



From the Principal's Desk
**SJCSD VIPS JOIN CROOKSHANK SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOR VETERANS DAY
REMEMBRANCE AND
BUILDING DEDICATION CEREMONY**

Dr. Joyner, Mr. Forson, Martha Mickler, Patrick Canan and 25 veterans of foreign wars joined 880 preschool through fifth grade students on the front to honor the men and women who serve in our armed forces to protect our freedoms. At the beginning of the ceremony, members of the safety patrol respectfully raised a flag that flew over a Iraq and led all students and visitors in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Crookshank's Chorus sang a stirring National Anthem and the patriotic song, "American Tears". All veterans in attendance were introduced to the children and several chose to speak about their experiences, including a World War II veteran who was present at the D-Day invasion. The 2016 Veterans Day observance was Crookshank's largest and most successful to date.

Following the Veterans Day remarks, Dr. Joyner and Mr. Canan spoke to students about the decision to build a new 22-room building at Crookshank. The building more than doubles the interior space at our school. Students were invited to participate in drawing and essay contests and the winners shared their pictures and essays with the crowd. With two buildings now on campus, a building naming contest was held and a vote was taken to name the historical 1959 building the "Cub Den" and the new intermediate building, the "Cougar Den". Everyone enjoyed refreshments and tour after the ceremonies.

ST. AUGUSTINE ARTIST MANILA CLOUGH CREATES "STARSTUFF" MOSIAC FOR STUDENTS

St. Augustine Artist Manila Clough has spent a good part of the last two years creating a large porcelain and stained glass mosaic for the Crookshank student body. The mosaic is entitled, "We are made of Starstuff" a Carl Sagan quote meant to inspire wonder about our experience of life: "We are made of Starstuff, the nitrogen in our DNA, the calcium in our teeth, the iron in our blood the carbon in our apple pies were made in the interiors of the collapsing stars. We are made of starstuff." Following the Veterans Day and Building Dedication ceremonies, Mrs. Clough's mosaic was unveiled in the 1st Floor Commons, where the art will be a focal point of the area where students study and learn in different ways. Children and adults marveled at the beauty and intricacy of her work. During the second semester Manila will be volunteering as an Artist-in-Residence at Crookshank. All of us are very grateful for her talent, generosity and special interest in our students.

Crookshank's Faculty and Staff extend holiday wishes to all of our students and their families during this special time of year. Enjoy a wonderful break with your families and friends and we'll look forward to seeing you in the New Year on January 5, 2017!



Six Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Students earn Accelerated Reader Awards
EVERY MONTH SIX CHILDREN ARE SELECTED FOR RECOGNITION AS THE HIGHEST ACHIEVING ACCELERATED READER (AR) READERS AT CROOKSHANK. THE K-5 STUDENTS- ONLY ONE IS SELECTED AT EACH GRADE LEVEL- ARE CHOSEN FOR HAVING ACHIEVED THE MOST AR POINTS READING WITHIN THEIR ZPD LEVEL WITH AN ACCURACY RATE OF 85 PERCENT OR HIGHER. THE CHILDREN APPEAR ON THE CROOKSHANK MORNING SHOW, WHERE THEY RECEIVE SPECIAL CERTIFICATES AND A TROPHY TO DISPLAY IN THEIR CLASSROOM THE ENTIRE MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AR MONTHLY WINNERS!

Grade	Student	Points	Accuracy
K	Cole Lamontagne	3.2	91.4%
1	Keeghen Andersen	10.5	100%
2	Paige Bechtold	21.4	97.8%
3	Kylie Shope	117.0	90.0%
4	Roselina Perusinna	54.8	93.3%
5	Nolan Humphries	131.6	98.6%





Crookshank Elementary is an AVID school

What is AVID?

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is an instructional system for students in kindergarten through 12th grade and in higher education. The AVID College Readiness System is a schoolwide transformational effort focused on leadership, systems, instruction, and culture, and is designed to increase the number of students who enroll and succeed in higher education and in their lives beyond high school. AVID-trained educators teach students academic and social skills to help them develop the habits and behaviors needed to succeed in rigorous curriculum. The AVID College Readiness System is a catalyst for developing a school culture that closes the achievement, expectation and opportunity gaps many students face, it prepares all students for success in a global society.



AVID Elementary Essentials

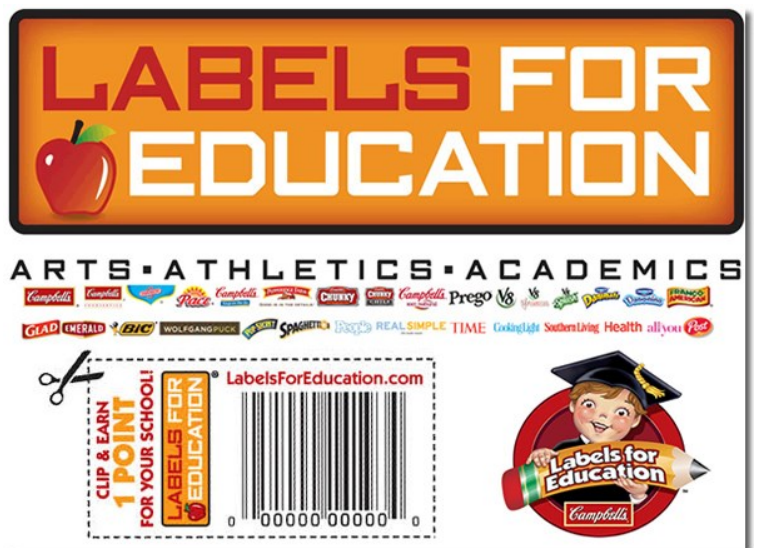
Instruction: WICOR strategies (Writing to learn, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading to learn) set the framework for AVID instruction, with L-WICOR (Learning to WICOR) laying the foundation of instruction in AVID Elementary classrooms.

Culture: AVID Culture incorporates rigorous, relevant, differentiated opportunities for all students in an environment that promotes college readiness.

Leadership: AVID Leadership supports, guides, and facilitates AE implementation for all students.

Systems: AVID Systems align through the use of the Four Pillars of Excellence to ensure the fidelity of implementation at all grade levels.





The next collection for Boxtops and Campbell Soup labels from classrooms is **Friday Jan. 27th.**



- 1. Clip**
Save UPCs and beverage caps from participating Campbell's Labels for Education™ products.
- 2. Earn**
Send in UPCs and beverage caps to earn Labels for Education points for your school.
- 3. Help Them Learn!**
Redeem Labels for Education points for great merchandise for your school!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION an easy way to **earn cash for your school!**

Look for the pink Box Top coupon on hundreds of participating products. Each is worth 10¢ for your school!

- 1**  Buy your favorite Box Tops products.
- 2**  Cut out the Box Top from each package.
- 3**  Send your Box Tops to school with your child.
- 4**  Your school gets cash for every Box Top collected to help buy the things it needs most. All those Box Tops really add up!



Kiwanis **K-Kids**[®] Young Leaders Helping Others

THE K-KIDS ARE HAVING A FOOD DRIVE **DECEMBER 5-9**
TO BENEFIT ST. AUGUSTINE FAMILIES IN NEED.

We need the following:

Canned Vegetables

Stove Top stuffing

Macaroni and Cheese

Rice

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Canned Fruit

Canned Soups



THE DRAMA CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

We are looking for donations of middle Eastern looking clothing, scarves, and fabric!!! If you have anything that looks even a lit-

tle bit Middle Eastern we will take it!! Please send in any donations to Ms. Rice

THANK YOU!!!