



THE COUGAR PRESS

J.A. Crookshank Elementary School Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!



John A. Crookshank Elementary

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

WELCOME TO AN AMAZING SCHOOL YEAR OF LEARNING AT JOHN A. CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

COUGARS! BELIEVE IT! ACHIEVE IT!

The first week of school at John A. Crookshank has been a great start for our students and their teachers. I am very excited to be a part of this amazing school community. Thank you for your warm welcome for me as your new school leader. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of the students, parents, faculty and staff members who comprise our Cougar Family. It's always great to see the reunion of children and teachers who haven't seen one another during the summer. It has been especially exciting to see our fifth graders return to take their places as leaders on our campus. Our goal is to be a school where students dedicate themselves to learning in an environment where, first we love them and then we teach them. With outstanding teachers who identify the way their individual students learn, we provide academic rigor in an exciting atmosphere that emphasizes creativity and growth and places children at the center of all that we do. Your children are the motivation for all of our efforts. As we begin this new school year, we rededicate ourselves to teaching with a focus on academic growth, collaboration, and inquiry in a culture of caring. Crookshank is an AVID College and Career Readiness school environment. I am extremely proud to be the principal of our very special school.

WELCOME BACK!

Parent Volunteers make a Difference! Parents are their children's first and best teachers. The essential core of our volunteer base is comprised of parents. I ask every parent to please join our first-rate Parent-Teacher Organization and become actively involved in the life of your child at school this year.



WE NEED YOU! CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP ON THE 2017-18 SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Crookshank's 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 parents who willing to participate on this year's School Advisory Council. I ask you to please consider this important work and communicate your interest to Marquez Jackson, Principal at Marquez.Jackson@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. Please plan to attend the first School Advisory Council meeting of the new school year at 4 p.m. on August 24th in the Media Center. We welcome your ideas and active involvement.

MEET OUR ADMINISTRATORS!

Principal

MARQUEZ JACKSON



Assistant Principals

ANGIE RODGERS YVETTE CUBERO-GONZALEZ



CHARACTER COUNTS AT CROOKSHANK



Trustworthiness



Respect



Responsibility



Fairness



Caring



Citizenship



John A. Crookshank is an AVID (Advancement Via Independent Determination) school. AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. AVID Elementary takes a systemic approach through the use of WICOR and an explicit focus on high expectations, rigor, and developing a college readiness culture.



PBIS is a comprehensive, approach to implementing positive and consistent student discipline systems in schools. Unlike other approaches to student discipline, PBIS encourages a positive climate schoolwide, in all locations and for all students. Social skill lessons will be taught in Morning Meetings and embedded throughout the day.

STUDENTS AT JOHN A.
CROOKSHANK ARE ASKED TO
"PAWS":

PERSONAL BEST

ACT RESPONSIBLY

WORK TOGETHER

SHOW RESPECT

STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

IF YOUR CHILDREN RIDE THE BUS...

- * Please remind them to remain seated and to keep the conversation level down, so the driver can focus on the road.
- * Help your children remember the bus number they ride to and from school.
- * Remind your child that phones are not allowed on the bus.

IF YOUR CHILD RIDES A BIKE TO SCHOOL...

- * A helmet must be worn to and from school.
- * Students are to ride on the sidewalk, not the road.
- * Students must secure their bike in the bike rack.

IF YOUR CHILD IS PARENT DROP-OFF...

Drop off starts at 8 a.m.

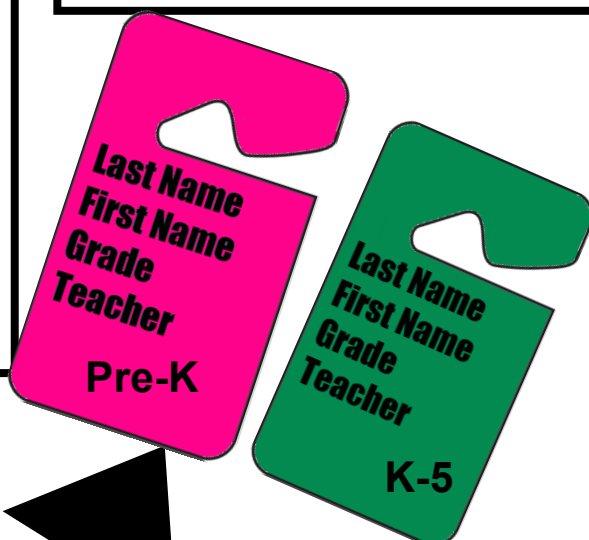
- * Please pull all the way forward in the loop.
- * Children need to have their belongings in hand to quickly exit the vehicle, on the right side, when the vehicle stops.

IF YOUR CHILD WALKS TO SCHOOL...

- * Talk to your child about only crossing the street at the crossing guard.
 - Try to arrange for him/her to walk with friends, never walk alone.
 - Parents of walkers will wait outside the white gate near the playground area and have your Green Parent Pick up card ready to show a staff member so they can call for your child.

IF YOUR CHILD IS A CAR RIDER...

- * If you arrive to school early, please stay in your car so we can start the line as soon as students are dismissed from their classrooms.
- * Please be sure that your child's first and last name is visible in your front window. This greatly helps the line to move quickly.
- * Please pull all the way forward in the loop.
- * Don't forget Early Dismissal on Wednesdays.



PARENT PICK UP PARENTS:

FOR SAFETY REASONS, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK ADULTS TO NOT WALK UP TO THE CAFETERIA DOORS FOR DISMISSAL. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PARENT PICK UP CARD, YOU WILL HAVE TO SHOW PHOTO IDENTIFICATION IN THE FRONT OFFICE, **THEN** YOUR STUDENT WILL BE CALLED.

**PARENT PICK UP CARDS
MUST BE IN VEHICLE DASH-
BOARD WHEN PICKING STUDENTS
UP AFTER SCHOOL! IF A CARD IS
NOT PRESENT, WE MUST CHECK
ID! (IT'S THE LAW)**

REMINDERS

EXTENDED DAY

The Afterschool Programs that will be offered this year will be:

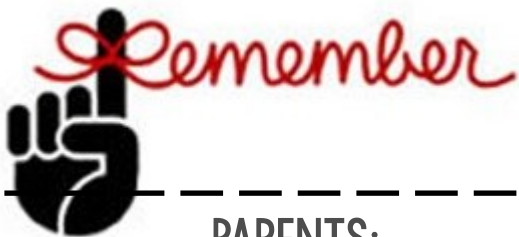
- Kidz Art
- Club Scientific
- Tae Kwon Do

These programs will start the week of Sept. 4th. Information about these programs will be sent home within the next 2 weeks. Kidz Art and Club Scientific are accepting registrations online at this time if you would like to get a head start.

We are no longer collecting Campbell Soup labels, however we are collecting Boxtops. I hope you saved them over the summer! Each classroom will have an envelope that your child can put them in. Thank you for you participation.

Deborah Damon, Extended Day Coordinator

No transportation changes can be made after 2:00 p.m. each day. On Wednesdays no changes may be made after 1:00 p.m.



PARENTS:

IF YOU WANT TO ENTER THE SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON (BIRTHDAYS, MEETINGS, ETC), IN ORDER FOR YOU TO LEAVE THE FRONT OFFICE, YOU MUST FILL OUT A SCHOOL ACCESS FORM ONLINE

YOU MAY VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TO PUT IN AN APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL ACCESS AT:

<http://www-ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>



STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO WEAR CLOSED TOED SHOES TO SCHOOL. SANDALS, HEELS, AND OTHER OPEN TOED SHOES are not safe for the playground



FOR STUDENTS IN KG, 1ST AND 3RD GRADE: HEALTH SCREENINGS - LETTERS WILL BE SENT HOME DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL SO PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILDS TAKE HOME FOLDER

In compliance with Florida Statute 381.0056 (7), regarding school health services, we are notifying you that students in the St. Johns County School System will be offered free screening for vision, hearing, and height/weight measurement for growth and development.

If your child is tested and the results are not in the “normal” range for the particular test,

you will be notified by letter. Your child will be screened unless you notify the school, in writing by signing below, no later than **MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017**, that you do not want your child to participate.

Nurses from the St. Johns County School District, in conjunction with school personnel and trained volunteers, will conduct the screenings. Screening is defined by Florida Statutes as “presumptive identification of unknown or unrecognized disease or defects by the application of a test that can be given with ease and rapidity to apparently healthy persons.”

MEDICATION POLICY

If your child needs medication during school hours, please note the following:

All medications (prescription and over-the-counter) must have a medication form signed by both the parent/guardian and the physician ordering the medication. **EXCEPTION:** A student at the middle and high school level may carry a non-prescription, non-emergency medication on his/her person while in school with written permission from the parent/guardian. A copy of the signed permission form must accompany the stated medication at all times.

All medications must be received in the original container with current Rx label including student’s name, dosage, frequency of administration, physician’s name, and expiration date of medication. Over-the-counter medications must be in the original, unopened container. No medication will be given if presented at school in a plastic bag.

Medications must be brought to school by parent/guardian. Please do not send any medications with your child in their backpack. Medications may not be brought to school by the student.

Medication brought to school by a student will be kept in the clinic until a parent/guardian comes to the school with the required paper work. Without the required authorization, the student will not be given the medication during school hours.

Medications should not be transported between home and school on a daily basis. Separate containers should be kept at home and at school.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH, PLEASE CONTACT OUR SCHOOL NURSE, Roxane Smith, RN 904.547.7832

Kindergarten Parents

Often times “accidents” still happen at this age. Please provide an extra change of clothes for your child just in case an “accident” occurs during the school day. In a plastic, gallon sized zip-lock bag, place a complete change of clothes (socks, underwear, pants/shorts, and shirt). Write your child’s name on the outside of the bag and keep it in their backpack. This will help minimize interruptions and save you a trip to Crookshank to bring a change of clothes.



The 5th grade teachers would like to welcome all of our new 5th graders!

We would like all parents to be aware that we have 2 field trips of considerable cost in 5th grade:

- NASA in Titusville, FL in November 2017
- Islands of Adventure, in Orlando, FL in May 2018.

We want to notify you now so that you may start making accommodations to fund these trips. We will be in need of

approved chaperones too. We will be doing a Village Inn Pie card sale in October and November, which will defray these costs, so please be aware of the forthcoming information! Thanks and we are looking forward to a great school year!

As we begin this school year, we encourage your child to make **READING** a TOP priority. Reading a book can open amazing new worlds, take you on magical adventures, and awaken your imagination to new ideas and discover-

ies. Encourage your child to find a book they want to read...and then make time to read it together! I look forward to sharing this year of learning with you and your child. Happy Reading!!

The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss

Anje Newbold, Instructional Literacy Coach

