



# West Park ECPTA Newsletter

## Message from the President Laura Kozak



Happy fall! Thanks to all who attended this month's kick-off meeting! It was so nice to see everyone there, old & new members alike. I think we got a lot of work accomplished, enjoyed some fabulous treats (thanks Kelli & Susan) and had a great time. Please remember to mention to the various vendors who donated that we appreciate their generosity. The more feedback they hear the more likely they will donate to our great group in the future!

Our year is really about to kick into high gear. There are many events around the corner (Parent's Night Out, New Member Social, Kidsellabration, Fall Party) and you'll find all the info here in this newsletter so be sure to check it all out. Please remember that our success hinges on member involvement. Every little bit you can participate in or help out with really counts! I'm always here for any questions, problems suggestions, so please feel free to call or e-mail me at anytime. Hope to see you at an event soon!

## Message from the Vice-Presidents Kelli Peterson and Susan Taylor



Once again I'd like to thank Susan and Laura for all of the help these past few weeks. I hope everyone enjoyed the great food from all of our local merchants. Thank you, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Dairy Queen, K and K Portage, Giant Eagle, Dunking Donuts, Gionnies. Back Stage, and West Park Station! Thank you Group for making PTA successful!

This month's meeting will be our Pre-school Meet and Greet. We invite our local preschools to share some info. Just remember most preschools begin registration right after Christmas break and some fill up very quickly. For those who are not looking for a preschool, we have also invited local sales people to share their products. We will raffle of some of the donated products at the end of the night. I hope you all can come and at least enjoy some pampering.

Kelli



Welcome all friends - new and old! We are excited to start off another year. Kelli and I have been working hard to bring fun and informative speakers to our meetings for this year. Next month, instead of a speaker, we will be hosting Preschool Night. If you are searching for a day care or preschool, this is a perfect night for you. Please feel free to invite non-member friends who may be searching for the same. We have invited daycares and preschools from the West Park, Lakewood, Fairview, Rocky River and the Edgewater areas to attend. For those of you who may not currently need these services, we will have a variety of vendors here to keep you busy. We currently have Avon, BeautiControl, Stamp It Up and a jewelry line already signed up, and more vendors are in the works. If you know of a vendor who may be interested in attending, please contact me at [suzptaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:suzptaylor@hotmail.com)

Susan

## West Park Early Childhood PTA

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### September Events

- 9/25 Parents Night Out
- 9/26 Rocky River Stables Field Trip

### October Events

- 10/1 Petco Field Trip
- 10/1 New Mem. Social
- 10/3 Kidsellabration
- 10/9 Parents Night Out
- 10/12 Auntie Anne's
- 10/15 Oct. Meeting
- 10/18 Fall Party
- 10/23 Poker Night
- 10/24 Psychic Night
- 10/29 Book Club

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## Treasurer's Report

Jenny Primeau

Balance on Hand 6/30/09: \$5,336.60  
 Funds Received: \$ 22.37  
 Funds Dispersed: \$( 533.56)  
 Balance on Hand 8/31/09: \$4,825.41

## Secretary and Yahoo Group

Tesa Nicolanti



It was great to see everyone at this month's meeting! It sounds like we have a wonderful year planned with lots of fun events for everyone. As Secretary, I always keep the meeting minutes on file, just let me know if you'd like to read them.

Please remember to keep track of your volunteer hours as you go. Hour tracking forms can be found at the end of this newsletter, on the Yahoo Group, and I will have copies available at each meeting. A minimum of 10 volunteer hours are required by the end of the year. Helping at Kidsellabration, making meals for Helping Hands, and bringing in food for Hospitality, are just some of the many ways available to earn your volunteer hours. If you are unsure of how to accumulate hours or have any questions at all about the form, please feel free to contact me.

Yahoo Group is a great way to stay in touch with the group in between meetings. You can find our updated group calendar, past and current newsletters, forms including Kidsellabration contracts etc. all on Yahoo Group. If you have a form you would like to see on Yahoo Group, please forward it to me.

If you have not signed up for the Yahoo Group, but are interested, please send me an email at [tesanicolanti@gmail.com](mailto:tesanicolanti@gmail.com)

## Membership Chris Morron

Welcome to another year of the WPECPTA!! There are a lot of fun activities planned! I would like to thank all of you who already submitted membership forms and payment for the year. If you have not done so yet, please feel free to send the form and payment in, or bring it to the October meeting. We would like to offer a special welcome to our new members! Please let me know if you have any questions.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!**

- Elizabeth Burright
- Christina Dickey
- Jennifer Krankowski
- Sarah Shoaff
- Tanya Telban
- Danielle Werner

## Welcoming Committee Becky Maxhimer, Chris Morron, and Susan Taylor

We would all like to extend a big welcome to our new members! There will be a New Member Social on Thursday, October 1st at 8:00 pm at Backstage Bar on Lorain Rd. We will provide appetizers and soda. Please join us for a relaxed gathering where you can get to know other members and have any questions answered. All members are welcome, please let one of us know if you are planning to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!!



## Kidsellabration Heather Arendt and Michelle Kester

Kidsellabration is fast approaching. Time to clean out your closets and make some extra money. If you haven't reserved your table yet please be sure to contact Heather before they are all gone! Tables are \$15 for WPECPTA members and \$20 for nonmembers. The resale will once again be at St. Joseph Academy, 3430 Rocky River Drive on October 3, 2009. Early Bird admission is \$5 from 8-9 am and \$1 between 9 am and Noon. We are in need of volunteers for setup the night before (October 2nd 6:00-8:00 p.m.) and to work the day of the sale. We also need volunteers for baked goods and beverage donations. If you can help out in any way please let us know.



# 2009-2010 Meeting Schedule

- October 15 - Preschool/Daycare Night
- November 19 - Occupational Therapist from Metro
- December 17- Holiday Crafts and Cookie Exchange
- January 21 - Estate Planner
- February 18 - Bring Back the Romance
- March 18 - Dr. Scott Occhionero is Back
- April 15 - Dr. Stephen Sroka

St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Cathedral  
3256 Warren Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44111  
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Sign-In and Socialize  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm General Meeting  
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Program/Speaker

Please join us for our monthly meetings where you can socialize, listen to a speaker and share ideas with other parents. Fathers are invited and encouraged to attend any meeting, field trip or party. Our monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (September through April). Babysitting is available for \$1.00 per child. Please contact Karen Wolf at (216) 251-0696 if babysitting is needed.

## Fall Party Laura Koski and Jennifer Tucker



This year's Fall Party takes place on Sunday, October 18th at 11:00 at Dean's in Westlake. It is \$1 per child over one year. There will be lots of fun activities for everyone including: Inflatable Amusements, StrawMaze, Hayride, Cornhole, Snacks, and Crafts. Sign up at the October meeting or email [juliannajoshuajenny@yahoo.com](mailto:juliannajoshuajenny@yahoo.com)

## Playgroups Susan Taylor



There is still open space in both our weekday and weekend Playgroups. If you would like to sign your child or children up for a playgroup, please email Susan at [suzptaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:suzptaylor@hotmail.com)

## Hospitality Catherine Ma



The Taste of Westpark at this past meeting was a huge success! Thank you to all members who secured donations from our local merchants and to all who contributed for hospitality for the meeting. Because we may have more guests at our preschool night at the October meeting, we will need more donations for hospitality. Several persons signed up at the last meeting. We still have bottled water, plates, cups, and napkins in stock. If you are interested in donating for hospitality, please contact me. Additionally, I do not have a co-chair or any committee members yet. If you are interested in participating, please let me know. Catherine

## Field Trip Committee Kerry Miles

Rocky River Stables—Metroparks  
Saturday Sept. 26th from 2:30 - 3:30 pm  
includes a tour of the stables, care of the horses, feeding practices, color and size of horses. \$1.50 per person.

Fur, Feathers, and Fins at Petco—Westgate Mall (Free)  
Thursday Oct. 1st from 5- 6 pm  
Includes one hour tour of store, visiting different animals, learn about the animals in the store. Cost is Free.

Auntie Anne's Pretzels- Parmatown  
Monday Oct. 12th from 10 - 11 am  
Includes coloring pages, 10 minute video and tour, and making your own pretzel! Also receive coupons for free pretzel! \$3.99 per child inc. pretzel & lemonade.



## Mom's Night Out Michelle Bosak, Susan Taylor, and Lisa

- Saturday, October 24th at 7:30 pm Psychic Night at Susan Taylor's
- Thursday, November 19th at 9:00 pm New Moon Midnight Movie Madness at Crocker Park
- Saturday, December 12th at 6:30 pm Shop and Swill at Southpark Mall
- Thursday, January 14th - Happy Hour at Dave & Busters
- February - Date and Location TBD "Exotic Dance" Lessons
- March - Date and Location TBD Scrap n' Crap
- April - Date TBD Spa Night at Options Salon & Spa
- Saturday, May 8th at 6 pm End of the Year Banquet at PJ McIntyre's
- Saturday, June 19th Time TBD Second Chance Bachelorette Party - Downtown
- Thursday, July 15th Time TBD Dinner at Wild Mango in Great Northern Mall
- Wednesday, August 18th Time TBD Wine Flight School at Wine Bar in Rocky River

The first **Mom's Night Out** is a social at Susan Taylor's house on Saturday, October 24. We are calling it 'psychic night', as we will have a psychic on hand. We want to stress to people that this is a social event, and that no one is required to use her services. We ask that anyone coming, regardless of whether they want to use the psychic or not, please contact Susan so we can plan for a head count appropriately. We also ask that everyone attending either bring an adult beverage or an appetizer. Susan's address is 3582 W. 155 (corner of W. 155 & Lydian) and the party starts at 7:30 p.m.

Also a reminder that we are currently buying tickets using Fandango for the second Mom's Night Out (New Moon Midnight Premier) at Crocker Park. We will be headed out to the theater ahead of time for pre-show drinks and apps. We need money for tickets ahead of time. The ticket price is \$11.50 (\$10 for the ticket and Fandango charges a \$1.50 service fee).

## Parent's Night Out

Pam Pulizzi



Here is one of the great perks of being a member of our group! Bring your kids to the YMCA on a Friday night - for an entire 2 and half hours - for \$2.00 per child and go party, sleep, shop, eat or whatever you always want to do if your kids weren't around for 2 and half hours on a Friday night.

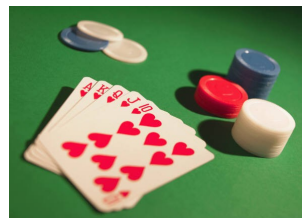
Your child(ren) will have a fun time with all their PTA friends in a safe and friendly environment with the supervision of an adult (me) and volunteers from St. Joe's! Spots fill up fast - so you have to email right away if you would like a spot for September 25 or October 9<sup>th</sup>. You must be a paid active member to participate and you must reserve a spot.

Please contact Pam Pulizzi at [Pam\\_Pulizzi@yahoo.com](mailto:Pam_Pulizzi@yahoo.com) or (216) 941-5054 for reservations or questions.

Need Babysitting for Meetings? Call  
Karen Wolf at (216) 251-0696

## Husband's Club Jim Kozak and Joe Pulizzi

- Friday, October 23rd - Poker Night at the Pulizzi's



- Saturday, February 26th - Beer Making at Brew Kettle



## Service

Kelli Junkins, Joyce Kane, Laura Langley

You are Invited to a Baby Shower! Please join us at next month's meeting when we throw a baby shower for Providence House. Providence House provides a temporary, safe, home-like setting and refuge for children under age six who are in crisis. The ages of the children involved in both the WPECPTA and Providence House are the same. Our children, however, are much luckier.

Each month we will select an item off the Providence House Wish List and announce it to the PTA. Our hope is that each member will bring this item in so we have a large supply to deliver to Providence House. We will have a box at the front table for you to place your item in. All items must be new and in their original packaging.

This month's item is: **Baby Wipes**

For more information on Providence House, please visit them at [www.provhouse.org](http://www.provhouse.org).

## Entertainment & All Around Town Books

Pam Pulizzi



Do you love good bargains? Good deals? Then you should buy at least one All Around Town or Entertainment book!!! They are so full of great coupons to places you probably go throughout the year!

This is our first fundraiser of the year and we are hoping to sell a total of 80 books. This means we ask each member to buy at least one book. Entertainment books come with \$20 in gift cards right off the top!!! There are so many advantages to both! You will easily make your money back.

Entertainment books are \$30 and All Around Town books \$28. I will gladly drop off to you! If you can sell at work or to family and friends I can give you some books on loan. Would love to have them all sold by our October meeting - consider them for Holiday gifts too!

## Book Club Tesa Nicolanti

The Book Club has decided to do something a little different this month. We will be joining the Books-A-Million in-store Book Club. The meeting will take place at Books-A-Million on Thursday, October 29th at 7 pm and we will be reading *East of the Sun* by Julia Gregson. All members are more than welcome to join the Book Club at any time of the year. If you have any questions, please contact me at [tesanicolanti@gmail.com](mailto:tesanicolanti@gmail.com)  
Happy Reading!

## Open Committees

Below is a list of committees we still need help with. If you are able to help, contact Laura Kozak at [lekozak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lekozak@sbcglobal.net) or (216) 252-2776. Please know that if you decide sign up as a chairperson, you won't be alone, there are always people willing to help you out, myself included! Or if you are afraid to take on a committee yourself, talk to a friend and do it as co-chairs! Working on a committee is a great way to get to know other members better and a quick way to fulfilling your volunteer hours requirement. If you have any questions or want more info about a committee please let

### Committees Needing Chairs

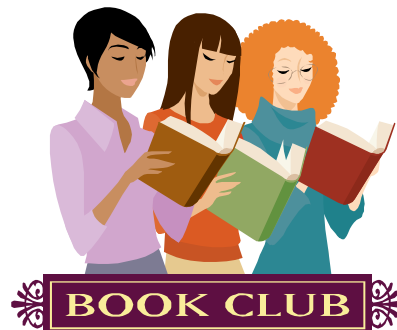
- Babysitting Co-op
- Easter Bunny Breakfast
- Rock 'N Bowl Couple Night

### Committees Needing Co-Chairs

- Hospitality
- Fieldtrips
- Santa's Closet

## Alumni Group Laura Langley

We have created a Yahoo Group for WPECPTA Alumni. The website can be located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wpecptaalumni> The purpose of this yahoo group is to connect with old members, talk about our kids and lives, and is a way to receive special invitations to WPECPTA events. If you are moving on to your next PTA chapter, or know of any former members who would like to be part of this group, please e-mail me at [rjmlangley@att.net](mailto:rjmlangley@att.net) with your/





## Community Events

- Winnie-the-Pooh Party—September 26 at 11 am. Joseph Beth Booksellers in Legacy Village. Join us for this fun, fabulous, free Winnie-the-Pooh celebration! Children of all ages will enjoy this fun event as read from a giant board book, play games, create crafts, and enjoy honey-filled snacks.
- Gale's Annual Fall Festival—September 26 from 11 am—4 pm. Gales Westlake Garden Center. A day of games, cornstalk maze, crafts, Little Gym, and our *Scary Halloween Displays*. \$5 Child Admission Benefits Cleveland APL.
- Fall Harvest Festival—Lake Farmpark. September 26 & 27 from 9 am—5 pm. A festival of harvest, food, and fun for the entire family! Apple butter, cider making and tasting, live music, 3-acre corn maze, kids hay maze, grain threshing, Parade of Power, pony rides, life sized balloon art display.
- Join the Circus Sunday Matinee—Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. September 27 at 12:45 pm. Ladies and Gentlemen. Boys and Girls. Welcome to CVSR's own version of a circus train
- Fall Family Hayride-Lake Erie Science and Nature Center October 9 or October 30 from 6-9 pm. Fill a Fall Friday with fantastic family fun and enjoy a pizza dinner, hands-on fall activities for little ones, planetarium programs, live wildlife encounters and hayrides for all ages. October 30 includes an unscary trick-or-treat parade and animated Halloween laser lights. \$10/adult, \$5/child.
- Boo at the Zoo - October 15-18 & October 22-25 from 6-9 pm. Boo at the Zoo is a neighborhood of safe Halloween entertainment, with a spooky delight on every corner including animals on exhibit each evening. Happy haunts include: The Creepy Crawly Critter Animal Show, The Monster Mash Dance Party, The Not-So-Haunted Greenhouse, The Jack-o-Lantern Express Train Ride, The Halloween Hay Maze and more. Kids are encouraged to wear costumes.
- Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus - Quicken Loans Arena. October 21—26. Times vary. Zing Zang Zoom is a thrill-filled, mind-blowing, circus spectacular where family fun is no illusion. Tickets on sale now.
- Spooky Science Nights-Great Lakes Science Center. October 23, 24 & 30 from 5:30—9 pm. Come to an evening of spooky science fun. Listen to eerie stories during a guided tour aboard the Steamship William G. Mather, mix up spooky concoctions in our chemistry lab, pumpkin explosions, make fake wounds and scars, watch Dinosaurs Alive on the IMAX screen and much more!
- Halloween Express—Cuyahoga Valley National Railroad. October 24 at 12:45 pm. Travel by rail to Szalay's Farm Market and enjoy the festivities. A costume parade, pumpkin painting, the area's largest corn maze and more!
- Petiti's Fall Festival - Petiti's Garden Center Avon. Fun for the entire family. Enjoy kid's crafts, entertainment, goodies and more! Dates and events vary. Please visit [www.petitigardencenter](http://www.petitigardencenter) for more information.
- Kids Halloween Spooktacular- at October 24 2 pm at Borders in Westlake. Bring the whole family to celebrate Halloween with fun games, spooky music, crafts and more! Ask a bookseller for more details.
- Annual Boo-tanical Bash—Cleveland Botanical Gardens. October 24 from 5:30—7:30 pm. Ghosts and goblins and gardens, oh my! Our most popular family event returns. It's so fun it's scary! And it's the last hurrah for the Hershey's Children's Garden which closes for the winter on 10/31. Go trick-or-treating on spooky garden paths and participate in a variety of fun activities. Besides hands-on Halloween crafts and games, there will be plenty of entertainment including music and dancing.



# WEST PARK EARLY CHILDHOOD PTA KIDSELLABRATION CONTRACT

- When:** Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Where:** St. Joseph Academy 3430 Rocky River Dr. Cleveland, Ohio 44111
- Table Cost:** WPECPTA members \$15.00; Non- members \$20.00
- Admission:** 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. \$5.00 preview sale.  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. \$1.00.  
Sellers must arrive at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2009.
- Sale Items:** Gently used children's and maternity clothing, shoes, books, toys, games, furniture and misc. baby items.
- Concessions:** Snacks will be available for purchase along with pop, coffee and water.
- Pricing & Selling:** You price and sell your own items.
- Set Up:** Table set up is Friday October 2, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Pack Up:** All sellers are requested to refrain from packing up until 12:01 p.m. Saturday.
- Tables:** Tables are 8 feet long and 2-1/2 feet wide with a 4 foot floor space on one side.  
All communications should be directed to [wpecpta@hotmail.com](mailto:wpecpta@hotmail.com)

Please return bottom portion with your payment. Sorry no refunds. Members cannot buy tables for non-members.

\*\*\*\*\*TABLE(S) NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL CONTRACT AND PAYMENT ARE RECEIVED\*\*\*\*\*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: (we will e-mail confirmations) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Reserve: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Tables (Please Check)

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed made payable to WPECPTA.

**MAIL REGISTRATION TO:** WPECPTA KIDSELLABRATION  
C/O Heather Arendt  
3849 W. 152<sup>th</sup> St.  
CLEVELAND, OH 44111

Must be post marked by September 26, 2009. E-mail: [WPECPTA@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:WPECPTA@HOTMAIL.COM)

# VOLUNTEER HOURS

## FUND-RAISING TRACKING SHEET

Please return this sheet to Tesa Nicolanti at a meeting, e-mail to [tesanicolanti@hotmail.com](mailto:tesanicolanti@hotmail.com) or mail it to: 3903 W. 157<sup>th</sup> Street. Cleveland, Ohio 44111 Please call 216-374-4172 with any questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Hours** 10 hours of service are required per year. Please list a specific number of hours.

### **Service Hours**

- \_\_\_ Hospitality -made foods for meetings, set up, or clean up
- \_\_\_ Kidsellabration - set up, or clean up
- \_\_\_ Plant Sale – set up, delivery, distribution
- \_\_\_ Helping Hands – make a meal: death in family, birth of baby, etc.
- \_\_\_ Publicity – distributed flyers, faxing, etc.
- \_\_\_ Committee Chair – name of committee \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Parties – set up, clean up, craft, name of party \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Special Projects - cleaning K&K, makings signs for events, etc.
- \_\_\_ Telephone Calls
- \_\_\_ Attending meetings

**Fund Raising**: Each member is asked to raise \$24.00 a year by either selling or donating. Examples- buy Rock N Bowl ticket, Breakfast with Easter bunny ticket, fundraising coupon books. Please enter the number of items sold or donated.

- \_\_\_ Rock N Bowl Tickets
- \_\_\_ Breakfast with Easter Bunny Ticket
- \_\_\_ Fundraising Coupon Books (either Entertainment or Our Town)
- \_\_\_ Cash Donation
- \_\_\_ Item Donated – Cash value

### **Fund-Raising Hours**

- \_\_\_ Entertainment Books/Our Town and All Around Books
- \_\_\_ Rock n Bowl – set up, pick up donations, distribute flyers, and help make baskets
- \_\_\_ Breakfast with the Easter Bunny – set up, clean up, dresses as bunny, help make baskets, cook

Total number of hours: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

