



# COUGAR NEWS

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We hope you and your family are doing well. As many of you know, February is Black History Month. We have many books in our school's media center and classrooms that celebrate the many contributions of African Americans. Please talk with your child and encourage them to read more about those contributions. We also have some exciting celebrations this month, from the Kids Heart Challenge to our 100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration! We appreciate all your support with all the opportunities for your child to continue to learn and grow. Thank you for your continued support and helping your child show their P.A.W.S.! I will give my Personal Best, Act Responsibly, Work Together with Others, and Show Respect. Working Together, We ALL Succeed!

Sincerely,

*Marquez Jackson*, Principal-Learning Leader

### OUR VISION:

Working together, we all succeed.

### OUR MISSION:

Our professional learning community at John A. Crookshank Elementary School is dedicated to the development of students' academic, social, and emotional well-being. We will plan purposeful lessons and instruct standards using best practices, so all students are equipped with a growth mind-set and the skills necessary to address and overcome challenges they may face in their future.

### Important Dates

- 2/5 Report Cards on HAC at 2PM
- 2/8 Kids Heart Challenge Kickoff
- 2/11 100<sup>th</sup> Day in Kindergarten
- 2/15 NO SCHOOL: President's Day
- 2/22-26 PTO Book Fair
- 2/25 Virtual SAC Meeting 4PM
- 3/3 Interims Issued on HAC
- 3/17-19 SPRING BREAK



Please note early Wednesday release is at 1:50PM. Students will be released at 1:50PM every Wednesday until the end of the school year.



## REPORT CARDS

On Friday, February 5 report cards will be available on the HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC) for grades K-5. A paper copy will not be sent home. The HAC portal provides parents and students with a daily summary page of student information including schedule and attendance, discipline information, class work, test scores, grades and course requests.

Parents/Guardians must have a valid email address on file with a St. John's County School in order to create a HAC account.

Parents/Guardians can register online:

<https://homeaccess.stjohns.k12.fl.us>

- At the Home Access Center Login screen, click the link "Click Here to Register for HAC". On the Home Access Center User Registration fill out all the required fields.
- You should receive an email with a link to complete your registration

For additional information on the HAC portal, access the webpage at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>

## Valentine's Day

Each grade level will celebrate Valentine's Day this year, however it may look a little different throughout the building. Due to COVID19, teachers will distribute any items sent in. We ask that families send in items as requested by your student's teacher.



### Masks and Temperature Checks

Masks are to be worn by all students until a temperature check is completed and they are able to socially distance themselves from others. **Please make sure your child has a mask and it is labeled with his/her name.**

Temperature checks will occur upon arrival. Any student with a temperature at or above 100.4 degrees will be referred to the nurse and a parent/guardian will be responsible for picking up his/her student.



While on school property and in a vehicle, you **MUST** put your cell phone down. We ask this for the safety of our students and our staff members.

★**HAPPY**★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

## **BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB!**

The Crookshank Media Center is excited to announce the Birthday Book Club! This is a wonderful way to commemorate your child's birthday. Your participation not only enriches the library collection but allows you and your child to be personally involved in its growth.

With the book fair just around the corner, this may be the perfect time for your child to select their book.

More information can be found at our website:

<https://www-ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/>



# Kids Heart Challenge™ is coming!

Kick off date: February 8, 2021

When students join the Kids Heart Challenge they will hear from kids with special hearts and raise funds to help kids like them. Activities and interactive technologies make it fun to learn how to keep your heart and brain strong and emphasize both physical and emotional wellness. Plus, participating schools can earn money for PE equipment while your child earns fun thank you gifts!

## Why Join the Kids Heart Challenge?

- Helping others makes happy hearts
- Daily family health challenges and Move More tracker
- Learning CPR
- Practicing gratitude to manage stress
- Easy and online

## TO REGISTER:

Download our app or visit [heart.org/KHC](http://heart.org/KHC)



*Students who raise \$150 before your KHC Kick-Off will receive our collector's edition XL Agent KHC!*

## School Advisory Council

Thank you to the parents who have signed up to serve on our SAC (School Advisory Council) team this year. Being part of the SAC team is a great way to get involved with our school and to help make school wide decisions. Please contact [Mr. Marquez Jackson](#) (Principal) or [Ms. Alexandria Robinson](#) (SAC Chair) if you have any questions regarding the SAC.

### **What is a School Advisory Council (SAC)?**

A SAC is a diverse group of stakeholders of a school, established through Florida Law, with shared goal of increasing student achievement in a safe learning environment. A SAC is comprised of the Principal, teachers, education support staff, parents, business partners and community members. The majority of the members must be non-school employees and members must be representative of the community.

### **What is the role of SAC?**

The SAC assists in the preparation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and acts as a resource to the school principal. The term advisory is intended to mean inquiring, informing, suggesting, recommending, and evaluating.

### **What is the School Improvement Plan?**

"The whole point of school improvement is data-driven decision making. The process is SUPPOSED to be fairly simple and straight forward: The SAC reviews relevant data (which is much more than test scores), identifies problem areas, develops improvement strategies, monitors their implementation, and then starts the whole process over when the next round of data is available."

# Safer, Smarter Kids

Students will participate in a **Safer, Smarter Kids** lesson with the school counselor during their PE class over the next few weeks. This program covers state-mandated safety lessons for students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 covering topics including:

- Safety awareness
- Respecting yourself and others
- Developing self esteem
- Peer pressure
- Bullying, cyberbullying
- Assessing safe vs. unsafe situations
- Understanding rules and responsibilities
- Identifying and protecting body boundaries
- Listening to a guiding voice
- Accessing help and identifying trusted adults
- Determining safe vs. unsafe touches
- Safe vs. unsafe secrets
- Staying safe online and on digital devices
- Establishing personal power and influence



You may find more information at <https://laurenkids.org/resources/safer-smarter-schools/>

You may also contact Bailey Benoit, School Counselor at 904-547-7852 or [Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us) with any questions.

## **DISMISSAL**

Students needing to go home prior to dismissal will be escorted to their guardian's vehicle. *ONLY guardians can check students out prior to the end of the school day.* NO EARLY DISMISSAL AFTER 2PM (after 1 PM on Wednesdays). Please follow these steps:

- Park in one of three designated parking spots in the second row. Spots will be marked with a sign.
- Please call (904)547-7840 to reach the receptionist in the front office.
- Tell the reception area the first and last name of the student(s).
- Have a photo ID ready to show the staff member that will approach your vehicle.
- Your child will be delivered to your car after ID check. **STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS.**

*Please give yourself enough time for this process. It may take a few minutes for your child to be dismissed.*

If you are changing the way your child normally goes home, please contact the school in one of three ways: **via the Dismissal Change link on our school's homepage**, a note in the planner, or a written note from home.

Dismissal changes **will not** be accepted over the phone OR after 2:00PM/1:00PM on Weds. unless there is an emergency.