



Cougar Column

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**ONE Team!
ONE Goal!
Success for
ALL!**

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Future editions of the Cougar Column will be delivered via School Messenger beginning next Wednesday!

Monday	8-23	Related Arts Week B
Tuesday	8-24	
Wednesday	8-25	Early Release - Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	8-26	
Friday	8-27	Wear Your Favorite Sports Team to celebrate the start of College Football
Monday	8-30	Related Arts Week C
Tuesday	8-31	
Wednesday	9-1	Early Release - Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	9-2	
Friday	9-3	Wear your Favorite College Team to celebrate National College Colors Day

Parent/Student Handbook

Be sure to review our Parent/Student Handbook. It is available digitally on the Crookshank website. If you would like to receive a hard copy, you may request one from the front office.

A Word from Principal Mitidieri:

Welcome Back Cougars! We had a wonderful first week of school. It was so great to have all of you returning Cougars back on campus and to welcome our new ones. As the 2021-2022 school year begins, I am simply thrilled as our students return to our hallways and once again fill our building with great energy and excitement. I look forward to a great new year that is sure to be packed with fun, hard work and notable success for everyone.

Our theme for this year is "ONE Team! ONE Goal! Success for ALL!" We are focusing on preparing our students for another year of academic rigor and positive experiences that foster a belief in higher education. It is our goal that all of our students will have an optimistic view of themselves and the confidence to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Crookshank Elementary remains committed to the service of our families and most importantly our children. We will continue to provide the best possible educational experience for your child and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Open House.

Sincerely,
Bethany Mitidieri

Dismissal Updates

We appreciate your patience as we continue to streamline our car rider dismissal. We know we had some long wait times, however each day gets better and better. Just a recap of the pickup process...

- Prior to beginning dismissal, we have a staff member walking the surrounding streets to write down the names of the student who are already waiting in the car rider line.
- We start calling those students to numbered poles on the patio, with the intention of having them at least 3 students waiting at each pole.
- The first 10 cars in the loop load their students, then the next 10 cars pull up. If your child is not at the pole, you will be asked to move to a parking spot until your student arrives in order for the line to continue loading students.
- We have someone posted at the entrance to the school at N. Whitney to continue calling students as parents turn into the school entrance.
- Ideally, with your help, we will have your student there waiting for you as you come up to loop.

Things to remember:

- You **must** have a parent pick up card. If you don't have one, please park and go to the front office.
- Please stay at the pole until your student has arrived unless asked to park.
- Do not pull up unless you have your child, or someone directs you to pull up.
- Line up your passenger door with the opening in the fence in order for us to safely load your child into the car.
- Refrain from using cell phones in the car rider loop. This is for the safety of you and the students.
- Please be mindful of the people in the neighborhood and don't block driveways.

Updates from the Classroom

Kindergarten: This week in Kindergarten our theme is Friendship! We are working on our rituals and routines and how to be a good friend. We are introducing the alphabet and counting. Kindergarten is having FUN!

First Grade: This week in math, we are focusing on learning about different strategies to solve addition and subtraction word problems. In phonics this week we are review letters and sounds as they are an important part of reading. Our comprehension focus for this week is realistic fiction by reading books that focus on learning about different neighborhoods. In social studies we are learning about rules and responsibility. In science we are focusing on our five senses and how they apply to the scientific process.

Second Grade: In second grade we are excited to begin the new year! In reading, students are beginning the year with the setting in a realistic fiction story. They will need to know what realistic fiction is. In math, they are adding and subtracting within 50. This includes double digit numbers. Students need to explain what strategy they used to solve the problem. Science begins with the scientific process- observing and categorizing. Good Citizenship is the focus in of our Social Studies. Within all of these subjects we will be writing to explain our thinking!

Third Grade: What a great first week in 3rd grade - we are all so proud of all of our students for returning to school ready to shine!! Third Grade is currently working on multiplication and division strategies in math. In reading, we are learning and exploring different traditional tales, learning how our environment affects our ways of life, and determining character traits, feelings, and motivations. We are diving into our world in social studies and learning about the different continents and oceans. In science, we are beginning the scientific process.

Class Dojo is our number one way to communicate. If you could sign up - that would be great!! Please remember to sign planners every night - another great way to see what is happening each day and to communicate with teachers if needed.

Fourth Grade: This week 4th graders are spending time learning the difference between a fixed and growth mindset! We will be applying what we learn about growth mindset to our content area learning. Map Skills, The Scientific Method, and Narrative Nonfiction are just a few of the topics for this week.

Fifth Grade: In Reading, 5th grade is beginning our unit on informational text where we are exploring text features and text structure. In math we are continuing to learn about volume. Just a reminder homework packets are due this Friday.

Summer Reading Olympics

It's time to turn in your Summer Reading Logs to see who won our Summer Reading Olympics.

Logs are due August 31st

Gold Medal Winner:

K-2 read 45 books or more
3-5 read 2,000 pages or more

Silver Medal Winner

K-2 read 30-44 books
3-5 read 1,500 - 1,999 pages

Bronze Medal Winner

K-2 read 15-29 books
3-5 read 1,000 - 1,499 pages

All winners will receive a medal and participate in an ice cream party!

Gold and Silver Medal winners will also receive a coupon book with special privileges at Crookshank!

Cruisin' into Summer

It's time to give away a BEACH CRUISER!

Remember to turn in your Summer Reading Log by August 31st for your chance to earn your very own Beach Cruiser Bike.

We are awarding a winner in each grade level K-5!

K-2nd grade winners will be chosen by the most books read and recorded.

3rd-5th grade winners will be chosen by the most pages read and recorded.