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Environment of
Excellence and
Success

HAL HUTCHENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—PTA

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Dear Parent, Grandparent, Guardian, and Friends,

Hal Hutchens Elementary School PTA would like to welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year. We are excited about this school year and hope you will partner with us as we build a bridge between family, community, and school.

As a Hutchens ES PTA member and associated Paulding PTA member, you will:

- Enjoy exclusive PTA benefits from businesses in the local community;
- Join in partnership with the oldest and largest child advocacy group in the United States;
- Network with other parents, teachers and children.
- Stay informed of all school activities with easy access.

Take advantage of this opportunity to be an active stakeholder in your child's development and academic success. It's a decision you won't regret.

For more information, or to reach a member of the PTA Executive Board you may e-mail us at **HalHutchensPTA@gmail.com**.

For the latest PTA Buzz, select Like on our Facebook page at Hal Hutchens Elementary PTA or join us on Twitter at @hutchensespta1.

Join Hal Hutchens PTA online today at http://shop.pauldingpta.org/

We need your support! Have a great school year.

Sincerely,

Kevin & Jennifer Metcalf, Co-Presidents, Hutchens ES PTA

Hutchens Honeybee PTA 2016-2017 Schedule of Events

August

- 1st- First Day of School
- 1st-Boo Hoo Breakfast 7:30-8:30 am
- 5th- Domino's Slice The Price Fundraiser starts
- 11th Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-8 pm
- 18th- General PTA Meeting 6 PM followed by Miracle of Science Assembly/Yogli Mogli Spirit night at Hutchens
- 19th- Domino's Slice The Price Fundraiser order due
- 23rd- School Fundraiser begins
- 26th- Back to School Dance
 6-8 pm/Yogli Mogli Spirit Night at Hutchens
- 30th- School Fall Pictures

September

- 5th- Labor Day No School
- 6th- School Fundraiser orders due
- 8th- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-8 pm
- 10th- Applebee's Flap Jack Fundraiser
 & Grandparents Day Celebration
 8-10 am
- 13th- Huey Luey's Spirit Night 4:30-9 pm
- 14th- Early Release from school
- 16th- Chuck E Cheese Spirit Night 3-9 pm
- 20th- Home & Family Fundraiser begins
- 26th-30th- Fall Break No School

October

- 4th- Home & Family Fundraiser due
- 7th- Movie Under the Stars/ Yogli Mogli Spirit Night at Hutchens: Time TBA
- 10th- School Reading for Education Fundraiser begins
- 10th-14th- Conference Week
- 13th- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-8 pm Come dressed in your Halloween Costume
- 7th- Reflections due (date subject to change)
- 20th- Science/Math Night: Time TBA
- 21st- School Reading for Education Fundraiser due
- Paulding Education Foundation 5K:
 Date and Time TBA
- Paulding PTA Stars & Strikes Family Fun Day 2-5 pm: Date TBA

November

- 1st- Square 1 Art Orders begin
- 8th- Professional Learning Day No School
- 10th- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-8 pm
 Chorus Performing At Chick-Fil-A
- 12th- Honeybee Jubilee Festival 12-4 pm
- 16th- Square 1 Art Orders due
- 21st-25th- Thanksgiving Break No School
- Paulding PTA Sparkles Family Fun Day
 1-5 pm: Date TBA

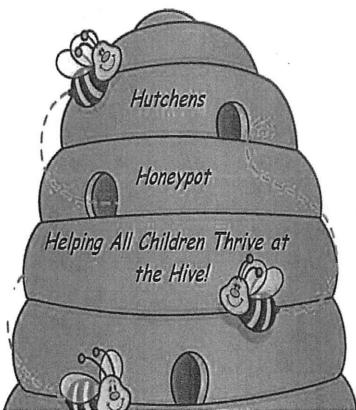
December	January
 5th – 9th - The Honeybee Holiday Shop 7th- Early Release from school 8th- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-8 pm 9th- Square 1 Art Orders Arrive 13th- Shane's Rib Shack Spirit Night 5-8 pm 21st- Holiday Break begins No School 	 4th- Holiday Break ends Teacher Workday no school for students 12th- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-8 pm 13th- Family Bingo/Game Night: Time TBA 16th- Martin Luther King Day No School 19th- Family Fitness Night: Time TBA 24th- School Mixed Bag Fundraiser begins 27th- Chuck E Cheese Spirit Night 3-9 pm Paulding PTA Stars & Strikes Family Fun Day 2-5 pm: Date TBA
February	March
 1st – Early Release from school 3rd- Sweetheart Dance/Yogli Mogli Spirit night at Hutchens 6-8 pm 7th- School Mixed Bags Fundraiser due 9th- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-8 pm 20th-24th- Winter Break No School 27th- Apex Fun Run Fundraiser starts 	 7th- Huey Luey's Spirit Night 4:30-9 pm 9th- Art Show/ Yogli Mogli Spirit Night at Hutchens: Time TBA 10th- Apex Fun Run Day 15th- Spring/Class Pictures 17th- Teacher Work Day No School 20th-24th- Conference Week 30th- Chorus Performance/Final PTA meeting & PTA Officer Elections/Yogli Mogli Spirit Night at Hutchens 6-8 pm Paulding PTA Sparkles Family Fun Day 1-5 pm: Date TBA
April	May
 3rd-7th- Spring Break No School 13th- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-8pm 18th- Shane's Spirit Night 5-8 pm 	 1st-5th- Teacher Appreciation Week 6th- 1st Annual Hutchens Car Show: Time/Location TBA 11th- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-8 pm 19th- EOM Glow Party 6-8pm 26th- Last Day of School/Early Release Paulding PTA Stars & Strikes Family Fun Day 2-5 pm: Date TBA

***Dates and times are subject to change. Please like our Facebook page at Hal Hutchens Elementary
PTA and subscribe to our events for updated information on details of events.

The Hutchens Honeypot

Do you know that more than 26.1% of Georgia's children under the age of 18 live in poverty? Georgia ranks 46th in the Nation having its children live at or below the poverty level. Have you ever asked yourself, "How did this happen?" Often, parents struggle with the daily stress of jobs, child care expenses, limited time off and their inability to make ends meet as single and two-parent income families. After housing and child care expenses are paid, there is very little left to buy the basic necessities. For the 2016-2017 school year, the Hutchens ES PTA is establishing the "Hutchens Honeypot." We are requesting back-to-school supplies, non-perishable and canned good donations and clothing. We will have a drop off box at Open House and all during the school year. If you are interested in helping with this initiative and/or chairing this committee, please contact Hutchens ES PTA at halhutchenspta@gmail.com or via Facebook at Hal Hutchens Elementary PTA. This initiative will help all of our Honeybees "Thrive at the Hive!"













ABCs of OSD

Background

What is an "Opportunity School District"?

A state controlled school district run by a Superintendent appointed by the Governor. The school district could have individual schools from all over the state which have been selected to be in the OSD because they have received an "F" grade for three (3) years. What constitutes an "F" can be changed by the Legislature at any time. The state can take 20 schools per year for a total of 100 schools.

Has this been tried successfully elsewhere in the country?

This model has failed in every state or district in which it has been implemented including Tennessee, Michigan, and New Orleans.

So What Should I Do?

- Spread the word to other PTA members, to your neighborhood, your church, your friends and family and your community
- Remember to vote on November 8, 2016.

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The Ballot Question

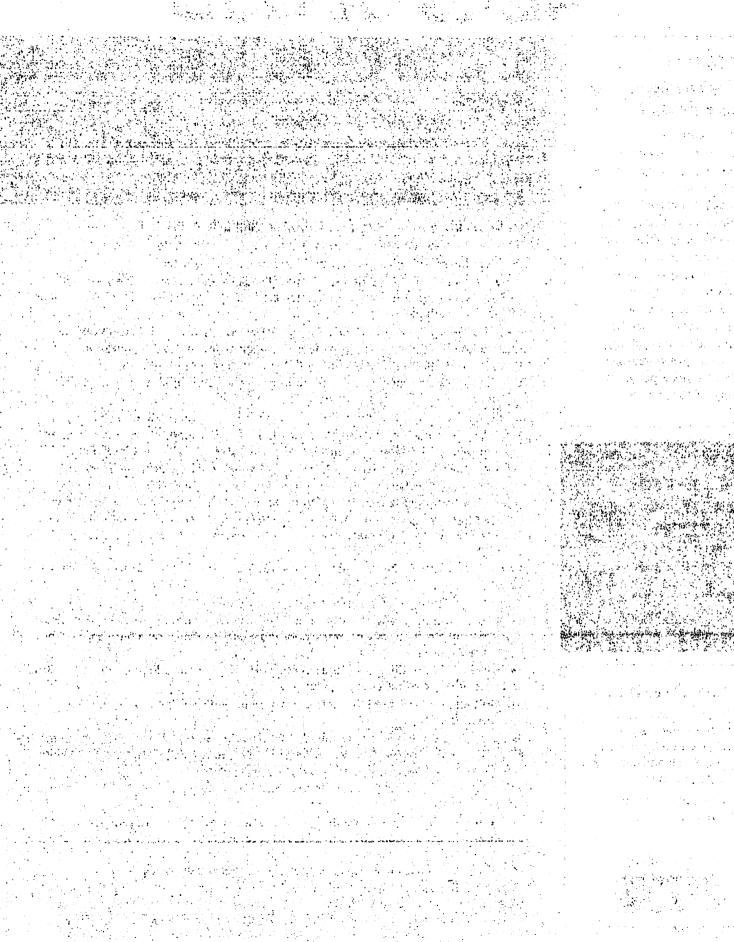
"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to allow the state to intervene in chronically failing public schools in order to improve student performance?"

That sounds great but what the Ballot Question REALLY Means is...

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to allow an appointee of the Governor to take over local school operation, take possession of buildings, and take control of all federal, state and local funding if a school has low scores on standardized tests or for any other reason a future Legislature and/or Governor may allow?"

What Does This Mean to You, Your Child and Your School District?

- · Allows the state to take over any school that the state determines to be failing.
 - Definition of "failing" may be changed by any future Legislature
 - Currently using CCRPI (College and Career Readiness Performance Index) score below 60.
 The State Board of Education (appointed by the Governor) has the authority to change the CCRPI formula
- The Governor appoints a Superintendent of the OSD. The OSD Superintendent operates
 independently of the State Department of Education or your elected School Superintendent
 of Georgia. He is accountable only to the Governor, not voters or taxpayers.
- The OSD Superintendent may do one of four things with the school, without input from parents, teachers, administrators, the local school board, or the community:
 - . Close the school and disburse the children and the staff around the county.
 - Force the local school board make changes to the OSD school (reorganizing the staff, firing all teachers, hiring new staff, etc.) as directed by the OSD Superintendent.
 - Dual governance between the OSD Superintendent and local board of education.
 - Transfer the school to the State Charter Schools Commission, who can then hire a for-profit management company to operate the school. The local board has no role except to pay for it. This is what has happened in most states and districts that have approved state takeover plans. Parents do not have to be allowed any say in what happens to the school or to the teachers.
- Allows the state to take local funds to run the schools it takes over in the existing local school buildings.
 - This would be the first time state charter schools would be allowed to use LOCAL funds.
 - Even when the state charter school exits OSD control, it does not return to local district control. It remains a state charter school and gets to use the local money and school building forever.
 - If the local school district needs a new school it will have to build a new one and will not be compensated for the school it lost.
 - While under OSD control the local school system would still have to pay for all of the school's upkeep.
- All the teachers and the staff can be fired from the local OSD school with no reason or recourse but the local school system (and your taxes) will still have to pay their salary and reassign them. Teachers are hired by the school system not the State.
- The Governor has sole control over the district, as his appointed Superintendent serves at the Governor's pleasure.
- There is nothing in the legislation that talks about improvements in education or any extra
 resources for these schools. So it is business as usual in our schools except the state and the
 for-profit management company run the schools. Additionally, schools that score low on
 standardized tests and are not taken over by the OSD get no extra help.
- The Georgia State Department of Education is already empowered to intervene to assist struggling schools via O.C.G.A. 20-14-41, and many of the requirements for state assistance match the requirements for a state takeover through the OSD. The appointed OSD Superintendent, not the elected State School Superintendent, would have authority over the public OSD schools.



PTA Fundraising

Box Tops for Education



You can earn cash for Hutchens PTA every time you shop for groceries by clipping Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢. Some packages also carry BONUS Box Tops labels, so be sure to clip those too. Additionally, you can save on products you buy with printable and digital coupons by visiting http://www.boxtops4education.com/coupons. By signing up at http://www.boxtops4education.com/ and liking their Facebook page, you will be notified of bonus opportunities to earn eboxtops for Hutchens.



We are taking part in a national fundraising program sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc. called **Tyson Project A+TM**. Through this program, we can raise as much as \$12,000 for our PTA each year!

All we have to do is clip and save the entire **Project** A+TM label from about 30 participating **Tyson cooked chicken products**, and send them in. Each label we collect is worth 24¢. Learn more about Tyson Project A+ at http://projectaplus.tyson.com/.

Here is what to look for on Tyson's products









causenetwork

Hutchens PTA recently partnered with CauseNetwork to help us with our fundraising needs. We now have our own branded web marketplace, mobile app and web app, which provides us some new fundraising programs while also giving us a mobile messaging platform. CauseNetwork has over 1,000 online retailers who donate up to 10% of every purchase to us at the same prices and with the same deals available on their retail websites. Also, we now have the ability to accept used electronic device donations, book travel and more! Here's what we all need to do:

Visit https://hutchens.causenetwork.com/ and join our website!

Download our Web App to your computers - Our Web App lets your computers automatically collect donations when you shop at 1,000 participating stores. You can find the web app on our homepage or by clicking here:

https://hutchens.causenetwork.com/webapp

Download our Mobile App to your tablet and phone by clicking your phone's app store button in the link below. When you log-in with the email you joined with, the CauseNetwork mobile app will automatically brand itself to Cause:

https://hutchens.causenetwork.com/mobile

Add a permanent link to your signature and your newsletter: A best practice adopted by several of our partners is to add a P.S. to their email signatures and newsletters.

We are embarking on a great digital fundraising opportunity for our school. Every purchase that is made through the Hutchens CauseNetwork, helps improve our students' education. Help us spread the word about the Hutchens CauseNetwork and together we can make a difference.



PUBLIX PARTNERS

Publix continues to be a proud supporter of Hal Hutchens.

Here is how the program works:

The Publix Partners cards (keychain cards) are distributed to anyone interested in supporting our school. The Publix keychain cards are available at Hutchens events and in the front office. (Note: Cards are good at participating Publix stores in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee.) Give a card to family and friends in GA, NC, SC, AL and TN to use at their local Publix.

Participants present their Publix Partners card to the cashier whenever they make a purchase at Publix before the end of the sale. (Note: Cards cannot be accepted after totaling the order.) The more our school supporters shop at Publix, the more money our school will receive. It's a partnership that really works!

Can't remember your Publix Partners Card?

- · Hook it to your keychain
- Put it in your wallet or leave it in the car
- Download the "Card Star app" for your iPhone.



The Apex Fun Run combines the power of a strong character curriculum with fitness that is FUN! The Hutchens Apex Fun Run Program begins February 27, 2017 through March 10, 2017. The fun run will take place on March 10th.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook at Hal Hutchens Elementary PTA for all the latest PTA Buzz!



Kroger Community Rewards program returns money to our school simply by you registering your Kroger Plus Card and shopping. Members register their Kroger Plus

Card online at:

https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunity RewardsNow. Here you create an account and link your Kroger Plus Card to Hal Hutchens Elementary School PTA. REMEMBER, all Kroger Plus Cards must be relinked to Hal Hutchens Elementary PTA as of August 1, 2016. Individual purchases made will begin counting towards our PTA within 7-10 days of registering your Kroger Plus Card online. Each time you shop for groceries and swipe your card, Hutchens PTA automatically starts earning a rebate. The maximum rebate that can be paid out to our PTA is \$24,000.00, so encourage your family and friends to register their Kroger Plus Card and link it to our PTA. By linking to Hal Hutchens Elementary School PTA, you retain all of your Kroger Plus Card privileges and still earn 100% of your fuel points.



If you shop at Ingles you can link your Ingles Advantage Card today. We earn money through their Tools for Schools program. **REMEMBER**, you have to link your Ingles Advantage Card each school year so link yours today. Visit https://www.ingles-markets.com/toolsforschools-link. You can search by our school ID and link your card to Hal Hutchens Elementary. Our school ID is 30191. Thank you for your support!

Spirit Nights!!!!

This year Hutchens PTA will host Spirit Nights at Chick-fil-A, Huey Luey's, Chuck E. Cheese's, Shane's Rib Shack, Applebee's and Yogli Mogli.













HOW IT WORKS!

HOW TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR CAUSE WITH CAUSENETWORK



Shop for Your Cause

Visit Your Cause Website Before Buying. Click "Shop" Button for 1,000 Participating Stores.



Your Cause & You Benefit

Stores Offer You Discounts Plus Give Up To 10% Of Your Purchase To Your Cause.



Help Spread the Word

Use Our Share Links To Get More People Shopping To Raise Money For Your Cause.

There's No Additional Cost to You You Save Money While Raising Money For Your Cause Everything Is Paid For By Our Network 1,000 Sponsors



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

HUTCHENS CAUSENETWORK

Why should I join the Hutchens CauseNetworkTM?

When you join CauseNetworkTM, you gain access to discounts from over 1000 online stores, plus up to 10% of everything you purchase through this website will be given back to the cause listed on the website.

Do I have to join CauseNetworkTM for stores to give back to my favorite cause?

No, you can choose to "Shop as a Guest" on the pop-up screen that appears when you click a shop button, and you will be treated as an anonymous supporter of your favorite cause. By joining CauseNetwork, your cause will be able to see via your email that you have chosen to shop to help them.

How does the Hutchens CauseNetworkTMwork?

When you click through from the Hutchens CauseNetworkTM website to an online store, your purchase is tracked by both the store and the Hutchens CauseNetworkTM. Once the return period for the product you purchased ends, the store pays Hutchens CauseNetwork a percentage of your purchase. The percentage listed on the offer that you clicked is then given back to Hutchens. In addition, most stores participate in the cause points program.

Why are some donation amounts listed as "Up To" as opposed to an exact percentage donation?

Stores with "up to" donation amounts will donate different amounts based on the type of product you purchase. Generally speaking, technology purchases result in lower donation percentages because the profit margins on tech products are very low for the store. Meanwhile clothing purchases generally carry higher

donation percentages because those products have higher profit margins for the store.

You will generally see the "Up To" donation amounts on stores that offer a broad range of products (for example, Target & Walmart), which sell everything from clothing to technology and everything in between. CauseNetwork always donates at least 55% of the payments we receive from stores on your purchases, regardless of the type of products that you purchase.

How do I join?

It's simple. Click the Register link at the top of this page to become a member or click on any of the deals on this website and you will be prompted to Register. Registering gives you access to causepoints which can be redeemed for cash or merchandise, and enables your purchases to be tracked so we can give you credit for the money you generated for your cause while shopping.

Can anyone join this website?

Yes, anyone can join this website and support our cause every time they shop online. Please help us spread the word by sharing this site with your friends and family. Its simple and easy to join and to use, and best of all, every time you shop using one of our links, a portion of your purchase is automatically given back to the cause listed on this website.

Forgot your password?

To retrieve your password, simply visit the account page and use the email address that you used when you registered.

How do I know if I received my discount? How do I know money was given back to my cause?

To ensure that your purchases earn money back for your cause on your purchases, you must START by clicking the store's "Shop Now" button on this site PRIOR to making a purchase. You will be transferred to the store's website where any purchase you make will be tracked to ensure that your cause receives the money identified on the offer you clicked. During checkout you may need to enter a promo or coupon code if the offer you selected requires such a code. After you checkout, the store will notify CauseNetworkTM that your purchase will result in a donation to your cause.

Please note that it takes anywhere from a few minutes to a few weeks before a store informs us that a purchase was completed.

Beware of coupon and shopping toolbars. They can prevent you from receiving the discounts and donations to your cause offered on this website. We recommend that you disable these toolbars before

using our website. Our Web App is different than these toolbars. Our Web App does not spy on you, track the websites you visit, nor pop up any ads. The goal of our Web App is to make it easy for you to shop to support your cause and to get discounts using coupons our participating stores are offering.

What if I don't see a brand or item I want?

If you have a favorite store that's not advertising on our site, let us know! We're constantly adding new ones and every suggestion is welcome. Send us an email with a recommendation to info@causenetwork.com.Thanks!

Who operates this website?

This website is owned and operated by CauseNetwork. CauseNetwork was founded in 2012 with the goal of helping not-for-profit cause based organizations to raise money to support their missions by getting corporations to give back a portion of every sale to each customer's favorite cause.

What are promo codes and coupon codes and how do I use one?

Some online stores require the use of a coupon code or promo code in order to receive an advertised discount. A promo code is entered into the shopping cart on the Merchant's site when you check out. To minimize the chance of a typo when entering a promo code, use the copy and paste function on your computer, tablet, or phone. Always review your bill carefully before checking out to ensure that your promo code was correctly applied. If you encounter an online store that does not appear to be honoring a discount or promo code advertised on our website, please let us know by emailing the promo code and store name to info@causenetwork.com.

What if I don't see a promo code? Can I still get the advertised discount?

Many online stores do not require a promo code to receive a discount. Some online stores "pre-fill" promo codes at check out and others just apply them automatically. Some stores provide a special link that clicks through to automatically qualify you for a discount.

How does my organization benefit from my purchase through this site?

By shopping through a CauseNetwork[™] website, up to 10% of your purchase will be given back to the cause you choose to shop to support.

Who do I call if I don't receive a product ordered, it's defective, or I need to return it?

Since your purchase occurred at an online store as opposed to this website, you will need to contact the online store directly via email or phone to discuss returns, warranties, or defective products. The stores listed on this website are responsible for accepting your order, processing your payment, shipping the product to you, and handling any customer service problems that might arise. Should an online store not be willing to resolve any issue you may have, you can file a complaint with us by sending an email to info@causenetwork.com.

Is my personal information safe when I Register? How about when I make a purchase?

We strive to maintain the highest possible standard for protecting customer privacy. You will find a copy of our Privacy Commitment and our Privacy Statement in the Help menus.



Parent Teacher Association - PTA

2016 - 2017 Parent Volunteer Form

Making a Difference Today and Tomorrow

Name	Email address:	_
Phone	e#: Home:Mobile:	_
How o	do you prefer to be contacted?ss:	-
Stude	nt's Name: Grade level: Teacher:	_
I am a	vailable to volunteer for the following events (please check all that apply):	
	Boo Hoo Breakfast (Title I Resource Room) for Kindergarten Parents – August 1, 2016 7:30-8:30 AM Fundraiser Distribution – Various	
	General PTA Meeting/Miracle of Science Assembly – PTA Membership Table, Spirit Wear & MK Rat Ticket Sales – August 18, 2016	t
	Various Spirit Night Volunteers	
	Back to School Dance/Glow Party - Help PTA sell concessions - August 26, 2016	
	Grandparents Day Celebration at Applebee's Hiram - September 10, 2016	
	Movie Under the Stars – PTA Hosts and Sells Concessions – October 7, 2016	
	Science/Math Night - October 20, 2016 - PTA Sells Concessions	
	Honeybee Jubilee – November 12, 2016 – PTA Hosts	
	Honeybee Holiday Shop – December 5-9, 2016	
	Family Fitness Night/Help PTA sell concessions - January 19, 2017 Time TBA	
	Bingo/Game Night - January 13, 2017 6:00-8:00 PM	
	Storybook Ball/Sweetheart Dance Help PTA sell concessions - February 3, 2017 6:00-8:00 PM	
	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Help PTA plan and decorate - May 3, 2017	
	Car Show Help PTA plan and facilitate - Saturday, May 6, 2017 Time TBA	
	EOM (End of Milestones) Glow Party Help PTA plan, decorate and sell concessions - May 19, 2017 6:00-8:00 PM	
	Other:(Grant Writing, Event Planning/Coordinating)	
	Do you own a business?YesNo Name:	_
	Services provided:	

Thank you for being an active and engaged member of our school!