

Rocky River Early Childhood PTA

Message from the President Kelly Frindt rockyriverecpta@gmail.com

OMG...its 2020!!!!!!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and were able to rest and get ready for the new year! RRECPTA is not slowing down just because its wintertime, we have lots going on in the next few months! I can't wait to see everyone and get out of the house during the dreaded winter months!

We will have lots to discuss at our January meeting so make sure you are there and come out with us afterwards!

HUGE THANK YOUs to Kelci Cotter and Krystal Massey for all their work with Santa. I also want to thank all of the drivers who helped out! You all helped add some much joy and Christmas spirit to our group!

See everyone in 2020!

Treasurer

Liz Kasnekaw recptatreasurer@gmail.com

Beginning GL Balance Total:	11/1/2019	\$27,456.32
Receipts:		\$9,959.12
Disbursements:		\$2,508.80
Ending GL Balance Total:	11/30/2019	\$34,906.64

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 recptanewsletter@gmail.com for password.

Upcoming Events

January 7th

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

January 9th at 9:45am

Field Trip at Mitchell's Ice Cream

January 15th at 5:00pm

Field Trip at Wittle Town

January 16th at 11:00am (until 9:00pm)

Fundraiser at Mellow Mushroom Rocky River

January 17th at 10:00am

CIYC at KidsPlay Indoor Fun

January 20th at 10:30am (Schools Out – MLK Jr. Day)

Field Trip at Campbell's Sweets Factory

January 23rd at 6:15pm

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

January 24th at 5:30pm

Winter Wiggles at Rocky River Presbyterian

January 27th at 6:00pm

Field Trip at BAYarts

Vice-President of Parties

Cathleen Grossman recptavpparties@gmail.com

Many thanks to everyone who came out to our holiday social. You all made for a wonderful evening of seasonal celebration.

Time to start looking forward to the second half of the school year and all the fun parties to come! We're switching things up a bit this year, and Winter Wiggles will be the first party of 2020. Join us back at Rocky River Presbyterian on **January 24th from 5:30-7:30pm** for bouncing and friends!

Then a quick turn-around will lead us to the Pool Party! Come to the Rec Center pool on **February 7th from 5:30-8:30pm** for the annual swimming fun. Also, look for the information on the Ice-Skating Party back at the Rec Center ice rink on **March 7th**.

Thanks so much to everyone who organizes and helps with these parties. You make them a great part of the RRECPTA every year. Here's looking to some wonderful celebrations in 2020!

Vice-President of Programs

Melissa Mayer recptavpprograms@gmail.com

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020! We are kicking off the new year with some great speakers lined up for our meetings this winter/spring. First up, **January 7th**, we will have a representative from the Drugless Doctors speaking to us about ways to decrease stress and increase energy-- such important topics after the rush of the holidays! And speaking of decreasing stress, we are also going to be giving away a gift certificate for a 1-hour massage to one lucky member (you MUST attend our January meeting to qualify). The meeting will be held at RRMS in the commons room, beginning at 7:30.

We are collecting new packs of underwear and socks for Twice Blessed Free Store (serving Cleveland area families in need) during the month of January. Please bring donations to the January meeting.

Make sure to come at 7pm if you want to sign up for field trips and volunteer opportunities. Babysitting will be provided, but you must RSVP to me so that we can have an accurate head count. If you haven't been able to attend a meeting yet, don't worry! There is still time to attend the four meetings needed (plus two volunteer opportunities) in order to be entered in our \$250 scholarship drawing.

Looking forward to a great 2020 and seeing everyone on **January 7th**.

<https://www.rrecpta.org/> Email: recptanewsletter@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

February TBD

Donuts with Dad –or-
Someone Special

February 4th

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

February 7th at 5:30pm

Family Pool Party at Rocky
River Rec Center

February 14th at 10:00am

CIYC at Little Explorers (Great
Northern Mall)

February 17th at 9:00am

Field Trip at River Yoga

February 20th at 4:30pm

Field Trip at Spanish Class

February 25th at 6:00pm

Field Trip at Naught Too
Shabby

March 3rd

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

March 7th at 4:30pm

Fall Ice Skating Party at
Hamilton Ice Arena

March 13th at 10:00am

CIYC at Rocky River Public
Library

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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.

Nominating Committee

Maggie Male recptanewsletter@gmail.com

It is time to start thinking about the Executive Board and Committees for the 2020-2021 school year. Executive Board members that have not reached their term limit and current Committee members are eligible to renew their positions for the 2019-2020 school year before the positions are opened to the rest of the RRECPTA members.

Sitting Executive and Committee Board members please let me know if you would like to renew your position for the 2019-2020 school year by **Saturday, February 1st**.

Also, we need additional committee members for the Nominating Committee. So, please let me know if you are interested in helping to recruit for the 2020-2021 RRECPTA Executive Board and Committees. Thank you.

Adult Wellness

Anamarija Machesky amachesky@yahoo.com

Christine Knific 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 January meeting.**

Come If You Can Playdates

Jacke Wiedemer jacke.wiedemer@hortonww.com

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

January 17th Kidsplay Indoor Fun (Pin Oak Pkwy Avon Lake)	February 14th Little Explorers (Great Northern Mall)
March 13th Rocky River Library	April 17th Elmwood Park
May 22nd Rocky River Park	

Sign-ups at the January Meeting

- Adult Wellness
- Field Trips (Jan. & Feb.)
- Kid's Klost Spring Sale & Bake Sale Volunteers
- Items to Bring:
 - o New underwear and socks for Twice Blessed Free Store
 - o Gently used child clothing and toys for RRECPTA Kids Klost

Sunshine Committee

Rachael Stafford & Emily

Richmond

recptasunshine@gmail.com

- o Catherine Hartzell had a baby girl, Hannah Jane, on November 24.
- o Kristen Hrusch had a baby boy, Michael Roosevelt, on December 14.

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](#).

January & February Field Trips

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.

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 2nd - [Sign-up here](#)

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 8th - [Sign-up here](#)

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 13th - [Sign-up here](#)

BAYarts Parent & Child Art Class - Monday, January 27th, 6:00-7:00pm

@ Huntington Playhouse Dr, Bay Village, OH 44140

Enjoy a Valentine-themed art class with your child.

-Cost is \$15/parent and child and \$5/sibling. Limit of 20 people (parents included in count).

RSVP by January 20th - [Sign-up here](#)

Presidents Day Yoga at River Yoga - Monday, February 17th, 9:00-10:00am

@ 2212 Wooster Road, Rocky River, OH 44116

For ages 2 to 6. Beat the winter blues with some Presidents' Day yoga! The instructors will lead us through a fun, hour-long practice. Please bring water and your mat, if you have one. The studio will also have mats for those who need them.

-Cost is \$5/parent-child pair. \$5 for any additional children. Limit of 25 children.

RSVP by February 12th - [Sign-up here](#)

Spanish Class with Cleveland Spanish School - Thursday, February 20th, 4:30-5:00pm

@ Carolyn Billick-McNeeley's House (20827 Morewood Parkway, Rocky River, OH 44116)

For ages 2 - 6. A Cleveland Spanish School instructor will lead the group in a preschool language class (songs, colors, numbers, etc.).

-Cost is \$6/child. Limit of 12 children.

RSVP by February 13th - [Sign-up here](#)

Naught Too Shabby Art Workshop - Tuesday, February 25th, 6:00-7:00pm

@ 1150 Linda Street, Rocky River, OH 44116 (across the street from Market)

Come check out one of Rocky River's newest businesses! This shop features home decor and a fun work space. Your child(ren) will create a fun winter craft to take home.

-Cost us \$25/child. Limit of 24 children.

RSVP by February 15th - [Sign-up here](#)

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: January 6- May 1, 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

ROCKY RIVER
EARLY CHILDHOOD PTA

KID'S KLOSET RESALE

**SATURDAY
MARCH 14**

EARLY BIRD ADMISSION: \$5
7:30A - 9:30A

REGULAR ADMISSION: \$2
9:30A - 11:30A

SHOP FOR GENTLY USED
CLOTHING, SHOES, BOOKS,
TOYS & GAMES, BABY GEAR,
MATERNITY WEAR & MORE!

SALE LOCATION:
ROCKY RIVER
HIGH SCHOOL
20951 DETROIT RD.
ROCKY RIVER, OH
44116

WANT TO SELL? VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.RRECPTA.ORG/KIDS-KLOSET](https://www.rrecpta.org/kids-kloset)

Kids Kloset

Jenny Hawe & Danielle Gurgol rockyriverkidskloset@gmail.com

The holiday season is wrapping up, and 2020 is just around the corner! Before we know it, spring will be here, and with it comes our spring resale event! If your house is overflowing with toys or outgrown clothes, sign up to sell at Kids Kloset!

This spring's Kids Kloset will be held at Rocky River High School on **March 14th**. Member table sales open **Tuesday, January 7th**. Non-member prior sellers table sales open **Monday, January 20th**. General non-member table sales open **Wednesday, February 5th**.

Volunteer shifts are available now, Sign-up [here](#).

** Volunteers for shifts shop early!! **

Registration form and addition information can be found on the RRECPTA website: <https://www.rrecpta.org/kids-kloset>

Kids Kloset RRECPTA Resale Table

Maria Gentile mariabgentile@gmail.com

WANTED: one volunteer to help with RRECPTA Resale Table. Please email Maria Gentile if interested.

Want to shop Kids Kloset early? Looking for a few easy scholarship hours? Volunteer for the RRECPTA Kids Kloset Table! We're looking for a few members to help set up the PTA table and help with sales! Have a few hours to spare? Sign-up [here](#).

Not selling but have gently used clothes to pass along? Donate to the RRECPTA Kid's Kloset table. Proceeds of all sales go directly to support the PTA!

Drop off donations any time before the sale to Maria Gentile at 18880 High Pkwy (Leave donations in bin on porch tagged PTA Sale). **Be sure to mark donations with your name - anyone who donates will be entered to win a Gift Card!**

Kids Kloset Bake Sale Table

Jaci Bloom jaclyn.r.bloom@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed for the Bake Sale! Please consider baking cookies, cupcakes, bread, breakfast bars, or any other favorites! Not a baker? You can pick something up from the grocery store and bring it to the high school on **Friday, March 13th from 4:00-6:00pm or Saturday morning at 7:00am. Please label dairy-free/gluten-free/nut-free items.** If you bring a baked good, you will receive ONE hour of volunteer time. Sign-up to bake [here](#). Bake sale table shifts are also available now, Sign-up for a time [here](#).

Area Resales

Avon Lake ECPTA Kids Kloset

When: Saturday, Mar. 21, 7am-12pm

Where: Avon Lake HS, 175 Avon Belden Rd (Rt. 83), Avon Lake

Cost: Early Bird: \$5 (7-9a) Admission; \$2

Westlake ECPTA Kiddie Kloset

When: Saturday, Mar. 21, 8am-12pm

Where: Westlake HS, 27830 Hilliard Blvd, Westlake

Cost: Early Bird (8am-9am) \$5; General Admission (9am-1pm) \$1

Kids Kloset Volunteer

Volunteers are needed for the set-up on March 13th and the sale on March 14th. Sign-up [here](#) (and shop early)!

Volunteer for:

- **Friday March 13th - 4:30pm to 7:30pm**

Saturday March 14th - 7:00am to 9:30am or 9:30a - 12:00pm

Winter Wiggles

Brandy Chittester bnsmith79@gmail.com
Emily King ebayer16@hotmail.com

Time to shake your wiggles out! Come and 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 24th

Bounce House Jumping from 5:30-7:30pm
(5:00-5:30pm for those that need a quieter setting)
Rocky River Presbyterian Church, 21750 Detroit Road, Rocky River

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Set-up and Clean-up. Please email Brandy if you can come early or stay late (it won't take too long!).

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

Pool Party

Amy Oatey amy_oatey@yahoo.com
Daina Grimaldi grimaldi1028@gmail.com

Please join us for a splashing good time at RRECPTA indoor Pool Party. Free pizza and water fun on **Friday, February 7th from 5:30 to 8:30pm** at the Rocky River Rec Center.

While the event is free, a **suggested donation** to the Cleveland APL is appreciated. Please feel free to bring any gently used towels you no longer need. Thank you!

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

Ice Skating Party

Kristen Haning kristen.haning@gmail.com
Shannon Gallagher gallaghershann@gmail.com

Save the date! Our annual family Ice Skating Party is coming soon! The party will be held:

Family Ice Skating Party
Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 4:30-6:30pm

Rocky River Hamilton Ice Rink 21018 Hilliard Boulevard

More details and an evite coming soon! We are in need of help with party set-up. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please email us. See you on the ice!

Child Playgroups &/or Parent Book Clubs

Emily Richmond
emilyrichmond214@gmail.com
& Eileen McGettrick
eileen.oboyle@gmail.com

Child Playgroups and Parent Book Clubs will be emailed before the January meeting. If you submitted a playgroup or book club form and do not receive an email by **January 7th**, send a message to Eileen at eileen.oboyle@gmail.com Come to the playgroup and book club social after the January meeting. Appetizers will be provided. Join us to meet other people in your playgroup and socialize with other parents in general!

Donuts with Dads (or Someone Special)

Kim Steffen
kimberlysteffen@gmail.com
Ann Butler
ann.butler10@gmail.com

Moms take a few hours off for this popular event. Children get to spend time with Dad -or- Someone Special eating donuts and doing a fun craft!

Time & date placeholder coming soon via email. Exciting details will be communicated!

Community Service Donations

Maggie Male & Daina Grimaldi recptacommunityservice@gmail.com

Upcoming Community Service Efforts

January Meeting & Winter Wiggles - Donations 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.

February Meeting & Pool Party - Donation for the Cleveland APL is suggested. Please bring any gently used towels you no longer need or any other APL Wish List Items:

Hand Sanitizer	Pet Nail Trimmers	Plastic or Wire Dog Crates
Clean Newspaper or Butcher Paper	Automatic Dish Washing Liquid	Laundry Detergent for HE Washers
Bleach	Dog Treats	Towels
Cat Carriers	Dog Grooming Tools	Small Animal Food
Non-Dust Cat Litter	Cat/Dog Toys	Tuesday, April 28 th

March Meeting & Ice Skating Party - Donations of unscented baby wipes for Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center is suggested.

Twice Blessed Free Store Holiday Collection

Rev. Daniel F. Bogre, Senior Pastor
Pastor Paul A. Bennett, Associate Pastor

Rocky River Early Childhood Parent Teacher Association

Benjamin M. Weisbrod
Director - Twice Blessed Free Store
A Ministry of Rocky River United Methodist Church
6515 Bridge Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44102

December 29, 2019


Dear RRECPTA,


On behalf of the entire Twice Blessed Free Store community, I would like to thank you so much for sponsoring a New Toy Drive for the children we serve. Over the two Saturday's before Christmas in 2019, we handed out 732 new toys to children in need between the ages of 0 and 12. Having a brand new toy, in the original packaging, to give to their child on Christmas morning, gives our parents the ability to make their children's Christmas wishes come true!

On each Saturday during the year, the Twice Blessed Free Store serves roughly 93 families from the greater Cleveland area. Most of these families live paycheck to paycheck and fall behind when something unexpected comes up. This makes the holidays a rough time for some of our shoppers. Thank you to the toy drive sponsored by the RRECPTA, children who would otherwise wake up with no presents to open get to experience the excitement of Christmas.

On behalf of the entire Twice Blessed Free Store community, I would again like to extend a huge thank you!

Blessings,


Benjamin M. Weisbrod



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Committee Reports Due & Past Due

Maggie Male rrecptanewsletter@gmail.com

The following Committee Reports are needed:

- Auction
- Early Childhood Expo (with this please be sure to add all publicity efforts as the event was so successful -- include all FB groups/pages, online newsletters, etc.)
- December Field Trips
- Membership, Database & Wufoo Coordinator
- Playgroups
- Polar Express
- Santa Visits

Thank you for volunteering for a committee position for the 2019-20 school year. Just a reminder that committee reports are due **within 2 weeks** of the completion of your event. Please complete and return the committee report to me this week.

1. **Committee Members (Non-Field Trip):** Access Committee Reports [HERE](#) for reference (**do not modify existing reports**). Contact me with any issues. Please complete the blank committee report [HERE](#) and send it back to me so that I can upload it to Google Drive.

2. **Field Trip Coordinators** - Update the [Field Trip Spreadsheet](#) after each field trip is completed.

****Note: If you have previously submitted this report, it is not in the Google Drive, please resend to me.**

Newsletter & Website

Maggie Male 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 2020-2020 school year:

Newsletter Edition	Article Submission Deadline	Newsletter Sent
February	Thursday, January 23 rd	Tuesday, January 28 th
March	Thursday, February 20 th	Tuesday, February 25 th
April	Thursday, March 26 th	Tuesday, March 31 st
May	Thursday, April 23 rd	Tuesday, April 28 th

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