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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

TEACHER OF THE YEAR | NEW TEACHER | OPEN HOUSE | VOLUNTEERS (COMING UP!)

**Congratulations, Crookshank Teacher
-of-the-Year Renee Hobbs and
Rookie Teacher-of-the-Year Jenny
Moore-Jones**

Every year Crookshank Elementary teachers have an opportunity to vote for a peer faculty member who best exemplifies the teaching excellence to which our faculty aspires. This year thirty-seven (37) Crookshank faculty members received votes for the Teacher of the Year honor, a mark of the quality of teaching throughout our school. I am proud to announce that Fifth Grade Teacher, Renee Hobbs has been chosen as *Teacher of the Year* and First Grade Teacher Jenny Moore-Jones has been selected as *Rookie Teacher of the Year*. Earlier this week we recognized these special educators with celebratory balloons, flowers, boas and tiaras. Video footage of the surprise announcement was aired on the school morning show. Mrs. Hobbs and Mrs. Moore-Jones will be honored for their achievements at the 2017 Horizon Awards Banquet.

I congratulate our teacher winners and their runners-up, Ewa Kolk and Wendy Dailey (TOY) and Lucie Howard (RTOY) We are very proud of them and of all of our Crookshank faculty members!

Welcome, New Fifth Grade Teacher Kelly Dunn

At the beginning of the school year, enrollment at the fifth grade level spiked to an unexpected level and fifth grade teacher Renee Hobbs found herself leading a class of 36 students. Since then we conducted interviews for a fifth grade teacher and today I am proud to introduce Mrs. Kelly Dunn as Crookshank's newest faculty member. Mrs. Hobbs class size will revert to the 22 students allowed by the Florida Class Size Amendment as 14 students transfer to Mrs. Dunn's new class.

Ms. Robyn Brady, who had been assisting Mrs. Hobbs, will now transfer to the second grade level, where she will assist Mrs. Hoessler as her Associate Teacher.

Call for Additional Parent Volunteers to 2016-17 School Advisory Council

Crookshank's School Advisory Council enjoyed a productive first meeting, discussing council plans and goals for the new school year. The School Advisory Council is a team of school parents, teachers and staff members, community partners and administrators who meet monthly to discuss school improvement initiatives. The SAC Team membership must be representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic community served by our school and 51 percent of School Advisory Council must be school parents. We are looking for four additional parents who are willing to participate on this year's School Advisory Council. I ask you to please consider this important work and communicate your interest to Ms. Ewa Kolk, SAC Chairperson at Ewa.Kolk@stjohns.k12.fl.us All parents and guardians are invited to attend the monthly School Advisory Council meetings, which will be held in the school Media Center.

Spotlight

Hundreds of Parents attend School Open House Gatherings

We extend a big thank-you to the hundreds of parents and guardians who attended school Open House gatherings the past three weeks. As I visited classrooms and listened outside classrooms doors, I was proud of the poise, professionalism and dedication of our teachers. I heard many positive comments from parents about the informative presentations our teachers made and I am grateful for the continued support of our parents and guardians. Thank you, parents and guardians, for supporting your child's life at school!

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Wednesday, October 5 SJCSA Arts Programs Director Tommy Bledsoe and his band will perform a program of Florida Music music, "The Old Florida Hoedown" for Grs. 3-5 students beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Commons Areas. The program is a rich cultural tapestry that makes up Florida history. The material touches on Spanish, American Indian, African-American, and Anglo/Cracker cultures.



The St. Johns County School District is seeking comments on the proposed calendars for both the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school calendars.

The survey links can be accessed at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/calendar/proposed/ or under "Featured Links" on the school district home page. Individuals are encouraged to submit any ideas, suggestions or concerns about the proposed calendars.

Feedback will be collected through Monday, October 3.

The final proposed calendars must be approved by the School Board.



Media Release

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September 28, 2016

The members of the St. Johns County School Board have selected four finalists to be interviewed for the next Superintendent of the St. Johns County School District (SJCSA):

Dr. Elizabeth Alves
Dr. Vickie Cartwright
Mr. Tim Forson
Mr. Mark Porter

To view the interview schedule, visit the SJCSA's homepage at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us and click on the Superintendent Search button. Candidate interviews with the School Board are open to the public and will take place on Thursday, October 6 in the Auditorium of the SJCSA Administrative Building, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, 32084. Please refer to the interview schedule for specific times on October 6.

In addition, all employees and community residents are invited to a community reception for the finalists on Thursday, October 6, at 6 p.m. at First Coast Technical College - Building C, 2890 Collins Ave., St. Augustine, 32084. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from and meet each of the finalists as well as provide input to the School Board for consideration.



**THANK YOU TO TARGET FOR THEIR GENEROUS
DONATION TO OUR BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
PROGRAM!**



**Just a
reminder...**

*Art to Remember
order forms will be
going home soon!
Please note that the
orders are due 10/19!*



REMINDER

**THERE WILL BE A SAC MEETING ON
OCTOBER 13, 2016 IN THE MEDIA CENTER
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**





Adventure Landing Family Fun Night

Thursday, October 6

5pm-8pm

\$15 a ticket

Tickets available from the Front office or Ms. Rice

Each ticket will get you

**UNLIMITED GO KART RIDES AND
UNLIMITED MINIATURE GOLF**



WE WILL ONLY HAVE 100 TICKETS AVAILABLE SO I RECOMMEND GETTING YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE. IF THERE ARE TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT WE WILL BE SELLING THEM IN FRONT OF ADVENTURE LANDING FROM 4:40-5:00. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PURCHASE TICKETS PAST 6:30 ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR CLOSED TOED SHOES AND PURCHASE A BAND.

ALL PROCESSED WILL BENEFIT THE CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY DRAMA CLUB!

**ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION
WELCOMES**

**DR. DAVID CHILDERS,
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL-BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRICIAN**

**TOPIC: SIBSHOPS: AN OVERVIEW OF A LIVELY PEER SUPPORT GROUP CREATED
SPECIFICALLY FOR THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

DATE/TIME: 10/4/16 FROM 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

LOCATION: 40 ORANGE STREET, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL, 32084

TAKE AWAYS:

- FAMILIES WILL HAVE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SIBLINGS' RELATIONSHIP**
- FAMILIES WILL OBTAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT SIBSHOPS HAVE TO OFFER FOR THE FAMILY MEMBER WHO WILL HAVE THE LONGEST-LASTING RELATIONSHIP WITH A PERSON WHO HAS A DISABILITY**
- FAMILIES WILL FIND OUT HOW TO REGISTER FOR UPCOMING SIBSHOPS IN ST JOHNS COUNTY**

TARGET AUDIENCE:

- PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**
- TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO PROVIDE INPUT TO DISTRICT STAFF REGARDING OUR ONGOING EFFORT TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.
PARENTS, EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS, & BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.