and/or sponsored our events we couldn't have done it without you. This year we raised over \$15,000 (before costs) which will go down to be our most successful year to date.

This week invoices will be going out to your emails letting you know what charges incurred the night of the event. If you have any questions or are interested in helping out next year, please contact [recptauctioncoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:recptauctioncoordinator@gmail.com).

Thanks again for making this year a success! Cheers!

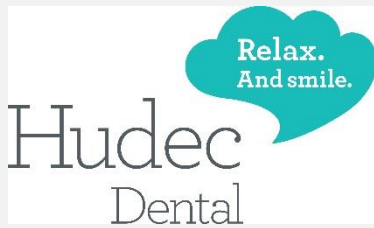
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1. [7 Tips for Including Kids with Autism in Family Events](#)
2. [25+ Of The Best Places to Take Pictures with Santa In Northeast Ohio \(2019\) including Sensory Friendly Santa](#)
3. [Chuck E. Cheese Sensory Sensitive Sundays](#)
4. [Quicken Loans Arena "The Quiet Space"](#) - A sensory room used to accommodate guests with sensory processing needs. A sensory room is available at all events that take place at the Q. For more information on their sensory sensitivity accommodations, contact Jenn Franz at [JFranz@cavs.com](mailto:JFranz@cavs.com).
5. The Children's Museum of Cleveland Some resources that the museum offers include call-ahead accommodations, [social narratives](#), [visual schedules](#), visual/sensory maps, ticket desk tool kits and video models.
6. [Cleveland Museum of Natural History Sensory-Friendly Sundays](#) (Select Dates).

## Polar Express

Lena Baran [lenazbaran@gmail.com](mailto:lenazbaran@gmail.com)

Polar Express tickets for **December 13<sup>th</sup> (Arrive: 6:15pm; Depart: 7:15pm)** have arrived and are being sorted for pick up. Attendees can pick up either **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am-12pm** or **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm**. If either of these time slots do not work, email to arrange a pick up time. The address for pick up is 19415 Laurel Ave.

## Santa Visits

Kelci Cotter & Krystal Massey [RRECPTASantaVisits@gmail.com](mailto:RRECPTASantaVisits@gmail.com)

This magical event is currently full but if you would like to be added to the waitlist, please get your form and check to Krystal Massey (21230 Morewood Pkwy) ASAP. Dates will be sent out mid-December, so be on the lookout!

If you and your little one(s) would like to pick out a gift to donate to the Twice Blessed Free Store, Santa will collect during his visit and deliver! The Preferred New Toy List for Christmas Toy Drives Benefiting the Children (ages 0-12) of Twice Blessed Free Store Families is on page 9 (next page).

Note: All Toys should be unwrapped. You may provide Gift Bags, Tissue, and/or Wrapping Paper separately. No stuffed animals, please.

## Community Service

Maggie Male & Daina Grimaldi  
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### Cleveland Kid's Book Bank Final Count

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, 3,026 books were delivered to the Cleveland Kid's Book Bank. More than \$200 was raised to donate new books during this delivery. An extremely generous donation of signed books were submitted by local author, Bill Cotter! Amanda Miller and Erin Arra generously assisted in the delivery — thank you.

Thank you to all that donated at through the Rocky River ECPTA, Lakewood ECPTA, and through Hyland Child Enrichment Center!

### Raffle to Light the Tree at All Aglow

Congratulations to Alice Pratt! Your family won hot cocoa and cookies with Mayor Pam Bobst and lighting the tree at All Aglow on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>!

The All Aglow Raffle raised \$845 for the Rocky River Assistance Program Scholarship Fund. With these funds, 4 students will have paid trips to Washington DC this Spring! Thank you to the Rocky River ECPTA for your generosity.

## Winter Wiggles

Brandy Chittester  
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Emily King  
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Time to shake your wiggles out! Let your kids jump, run, hop, dance, and slide their winter energy out! There will be bounce houses, food, and lots of fun!

**Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm**

*\* 5:00-5:30pm for those that need a little quieter setting*

Rocky River Presbyterian Church, 21750 Detroit Road, Rocky River

The event is free, but a donation of a pack of new socks or underwear for the Twice Blessed Free Store is suggested. Please bring any size as the store helps area people of all ages. Thank you for your support!

Look for an evite with all the details in early January!

## Pool Party

Amy Oatey  
[amy\\_oatey@yahoo.com](mailto:amy_oatey@yahoo.com)  
Daina Grimaldi  
[grimaldi1028@gmail.com](mailto:grimaldi1028@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE** for the annual rec center pizza and pool party. February 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm.

Look for an evite with all the details in early January!

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## Community Service Donations

Maggie Male & Daina Grimaldi [recptacommunityservice@gmail.com](mailto:recptacommunityservice@gmail.com)

Please consider giving to our toy drive during your Santa Visit!

### **Preferred New Toy List for Christmas Toy Drives**

#### ***Benefiting the Children (ages 0-12) of Twice Blessed Free Store Families***

Baby Dolls (multiethnic)

Barbie Dolls (multiethnic)

Basketballs/Footballs/Soccer Balls

Cars & Trucks

Children's Board Games

Craft Kits for 8-12 year olds

Lego Sets for 8-12 year olds

Marvel/DC Toys

Matchbox/Hot Wheels Cars

Shower Gel/Body Lotion (older Girls & Boys)

Star Wars Toys

STEM Toys for all Ages

Toddler Toys

Toddler Wooden Puzzles

All Toys should be unwrapped. You may provide Gift Bags, Tissue, and/or Wrapping Paper separately.

No stuffed animals or toy weapons, please. If needed, contact Craig Cowles, TBFS Store Manager, at

[ccowles@rrumc.org](mailto:ccowles@rrumc.org) to arrange for your donations to be picked up.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE FAMILIES OF  
TWICE BLESSED FREE STORE THIS CHRISTMAS!**

## Treasurer

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

Beginning GL Balance Total:	10/1/2019	\$24,756.71
Receipts:		\$5,916.76
Disbursements:		\$3,217.15
Ending GL Balance Total:	10/31/2019	\$27,456.32

Further Detail of Account Available by Request. Treasurer forms and guidelines are on the [RRECPTA website](#) in the Members Only section of "Committee Resources & Treasurer Forms". Contact [rrecptanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rrecptanewsletter@gmail.com) for password.

## Newsletter & Website

Maggie Male [rrecptanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rrecptanewsletter@gmail.com)

Have a newsletter item? Email me. 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 2019-2020 school year:

<b>Newsletter Edition</b>	<b>Article Submission Deadline</b>	<b>Newsletter Sent</b>
<b>January</b>	Thursday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, December 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>February</b>	Thursday, January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>March</b>	Thursday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, February 25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>April</b>	Thursday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>May</b>	Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>