FREE HOME PTA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023





ROCKET RUN PROGRESS

The students have raised over 85% of their goal! That is over \$13,000 going directly to student educational events, student technology, classroom grants, and STEM Lab! The students earned extra recess, pajama/hat day, and now the Science Machine Assembly! Next is Kona Ice at 100%! Thank you for all of your donations and support!













STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. West is an Instructional Lead Strategist at Free Home. She helps teachers create lesson plans, meet curriculum standards, and implement new programs in the classroom.



September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. To support Mrs. West as she battles ovarian cancer, please join us for Teal Tuesdays in September, October, and November. If you would like to purchase a T-Shirt to support Mrs. West and the Georgia Ovarian Cancer Alliance, scan here.



- 9/18-9/22 Fall Break NO SCHOOL
- 9/26 Fall Picture Day
- 10/6 Creekview Spirit Day
- 10/9 NO SCHOOL
- 10/18 50th Day of School
- 10/20 CHOA Cape Day

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you Jape Services for your generous donation! They have provided all the popsicles for students and staff for Rocket Run.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Students can still join several clubs.



Garden Club 2nd & 3rd Grades

Tuesday 2:30-3:30

Running Club



5th Grade - Wednesday 7:15

3rd Grade - Friday 7:15

Science Olympiad 3rd-5th Grades Mondays 2:30-3:30

Academic Bowl



Priority Kids 3rd-5th Grades Mondays 7:00-7:30

Art Club

4th and 5th Grade

Every Other Tuesday 2:30-3:30

January-April

Scan Here for More Information and i Applications



HOMETOWN HERO

The Modern Woodmen of America presents The Hometown Hero Award to an individual for their outstanding volunteer service to the local community. Our very own, Kristin Hornsby, was presented this honor for her

dedication to Free Home Elementary School. Kristin has been volunteering at the school in numerous ways for over three years to support students, parents, and teachers.



REFLECTIONS

Show off your creativity and celebrate the arts! Categories include Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.



Submissions are due September 29, 2023.

Scan below for an application.





AUGUST KIND STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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



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Congratulations!

SPIRIT ROCK

Located right in front of the school, you can rent the spirit rock for \$20 a day to celebrate birthdays, accomplishments, and more. **Renters are responsible for decorating the rock and all materials needed.** If you have any questions, please email hello@freehomepta.com.



For More Information and To Sign Up Scan Here



STUDENT AMBASSADORS

These students were nominated by teachers as positive role models in academics and attitude.



Fourth Grade Team



Fifth Grade Team

CHEROKEE YOUTH BASKETBALL

All students in Kindergarten through 12th grades can participate in this recreational basketball league. Elementary school students are able to represent their current

school. If you'd like to play basketball for Free Home,

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VOLUNTEER TRAINING

There are new requirements in the volunteer training process. Be sure you've completed



all **four steps**. You can find the necessary documents by **scanning this QR code**.

YOU'RE INVITED

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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, Mechanical Bull, Funnel Cakes, Prizes, Vendors, Cake Walk, Popcorn, Food Trucks, Inflatables, Cotton Candy, Memories!

Wristband/ticket preorder forms will be sent home after Fall Break! Get a head start and order here!

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







Scan Here to Sign Up. Spots are Limited!

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.

HELP WANTED

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



RAFFLE BASKET DONATIONS

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.

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.

SCARECROWS

Each Fall, scarecrows adorn the covered walkway at the school. Anyone is welcome to create a scarecrow. PTA encourages each class to participate. There is no theme for the scarecrows this year, but all displays should be school appropriate and not scary.

PTA has a a limited number of PVC pipe bases available to borrow. Hay bails are welcome, but not provided by the school. We encourage you to zip tie scarecrows to the pole for reinforcement. Scarecrows must be set up at the front of the school sometime between <u>October 19-26</u>. Scarecrows are required to be removed from the

school walkway by <u>November 7th.</u> Students will vote on

the best scarecrow in class.

Scan Here to Sign Up



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.

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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

