

**Our Goal is Nothing Less
Than to Help Our Children Reach for the Stars and Change the World**

On behalf of the East Cobb County Council of PTAs (ECCC PTA), welcome to the 2015-16 school year. This year the ECCC PTA theme is "Reach for the stars. Change the world." As parents, teachers, administrators, and as a community, we want our children's education to prepare them to succeed. A high-quality education is essential for our children in an increasingly competitive world and critical for the ongoing vitality of our families and communities. Together we can help our children's potential become reality. Together we will help them reach for the stars and change the world.

The ECCC PTA is made up of 35 East Cobb PTAs. There are nearly 28,000 PTA members in East Cobb. Our PTA members are parents, grandparents, students, teachers, school administrators, community members and business partners.

As PTA volunteers we offer time, energy and skill to improve the quality of our children's education and their overall wellbeing. The ECCC PTA and East Cobb PTAs encourage family engagement in our schools, celebrate diversity in our communities, foster community service, enhance environmental education, share best practices on health and wellness and connect schools with youth service programs. PTA legislative teams remind our school communities to vote and educate members about policy issues impacting education. Through the Reflections Art Contest and the Honoring Our Heroes Essay Contest, students have the opportunity to develop their creativity and to write about an everyday hero. PTA membership teams work with generous business partners to offer PTA member discounts throughout the year. The ECCC PTA Margie Hatfield Scholarship -- which awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior from each of the six East Cobb public high schools -- honors community service and academic excellence. Additionally, East Cobb PTAs contribute towards learning opportunities that enrich academic achievement, such as science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum, software that supplements reading and math progress, and expanded offerings in media centers. PTAs organize activities, such as fall fairs, fun runs, class picnics, dances, multicultural events, book fairs and field days, that cultivate a spirit of school and family community.

We invite you to join us -- to strengthen our children's educational achievement and to expand their opportunities for a better future. We are so grateful for the incredible teachers, principals, school staff, community and business partners, and not least, the PTA volunteers and members in our school communities. Let us know how we can help your school. Our goal is nothing less than to help our children reach the stars and change the world.

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