FREE HOME PTA NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023



ROCKET RUN

Thank you to our amazing students and families! You exceeded our goal and raised \$20,155! The following classes earned donuts for raising the most in each grade level: Mrs. Hagood, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Garrison, and Mrs. Gilleland. Congratulations to our top fundraising students: Sienna (1st Place), Lennon (2nd Place), and Lochlan (3rd Place)!











Principal for the Day

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations! Coach Furstenberg earned the Award of Excellence in Physical Education! This is the top state award for physical education programs.

Coach has been teaching for over 25 years in a variety of roles including 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th grades, Pre-K, Special Education, STEM, and, of course, Physical Education and Health. Besides



teaching, he loves to exercise, travel, eat spicy food, create music, draw, write grants, drink coffee, and be outside.

He has recorded over 150 original songs. He even recorded an entire album with Mr. Snell. He also has a song on a movie soundtrack!



10/18 50th Day of School

10/20 CHOA Cape Day

10/23-10/27 Red Ribbon Week

- 10/24 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
- 10/31 Book Character Dress Up with \$1 Donation to St. Jude

11/3 Fall Festival

11/7 Remote Learning Day

11/10 Wear Red, White, & Blue

KONA ICE

What a fun treat! The students enjoyed Kona Ice in celebration of raising 100% of the \$15,000 Rocket Run goal.











ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to all of our Room Moms! They have been working hard to tie dye Mission Shirts for all the classes. This was a new activity, and we



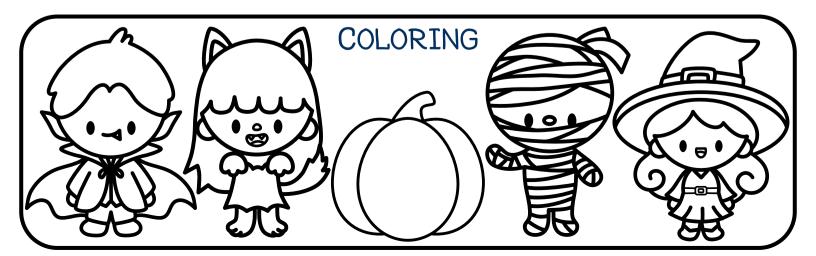
truly appreciate your willingness to help and tackle this project.

SCIENCE MACHINE

After raising 75% of the Rocket Run goal, students earned the Science Machine Assembly. The kid love this incredible, interactive science show!







YOU'RE INVITED Fall Carnival

Date: November 3, 2023

Time: 6:00-9:00pm

Location: FHES Parking Lot, Gym, and Ball Field

Who: Friends, Family, Open to the Public

Games, Rock Wall, Raffles, Chili Cook-Off, Funnel Cakes, Prizes, Vendors, Cake Walk, Popcorn, Food Trucks, Inflatables, Cotton Candy, <u>Memories!</u>

Preorder your wristband and tickets here!



BAKED GOODS

The Cake Walk is one of the favorite activities at the Fall Festival. We are requesting donations of baked goods. Store-bought is preferred. Please do not send in anything requiring refrigeration. If the item contains nuts please clearly label "contains nuts."



Scan the QR Code Here to Sign Up.

Please bring all donations to the front office by 5pm on Friday, November 3.

RAFFLE BASKET DONATIONS

We are in need of fun raffle prizes to win at the carnival. Do you have a business or know of one that would like to donate raffle prizes?

Please consider donating to your child's grade level raffle basket for Fall Carnival. Each grade level has a theme listed below:



Kindergarten: Boys bring gifts for boys/Girls bring gifts for girls
1st Grade: Football Season Supplies
2nd Grade: Gifts for Women
3rd Grade: Gifts for Men
4th Grade: Lottery Tickets or Cash
5th Grade: Gift Cards

Donations due to school by <u>October</u> <u>25th</u>. Send donations with your child or drop off in the lobby.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Pull out your best recipe and get ready for this heated competition.

Please bring your chili in a crockpot. It will be labeled anonymously for voting. The winner will receive a trophy and a gift certificate to a local restaurant!





FALL CARNIVAL VENDORS

Free Home Elementary invites families, friends, and community members to apply as a vendor for this event, located at Free Home Elementary School. Space is limited, so please submit your application early to secure your spot! We are accepting Arts & Crafts, Food, and local businesses promoting their company. Vendors must provide their own tents, tables, extension cords, and generator, if needed.

Please remember the booth must be kid friendly and elementary age appropriate. Booths will be approximately the size of a parking space.

Booth set up begins at 4:00pm. Booths must be set up and ready <u>by 5:15pm on</u> <u>Friday, November 3rd.</u>





If you need a paper form and prefer to pay with cash or check, please email kristin.hornsby@freehomepta.com by Monday, October 23rd.

FALL CARNIVAL GAME SPONSORS

We are offering the opportunity to sponsor a game at the Fall Carnival. All sponsorships will go directly to funding the game and prizes.

If you choose to be a sponsor, a sign will be posted next to the game with your family or business name, picture, and optional slogan.



Scan Here to Sign Up and make a payment through PayPal.

The deadline for sponsorship is Friday, October 27th.

HELP WANTED

If you would like to volunteer to help before and during the fall carnival, please **scan here** to sign up.

HELP US HAVE AN a MAZING FALL CARNIVAL

We know that many of our families are very busy. If you would still like to help support the Fall Carnival, please consider purchasing items from the PTA Amazon Wish List. These orders will ship directly to the school. We appreciate any contributions to making this event a success.



Scan Here to View the Wish List

SEPTEMBER KIND STUDENTS

These students have been recognized for showing kindness to others in school and proving that it's "Cool 2B Kind."



SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations!

SUPPORT OUR LIBRARY

Donate new books to Free Home's Media Center and recommend books for our wishlist!



All purchased books will be available for check-out in our school Media Center. You may choose to include a donation nameplate with the student's name.



Scan Here for More Information



Monday-Sock It To Drugs Wear Your Crazy Socks Tuesday-I Have the Power to be Drug Free Dress as a Superhero Wednesday-Free Home is Drug Free Wear Free Home Spirit Wear Thursday-Too Bright for Drugs Wear Neon Colors Friday-Make Your Dreams Come True Wear Pajamas

Student may also choose to wear RED to celebrate Red Ribbon Week any day this week.



MISSION ASSEMBLY

Apollo wins First Quarter Mission Elite! Congratulations to these classes for earning the most mission points by being respectful,



responsible, and ready to learn. As a reward, they enjoyed a Glow Party in the STEM Classroom sponsored by Mrs. Powers and PTA!



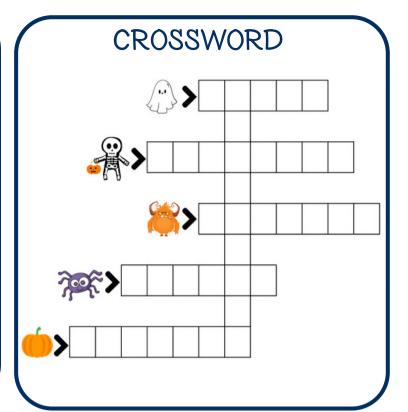


FREE HOME STAFF THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Polish your Thanksgiving recipes before the big day! Help us serve our wonderful staff a delicious Thanksgiving feast on Friday, November 17th.

> Sign Up Here to Bring a Dish





WINTER EVENT COMMITTEE

Do you have creative ideas for a school event? Are you a great event planner? We would love your input and help to plan a new winter event for students and families. We will begin planning this fall for the February 9, 2024 event. To join the planning committee, please sign up here.



