

# ROCKET REPORT

## 2022-2024 NATIONAL PTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Free Home was recently named a 2022-2024 National PTA School of Excellence. Only 302 PTAs nationwide are designated as a School of Excellence. This prestigious milestone involves a commitment to welcoming all families, communicating effectively, supporting student success, speaking up for every child, and collaborating with the community. We are dedicated to continuing these efforts. Thank you for helping us achieve this honor.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT - MS. PEPPERS

### Education:

- Cherokee High School Graduate
- Graduated with Honors from Reinhardt College in Waleska, GA
- Master's and Specialist Degrees from Piedmont College
- Leadership Certificate from Kennesaw State University

### Experience:

- Teacher at Hasty, Knox, Johnston, and Bascomb Elementary Schools
- Assistant Principal at Carmel and Sixes Elementary Schools

### Hobbies:

- Spending time with her family
- Working in her yard
- Photography
- Reading
- Running



Ms. Peppers looks forward to a fantastic school year! Go Rockets!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/18 Creekview Spirit Day
- 8/24 Rocket Run Kickoff & PTA Meeting
- 8/24 Curriculum Night
- 8/25 College Football Spirit Day
- 8/29 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
- 9/4 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 9/14 Rocket Run
- 9/18-9/22 Fall Break - NO SCHOOL
- 9/26 Fall Picture Day

## INTRODUCING STEM SPECIALS

This year Free Home has a new specials class! Our students will now have a STEM Lab. PTA was able to provide magnetic tiles and figures, cool touch glue guns, Learning Resources Code & Go, Keva Blocks, and many more classroom supplies. We are so excited for this opportunity for the students to be more involved in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math!



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who has already become a PTA member! We have reached over 140 members. 100% of the Free Home full time staff have become PTA members! To celebrate, PTA will be providing donuts for the whole staff. We truly appreciate all your support. If you haven't joined, you can scan this QR code or visit [freehomepta.com](http://freehomepta.com)



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2023

Nadia Gonzalez is an active member for the PTA, serves as a room mom, assists with setting up at school events, volunteers in the media center, and decorates classroom doors. She works tirelessly to build inclusiveness for our families as a liaison between the school, PTA, and our Hispanic families. With three students at Free Home, Nadia has been actively filling this role of support for 5 years. She is a dependable and loyal leader at Free Home.



## YOUR COMIC COULD BE HERE!

CALLING ALL 5TH GRADERS!

**CREATE YOUR OWN COMIC**  
FOR THE PTA NEWSLETTER.

CREATE 1-4 PANELS ON THE **COMIC STRIP** PROVIDED BY YOUR TEACHER

COMICS SHOULD BE A STORY SHOWING **HOW TO BE RESPECTFUL**

TURN IN YOUR COMIC TO YOUR TEACHER BY **SEPTEMBER 1** FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

## WHAT IS ROCKET RUN?

Starting August 24th and culminating September 14th at the actual run, students will be asking friends and family to sponsor them by collecting donations and turning them into their teacher. The best part is 100% of these donations come to Free Home Elementary. Donations go directly toward funding student education events, Stem lab, classroom grants and student technology. Individual students, classes and the school as a whole will have the opportunity to earn great prizes and incentives for bringing in donations. When the school reaches 25% of the goal, the entire school will receive extra recess time. When the school reaches 50% of the goal, the entire school will receive a pajama day. When the school reaches 75% of the goal, the entire school will receive an assembly from "Science for Everyone-The Science Machine". When the school reaches 100% of the goal, the entire school will receive Kona Ice. All prizes are funded by PTA. With the success of this event we will not have to do any further take home fundraising for the rest of the year!! Donations are not per lap and this is not a speed competition. It is simply a fun run around the baseball field with some fun obstacles along the way. Students will bring home more information soon!



## FLIGHT MISSIONS LAUNCHED

As part of the Positive Behavior Framework, our students have launched their flight missions. During the first Mission Assembly, classes were chosen for Mission Apollo, Mercury, or Gemini. Students can earn points for their mission by being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn. The mission with the most points at the end of the grading period will win a reward.



## SPIRIT WEAR

### AVAILABLE FOR ORDER



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<https://tinyurl.com/mvs6k7uh>

# MEET YOUR PTA BOARD



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We are looking forward to an amazing year!



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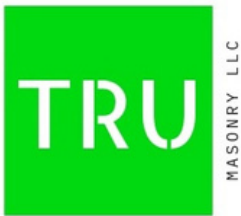
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# HELP WANTED

There are many ways to get involved at Free Home. Join a PTA Committee, stock the breakroom, volunteer at events, participate in High 5 Fridays for DADS, and so much more! Scan this QR code to see the opportunities available. REMEMBER - You must have a current 2023-24 Volunteer Form on file. You can find the form at [freehomepta.com](http://freehomepta.com)



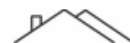
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