

Rocky River Early Childhood PTA

Message from the President

April 2019

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Spring is finally here! As our year begins to wind down, please keep in mind that we still have several events. Between Kids Klostet, Easter Egg Hunt and Great Day with Grandparents—April is a full month. Add in a few field trips and your month is filled.

April is technically our last regular meeting. Please make sure you come. Then in May, we will have our membership social and in June we will have our day at the Kiddie Park plus our Board Social. Stay tuned for more info on all of these events.

Please consider filling a Board position if you have not already. In addition to a guaranteed Santa Visit, you get to plan events and shape the PTA. It has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had.

I look forward to seeing everyone on April!

Jen

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APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <u>4:30P: Kid's Kloset Resale Set-up</u>	6 <u>8A: Kid's Klos- et Resale</u>
7 <u>9A: Great Day with Grandpar- ents</u> <u>9A: Kensing- ton 5K</u>		9 <u>** Bring Baby Bath Item **</u> <u>6P: Board</u> <u>7P: Sign-ups</u> <u>7:30P: Genera</u>	10 <u>630P: AW at Rocky River Wine Bar</u>	11	12	13 <u>10:30A: Easter Egg Hunt</u>
14	15 <u>6P: FT to Fair- view Lanes</u>	16	17	18	19 <u>10A: CIYC Playdate-- Elmwood Park</u>	20
21	22	23	24	25 <u>10:30A: FT to Campbell's Popcorn Shop</u>	26	27 <u>10A: Commu- nity Service</u> <u>Earth Day Sto- ry Time</u>
28 <u>2P: HRR</u> <u>Healthy Kid</u> <u>Running Series</u>	29	30				

MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2		4 <u>** Bring Baby Bath Item **</u> <u>10A: Pirate & Princess Party</u>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <u>10A: FT to Rocky River Library</u>	14 <u>7P: RRECPTA End of Year Event</u>	15	16	17 <u>10A: CIYC Playdate—Rocky River Park</u>	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 <u>11A: FT to Metropark Stables</u>	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

VP of Programs

Emily Richmond rrecptavpprogramsgmail.com

Our April meeting will be the last formal meeting of the year. We will once again be meeting on **Tuesday night (April 9) at 7:30**. Doors will open at 7 pm for field trip signups and volunteer opportunities.

Our speaker will be Gretchen Spetz from The Functional Kitchen (<https://www.functionalkitchennutrition.com/>), talking about how the stress of parenthood takes a toll on our bodies and ways that we can combat the fatigue and stress through nutrition.

As usual, babysitting will be provided, but please RSVP to me as soon as possible so that I can make sure we have the correct number of sitters available.

A heads up for our final meeting of the year, **May 14th at 7pm**. Save the date for a fun get together with old and new friends at Market!

Healthy Rocky River

Erin Arra erin.arra@gmail.com

Healthy Kids Running Series

Sundays from April 28th to June 2nd at 2pm, Westlake Recreation Center

The Healthy Kids Running Series is a national program created to provide kids with a positive, educational, and fun experience in the world of running to make kids healthier and more active as well as provide a fun environment to improve their self-esteem.. This is for ages 2 years old to 8th grade. The race distances vary by age. Register [online](#)

Kensington Kids & Community 5k Fun Run/Walk

Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 9:00am

This is a community event that we encourage everyone to participate in! You are welcome to run or walk. It's all about getting out with your family and friends and having fun. Please wear Rocky River spirit wear or maroon and white to the race. The race begins at 9:00am starting at Rocky River Park and ending at Kensington. Race registration is \$10.00 per runner/walker with a maximum of \$50.00 per family. Children 5 years old and under are free. Online registration deadline is 4/4 at 5:00pm. Sign-up [here](#).

Fairview Hospital Wellness Center

Look for many talks and activities, including exercise classes at the Wellness Center on Wooster Road. Find talks and activities [online](#)

Kids Kloset

CC Zerbey & Maggie Male
rockyriverkidskloset@gmail.com

Come shop Kid's Kloset this weekend! There are more than **70 tables** to shop!

Spring 2019 | April 6, 2019 | Saturday, 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Early Bird Admission \$5 9:00 – 11:30 \$1 Admission

Rocky River High School, 20951 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116

We need volunteers the night before and the day of the sale (SHOP EARLY)!
Please sign-up HERE!

Donations for the RRECPTA sale table (books, clothes 18m and up, and toys) can still be dropped off to the brown bin on the patio at 21484 Kenwood Avenue, Rocky River.

VP of Parties

Cathleen Grossman rrecptavpparties@gmail.com

Many thanks to those who have planned all of the parties this year. Special thanks this month to Ann Butler and Maggie Barr for a great Family Ice Skating Party, and to Deanna Calabrese and Kristin Post for a fantastic Donuts with Dads! Both events were such a hit. 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 7th from 9:00am-11:00am at Lake Erie Nature and Science Center

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 10:30am at Rocky River Park (by the Lake)

Pirates and Princesses Party

Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 10:00am-12:00pm at Goldwood Primary School

An evite will be sent out a few weeks before the Pirates and Princesses party. The evites have been sent for Great Day with Grandparents and the Easter Egg Hunt. If for some reason you aren't receiving the evites, please let me know and I will ensure you are on the list! Hope to see you soon!

Treasurer

Liz Kasnekaw rrecptatreasurer@gmail.com

Balance on Hand (as of 11/01/2018)	\$ 21,479.95
Receipts (+):	\$ 1,758.44
Disbursements (-):	\$ 4,202.10
Ending Balance (as of 11/30/2018)	\$ 19,036.29

Further Detail of Account Available Upon Request.

Happy Birthday



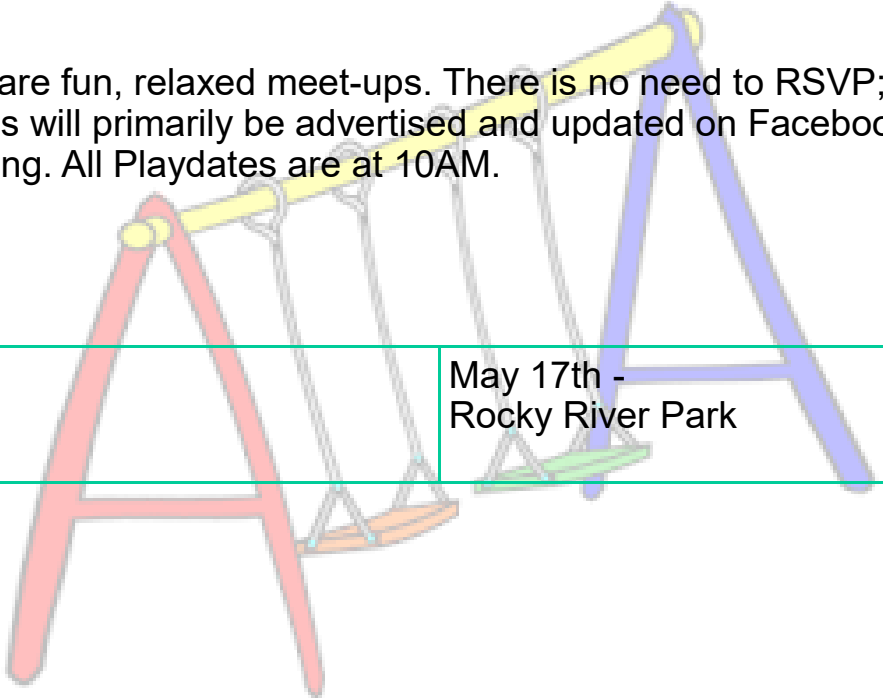
April 11	Rachel Polk	April 25	Kacie Baon	May 7	Erin Acklin
April 11	Amanda DiSalvo	April 28	Kelly Dillon	May 7	Ellen McGinty
April 12	Shannon Gilfillan	April 30	Andrea Kerzner	May 9	Melissa Heavey
April 12	Katelynn Greller	April 30	Andy Sonntag	May 10	Catherine Hartzell
April 14	Carolyn Billick-McNeeley	May 1	Violeta Dzodzo	May 11	Jackie Pasek
April 15	Candice Reder	May 3	Lindsay Ondrey	May 12	Maggie Armstrong
April 17	Sara DeCaro	May 3	Jennelle Cohen	May 12	Stephanie Sallah
April 20	Ginenne Clark	May 4	Kaitlyn Schauer	May 14	Meghan Reagan
April 23	Bridget Baumgartner	May 5	Liesl Glover	May 14	Emily Jones

Come If You Can (CIYC) Playdates

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Meryl Baskin 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. All Playdates are at 10AM.



April 19th -
Elmwood Park

May 17th -
Rocky River Park

Area Spring Resale Events

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA Spring Baby Bargain Bonanza

When: Saturday, April 6, 2019; 8:30am-12pm

Where: Garfield Middle School, 13114 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107

Cost: Early bird (8:30am-9:30am): \$5; General admission (9am-12pm): \$1

Fairview Park Early Childhood PTA New-To-You Resale

When: Saturday, April 6, 2019; 8:30am-12pm

Where: Gilles-Sweet Elementary School, 4320 W. 220th St., Fairview Park, OH 44126

Cost: Early bird (8am-9am): \$5 per person; General admission (9am-12pm): \$2 per person;
Bag sale (1pm-2pm): \$5 per bag/50% Off Large Items/FREE admission

Big Red Wagon Spring Sale—Cleveland West

When: April 11-13, 2019, Thursday & Friday: 9am-7pm , Saturday: 8:30am-5pm*

*Many items are half price on Saturday!

Where: The Commercial Building at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 19201 Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

Cost: FREE admission & parking

North Ridgeville ECPTA Kiddie Klose

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019; 7:30am-12pm

Where: North Ridgeville Academic Center, 34620 Bainbridge Rd.,
North Ridgeville, OH 44039

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

For More Resale Events visit [Northeast Ohio Family Fun.](#)



April & May Field Trips

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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/> (if used) or via the Facebook Events. Please email rrecpta.fieldtrips@gmail.com if any questions or ginennel@yahoo.com to be added to the Facebook group.

Fairview Lanes

Monday, April 15th from 6-7pm

@ Fairview Lanes 21847 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park, OH

Cost is \$5 per child, this will get them a shoe rental and one game of bowling. Bumpers and ball ramps will be up and ready to go!

No minimum or maximum number of participants.

Sign Up and paid by April 11th

Campbell's Sweet Factory Tour

Thursday, April 25th at 10:30am

@ Campbell's Sweet Factory 2084 W 25th St, Cleveland, OH 44113

Cost is \$5 per person, you will get a tour, dip a popcorn ball in some yummy chocolate and then have \$5 to spend in the store! This is a fun learning tour followed by the perfect sweet treat!

Maximum of 25 total people.

Sign up and paid by April 23rd

Rocky River Library Story Time

Monday, May 13th at 10am

@ Rocky River Public Library 1600 Hampton Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116

No cost but child must be with an adult during the story time. Come enjoy story time at our great library with one of our fabulous librarians.

Minimum of 5 children and maximum of 15 children.

Sign up by May 1st

Metroparks Stables

Friday, May 24th from 11am-12pm

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

Cost is \$5 per child 2 and older

We will go over safety rules for in the barn and appropriate behavior around horses, tour the facility seeing barn, indoor and outdoor arena spaces, and perhaps inside a trailer, meet our horses and ponies and discuss their breeds, sizes, and colors, ways of communicating with one another and us, discuss how we care for them including feed, grooming and exercise, and they will have an opportunity to pet one or more horses.

Minimum of 10 children

Sign up and paid by May 17th

Easter Egg Hunt

Jenny Hawe jloleszewski@gmail.com Kristen Haning kristen.haning@gmail.com

Join us rain or shine for the RRECPTA Easter Egg Hunt on
Saturday, April 13th at Rocky River Park!

Enjoy Easter activities, including a craft, snack, and pictures with the Easter bunny beginning at 10:30 AM. The first egg hunt begins promptly at 11 AM. Please see your evite for more information, and don't forget to include your children's ages in your RSVP! Contact Jenny or Kristen if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. We look forward to seeing you!



Adult Wellness

Melissa Mayer mel-rowe@hotmail.com & Brooke Gallucci brooke.gallucci@gmail.com

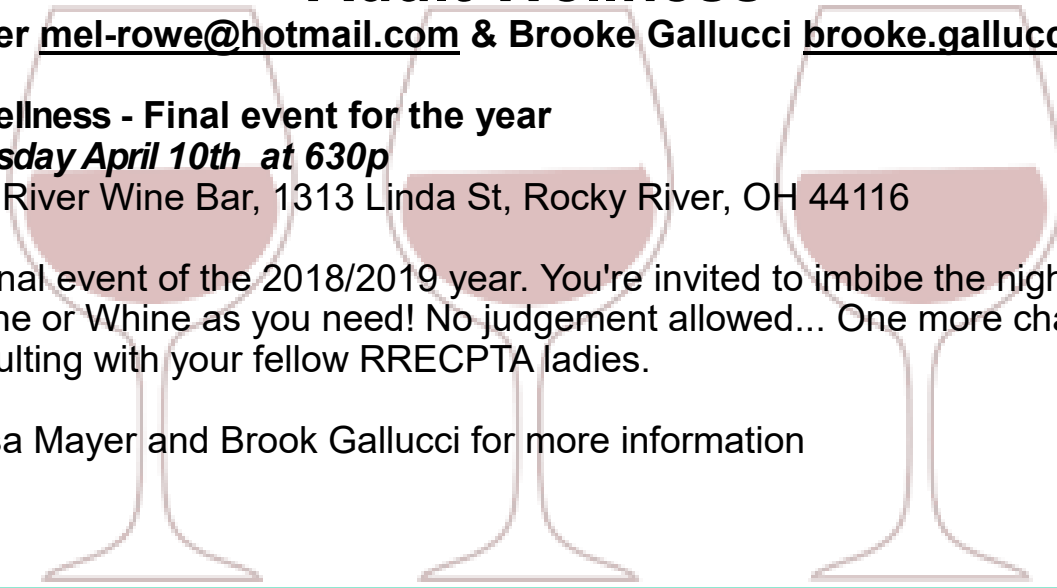
What: **Adult Wellness - Final event for the year**

When: **Wednesday April 10th at 630p**

Where: Rocky River Wine Bar, 1313 Linda St, Rocky River, OH 44116

Description: Final event of the 2018/2019 year. You're invited to imbibe the night away with fellow moms. Wine or Whine as you need! No judgement allowed... One more chance this year to do some adulting with your fellow RRECPTA ladies.

Contact Melissa Mayer and Brook Gallucci for more information



Community Service

Maggie Male & Daina Grimaldi
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Come join us at Rocky River Library in the Purple room to celebrate Earth Day on **Saturday, April 27th at 10am**. Mrs. Fisher will engage families with stories and a craft that shine a light on our big blue planet and teach us ways that we can help protect and celebrate it. Limit of 15 kids. Spots still available, sign-up [HERE!](#)

Also in April, we will collect FULL-SIZE baby bath item (lotion, shampoo, wash, oil or powder) for Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center. With 166 beds and 55 rooms, Laura's Home helps single-mothers and their children experiencing or on the verge of homelessness and prepares residents for positive, productive futures. Please bring unscented baby bath items to our **April 9th meeting or the Pirates & Princesses Party on May 4th**.

Thank you to everyone who came out and painted vases last month. We delivered over 30 painted vases and two boxes of unpainted vases to The Village Project. They loved the creations! Plus, we had a night and day of fun that gave kids a great playdate and parents a chance to meet and socialize. Community Service in the truest sense!



Great Day with Grandparents

Allison Coale

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Heather Burnett hkburnett@gmail.com

Just a friendly reminder:

Sunday, April 7th 2019, 9:00 to 11:00a

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

Take the morning off and send the kids with their grandparents to enjoy a planetarium show and a craft. Donuts, juice and coffee will be served.

You should have received an Evite. Please contact us if you did not.



Pirates & Princesses Party

Eileen McGettrick

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Mary Rath marycrath@gmail.com

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. Enjoy a special meet and greet with your *most wanted* Pirate and *enchanting* Princess!

Pirate and Princess Party

Saturday May 4th, 10am - 12pm

Goldwood Elementary

Note: 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.

A suggested donation of one FULL-SIZE baby bath item (lotion, shampoo, wash, oil or powder) for our Laura's Home is appreciated.



Sunshine Committee

Rachael Stafford & Kacie Baon

rrecptasunshine@gmail.com

Lauren Boehmer had a baby boy, Daniel, on March 4th

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 form: <https://www.rrecpta.org/sunshine-committee/>

Nominating Committee

Maggie Male rrecptanewsletter@gmail.com

Kelly Frindt kellyrucker@yahoo.com

Erin Meisenzahl erin.meisenzahl@gmail.com

Get more involved with RRECPTA next year! ***We still have 7 open positions on the Committees Board for the 2019-2020 school year.*** Open positions and descriptions of the duties are below and a form to sign-up are available on our website:

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

The email sent with the newsletter contains the password.

Our highest open volunteer needs are for:

• Membership, Recruiting & River Days (2 positions open)

- ◊ This FUN position kicks off the year by coordinating River Days membership drive events for mid-July and our New Member Information Night in August. You talk to new members and work with our President for both events!

• Kids Kloset, Fall & Spring (2 positions open - Fall)

- ◊ These positions are crucial to our fundraising efforts. Volunteers will plan the event, recruit sellers for the resale, and oversee the event on sale day. All the modernization added to the events this year will make next year smooth planning! Plus, you will work with 2 members of the Bay PTA — MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

EXECUTIVE BOARD	2019-2020	2018-2019
<i>President</i>	Kelly Frindt	Jennifer Rieker
<i>Vice-President of Programs</i>	Melissa Mayer	Emily Richmond
<i>Vice-President of Parties</i>	Cathleen Grossman	Cathleen Grossman
<i>Treasurer</i>	Liz Kasnekaw	Liz Kasnekaw
<i>Secretary</i>	Ginenne Clark	Kelly Frindt
<i>PTA Council Delegates (4)</i>	Erin Meisenzahl	Erin Meisenzahl
	Rachael Stafford	Rachael Stafford
	Dixie Trunko	Laura Smith
	Emily Richmond	Mara Broderick

COMMITTEES BOARD	2019-20 CHAIR	2019-20 CO-CHAIR	2018-19 CHAIR	2018-19 CO-CHAIR
<i>Adult Wellness & Networking</i>	Anamarija Machesky	Christine Knific	Melissa Mayer	Brooke Gallucci
<i>All Aglow</i>	Jennifer Rieker	N/A	Jennifer Rieker	N/A
<i>All Aglow Support Team (2)</i>	Kelly Frindt	Jennifer Barnes	Kelly Frindt	Jennifer Barnes
<i>Auction Coordinator</i>	Jess Massari	Lauren Barbour	Jess Massari	N/A

Auction Support Team (6)	Maggie Male	N/A	Lyndsey Needham	N/A
	Meghan Reagan	N/A	Cathleen Grossman	N/A
	Kimberly Dahodwala	N/A	Mary McBride	N/A
	Erin Towne	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Kim Sharkey	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Nora Geuther	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audit Committee (3)	Jess Lintz	N/A	Jennifer Barnes	N/A
	Emily King	N/A	Lauren Negrey	N/A
	Lauren Negrey	N/A	Jess Lintz	N/A
Bike Parade	Jenny Hawe	Kristen Haning	Mindy Lang	N/A
Come If You Can Playdates	Jacke Wiedemer	Meryl Baskin	Jacke Wiedemer	Meryl Baskin
Community Service/Recycling	Maggie Male	Daina Grimaldi	Maggie Male	Daina Grimaldi
Donuts with Dad	Kim Steffen	Ann Butler	Deanna Calabrese	Kristin Post
Early Childhood Education Expo	Melissa Sahnd	Daina Grimaldi	Melissa Sahnd	N/A
Early Childhood Education Expo Co-Chair	N/A	N/A	Daina Grimaldi	Jaclyn Bloom
Family Support & Resources (Resources)	Lauren Negrey	N/A	Maggie Nash	N/A
Family Support & Resources (Support)	OPEN POSITION	N/A	Maggie Nash	N/A
Field Trip Coordinators - Manager	Mindy Lang	N/A	N/A	N/A
Field Trip Coordinators - Sep	Mindy Lang	N/A	Mindy Lang	N/A
Field Trip Coordinators - Oct	Mary Holmes	N/A	Mindy Lang	N/A
Field Trip Coordinators - Nov	Carolyn Billick-McNeeley	N/A	Brooke Gallucci	N/A
Field Trip Coordinators - Dec	Kristen Hrusch	N/A	Melissa Heavey	N/A
Field Trip Coordinators - Jan	Christine Knific	N/A	Lena Baran	N/A
Field Trip Coordinators - Feb	Maria Gentile	N/A	Mindy Lang	N/A
Field Trip Coordinators - Mar	Amy Kempf	N/A	Amy Kempf	N/A
Field Trip Coordinators - Apr	Allison Coale	N/A	Kelly Frindt	N/A
Field Trip Coordinators - May	Melissa Heavey	N/A	Kelly Frindt	N/A
Great Day with Grandparents	Heather Ferguson	Lauren Lavin	Allison Coale	Heather Burnett
Healthy Rocky River	Katie Stelmak	N/A	Erin Arra	N/A
Kids Kloset, Advisor	Alicia Nevin	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kids Kloset, Fall	OPEN POSITION	OPEN POSITION	Alicia Nevin	Kim Steffen
Kids Kloset, Spring	Maria Gentile	Jenny Hawe	CC Zerbey	Maggie Male
Kindergarten Class Rock Picture	Rachael Stafford	N/A	Kacie Baon	N/A
March with the Band	Katie Kuhn	N/A	Katie Kuhn	N/A
Membership, Recruiting & River Days	OPEN POSITION	OPEN POSITION	Lena Baran	Ginenne Clark
Membership, Database & Wufoo Coordinator	Erin Arra	N/A	Ginenne Clark	Lindsay Barbicas

<i>Newsletter & Website</i>	Maggie Male	N/A	Maggie Male	CC Zerbey
<i>Nominating Committee & Parliamentarian</i>	Maggie Male	N/A	Nicolette Szy	N/A
<i>Nominating Committee Team (2)</i>	Kelly Frindt	Erin Meisenzahl	Kelly Frindt	Ginenne Clark
<i>Party, Boyerts Farm (Oct)</i>	Emily Mayock	Liz Kasnekaw	Mandy Copeland	Alice Pratt
<i>Party, Halloween (Oct)</i>	Cathleen Grossman	Erin Arra	Cathleen Grossman	Erin Arra
<i>Party, Pool (Jan)</i>	Amy Oatey	Daina Grimaldi	Ginenne Clark	Mary Lakarosky
<i>Party, Winter Wiggles (Feb)</i>	Brandy Chittester	Emily King	Coleen Fisher	Brandy Chittester
<i>Party, Ice Skating (Mar)</i>	Katie Kuhn	Shannon Gallagher	Ann Butler	Maggie Barr
<i>Party, Easter Egg Hunt (Mar/Apr)</i>	Erin Arra	Katie Stelmak	Jenny Hawe	Kristen Haning
<i>Party, Pirates & Princesses (May)</i>	Brandy Chittester	Jessie Brent	Eileen McGettrick	Mary Rath
<i>Playgroups</i>	OPEN POSITION	OPEN POSITION	N/A	N/A
<i>Polar Express</i>	Lena Baran	N/A	Alicia Nevin	Kim Steffen
<i>Publicity</i>	Maria Gentile	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Santa Visits</i>	Kelci Cotter	Krystal Massey	Kelci Cotter	Krystal Massey
<i>Sunshine Committee</i>	Rachael Stafford	Emily Richmond	Rachael Stafford	Kacie Baon

Family Support and Resources - Support (1 position open) - Plan monthly dinners and organize monthly playdates designed for the unique needs of group members. This is a year-long commitment with light monthly responsibilities and RRECPTA meeting attendance.

Kids Klost (2 positions open - Fall) - Plan and execute the fundraising event. Tasks include: selling sales tables, securing volunteers, planning event with venue, organizing donations for RRECPTA table, securing bake sale and coffee donations, event set-up and clean-up, overseeing seller set-up and event sale, and securing donation collection. For Fall Kids Klost, this commitment requires moderate active participation and RRECPTA meeting attendance for chair or co-chair from late August through September and high active participation in October.

Membership, Recruiting & River Days (2 positions open) - Coordinate River Days membership drive events and New Member Information Night. Tasks include: Scheduling pony, creating promotional information for distribution, creating new member sign-up form, and overseeing River Days and New Member events. This commitment requires moderate active participation and RRECPTA meeting attendance for chair or co-chair from July through September.

Playgroups (2 positions open) - Create playgroup sign-up form, monitor sign-ups, organize member sign-ups into playgroups, and distribute playgroups information to members. This commitment requires moderate active participation and RRECPTA meeting attendance for chair or co-chair from September through early October.