

THE COUGAR



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From the Principal's Desk

The Importance of arriving on time for School Every Day



St. Johns County Schools are required to track the number of student tardies and absences for reporting purposes. During the first quarter of the 2016-17 School Year (August through October), the Average Daily Attendance, (the percentage of students who are in school minus tardies and absences) was 95.6%. During that period of time, an average of **20** students arrived late for school without an excuse, as compared to an average of 13 students arriving late without an excuse last year. Although our school enrollment has increased by nine (9)

percent this year, the average tardy rate represents a 35 percent increase in the number of tardy students or four (4) percent of the entire school population.

Parents and guardians, please make sure your children arrive on time for school every day. The school day at Crookshank officially begins at 8:30 a.m. Students are expected to arrive between 8 and 8:30 a.m. When children are tardy in the morning, their day is always adversely affected because they miss important introductory information and they become stressed and feel that they are catching up all day. I encourage all parents to make sure your children arrive at school on time every day. If you are having difficulty getting started in the morning, please consider allowing your child to ride the bus if that is an option. Thank you for making your child's on-time arrival at school a priority.



Regular School Attendance makes a Difference in Learning Gains



During the first quarter of school an average of **23** students were absent from school without an excuse, as compared with an average of **15** students last year. Our students can learn school-related things only when they are at school and we depend on your cooperation to meet your child's fullest potential. It is important that your child is at school every day, except when s/he is sick or there is a genuine family emergency. We appreciate your cooperation in this important area!

Coming Up!

Sunday, November 6 Remember to turn your clocks back one hour. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday!



TO TOUR THE NEW BUILDING AFTER THE CEREMONY, YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE CLEARANCE FROM OUR FRONT OFFICE. PLEASE CALL 904-547-7840 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

JOIN US FOR VETERAN'S DAY AND BUILDING DEDICATION CEREMONIES ON NOVEMBER 10!

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND CROOKSHANK'S ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION NEXT WEEK AT 9 A.M ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10. IN ADDITION TO THE PRESENCE OF OUR HONORED VETERANS, THIS YEAR ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT JOE JOYNER AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER PATRICK CANAN WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE TO HELP DEDICATE OUR NEW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BUILDING. STUDENTS WHO WON THE PICTURE AND ESSAY CONTEST WILL SHARE THEIR DRAWINGS AND ESSAYS DURING THE CEREMONY. LAST MONTH A CONTEST WAS HELD TO NAME CROOKSHANK'S HISTORIC AND NEW BUILDINGS AND THE WINNING NAMES FOR THE BUILDINGS WILL BE ANNOUNCED. REFRESHMENTS AND TOURS OF THE NEW BUILDING WILL FOLLOW. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO JOIN US ON THURSDAY NEXT WEEK FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT!



BASKETBALL TRYOUTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

COMING IN NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 15, 2016 FOR BOYS

NOVEMBER 17, 2016 FOR GIRLS

TRYOUTS FROM EACH GROUP ARE FROM 3:00PM - 4:30PM

ALL STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION HOME

WEAR A COMFORTABLE SHIRT, SHORTS AND TENNIS SHOES TO PARTICIPATE



CES CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADERS!

NOVEMBER 14TH-15TH 3:00PM-4:30 PM

11/14 COME LEARN THE TRYOUT CHEER AND DANCE

11/15-OFFICIAL TRYOUTS

PRACTICE DAYS WILL BE TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 3-5PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE MS. SCHREINER OR MRS. RODGERS

COUGARS IN ACTION

MRS. AMANDA NOFTELL & MR. WHITAKER'S BOOK BUDDIES

