



Cougar Column

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

Week of January 24, 2022

The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

Monday	1/24	Related Arts Week A (PK) and C Literacy Week Begins! Read My Shirt Day
Tuesday	1/25	Literacy Night 5 - 6 p.m.
Wednesday	1/26	Snuggle Up and Read Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	1/27	Stop, Drop and Read SAC Meeting 4:00 p.m.
Friday	1/28	Dress up Like a Space Person
Monday	1/31	Related Arts Week B (PK) and D Kid's Heart Challenge Kickoff
Tuesday	2/1	PTO Spirit Night at Moe's
Wednesday	2/2	Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	2/3	
Friday	2/4	Wear Red for Heart Health
Monday	2/7	No School - Teacher In-Service Day Related Arts Week C (PK) and E
Tuesday	2/8	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m. Media Center
Wednesday	2/9	Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	2/10	
Friday	2/11	Wear Red, White or Pink for Valentine's Day

Our American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge event will begin on January 31st!
 See the flyer below for more details.

Coming Soon!
 Scholastic Book Fair
 February 14 - 18

Honor Roll
 We would like to recognize the following students for their outstanding academic achievement. Way to go!
 All A's
 Lailynn B., Serena H.
 A/B
 Willem M., Jude S.

Literacy Week!
 We have a fun filled week of activities for Literacy Week. Please see the schedule below and the Literacy night flyer.

Congratulations!
 Ms. Killian - Rookie Teacher of the Year.
 Ms. McQuaig - Teacher of the Year.



Yearbook Recognition Ad DEADLINE!
 Friday, February 18
 Ads must be purchased and submitted by this date!
 Go to: BuyTheYearbook.com
 Enter Crookshank
 School ID # 702723
 To purchase and design your ad or e-mail photos and message to
 Richard.Greenough@ stjohns.k12.fl.us

Also, there's still time to purchase your yearbook!

Because this year only happens once!

What's Cooking in the Cougar Café?
Monday- Chicken nuggets- Assorted Fruits and Vegetables-Milk
Tuesday- Mini Corndogs - Assorted Fruits and Vegetables-Milk
Wednesday- Breaded Chicken Sandwich- Assorted Fruits and Vegetables-Milk
Thursday- Cheese/pepperoni Pizza- Assorted Fruits and Vegetables-Milk
Friday- Cheeseburger- Assorted Fruits and Vegetables-Milk



IMPORTANT! Parent Consent Survey

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/parent-consent-form/>

Parents, please complete the Parental Consent Form for your child/children. Parental consent allows the student to receive health services from the school nurse while at school, to include care and treatment for illness and injury. **This includes giving medication approved to be administered at school.** This DOES

NOT AUTHORIZE: Invasive screening or procedure (COVID-19 testing, blood draw, vaccinations, etc.), preventative health care, medication administration, mental health counseling, therapy (physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc.), or other services that have traditionally required specific direction and consent (administration of medication, medical procedures, medical management of chronic health conditions, etc.).



Parent Invite to Connect

Crookshank Elementary School

PARENTS! Connect to Crookshank Elementary School using Artsonia to receive important updates on your child's art classroom activity.



Use your camera to scan this code.

You can also browse to www.artsonia.com/parents and enter this Parent Code

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Notes from the School Counselor

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

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| 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 with any questions.



Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!

January 24-28, 2022

**District: St Johns County
Crookshank Elementary School**

Monday, January 24th	<p>Read My Shirt</p> <p>Wear a shirt with a great message to share.</p>
Tuesday, January 25th	<p>Author Visit 5-6 PM: Mary Beth Perrone author of <u>I Have Superpowers</u></p> <p>Free book give aways and crafts in the Media Center after presentation</p> <p>Pre-order Papa John's Pizza to support the 5th Grade End-of-Year Trip!</p>
Wednesday, January 26th	<p>Snuggle Up and Read</p> <p>Wear your Pjs and bring a stuffed friend to school. Share a story together!</p>
Thursday, January 27th	<p>Stop, Drop and Read</p> <p>Classes will stop all activities, find a good spot to drop and read. (Please schedule at your convenience)</p>
Friday, January 28th	<p>Dress up like a space person</p> <p>To show that books are so amazing, we think they are out of this world!</p>



Crookshank Cougars PTO



Birthday Messages

We are now accepting orders! Please visit our online store <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/crookshank-pt> to get your child's name on our electronic marquee for their birthday week!



Update on PTO Meetings

Meetings will now be held at 6:30pm to accommodate more families, as well as an option to attend virtually.

A reminder email with an attached link will be sent before each meeting. We hope to have you attend!

PTO Meetings

Feb.	8th	6:30 p.m.	Media Center and Zoom
Mar.	8th	6:30 p.m.	Media Center and Zoom
Apr.	12th	6:30 p.m.	Media Center and Zoom
May	12th	6:30 p.m.	Meeting and Election

Our PTO is on Facebook and Instagram



Tap on the icon above and it will take you right to our Facebook or Instagram page. From there you can "Like" or "Follow" us and get to see everything we have planned for our Crookshank Cougars!

Our Website Has Been Updated

<http://crookshankpto.org/index.html>
Come and check it out!

Visit our Online Store!

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/crookshank-pt>
We're currently selling CES Stickers (large for \$3 and small for \$1) and Water Bottles (for \$10), in addition to our fantastic car magnets. But get yours soon...these will sell out fast!



Coming Soon!

Spirit Night at Moe's on February 1st.



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Become a Business Partner and your logo can go here. You can see the different levels of support on our website.

Literacy Night at CES

Tuesday January 25, 5-6 PM

Meet local author Mary Beth Perrone from 5:00 -5:30 followed by a kid-friendly craft and drawings for free book giveaways for adults and kids! Mary Beth Perrone's inaugural children's book, *I Have Superpowers* teaches kids to tap into breathing techniques to battle stress and anxiety. *I Have Superpowers* follows Zander, a young boy who has challenges controlling his emotions. During his seventh-birthday celebration, Zander has an outburst. His mom gives him a very powerful present, teaching him how to use deep breathing to calm down. Once Zander puts the breathing technique into practice, he realizes that he does indeed have a superpower.

Mrs. Perrone will show students and adults how to use these techniques during her presentation.

Take a pre-ordered Papa John's Pizza home and help support our 5th Grade End-of-the-Year Class Trip



****Please return to your child's teacher with payment by Friday, January 21st.****

Child's Name _____ Teacher _____

Large Cheese Pizza (\$10) (Pre-order only) How many? _____

Large Pepperoni Pizza (\$10) (Pre-order only) How many? _____

You must PREPAY for this event (checks made out to CES)

Pizzas will be distributed at 5:30, after author presentation by the cafeteria

Our American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge event will begin on January 31st!

Your student will learn about heart, brain and vascular health, and meet kids with special hearts!



Here's how you can help:

Register: <http://www2.heart.org/goto/crookshankelementary>

Take the challenge: Be Active or Be Kind

Share with friends and family through social media, text and/or email

You can help our class win the classroom challenge!

Our goal is to have 100% of our students register online and take the challenge.



After-School Golf Classes!

onsite at Crookshank Elementary



**We're back for
Spring 2022!**

Fridays

3-4pm

Three Class Blocks:

Block I: Jan 21 - Feb 25 (6 wks)

Block II: March 4 - April 29 (6 wks)

Block III: May 6 - May 27 (4 wks)

All equipment provided

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION:

www.firstteenorthflorida.org/afterschool

Linda Johnson, Director of Community Outreach
linda@firstteenorthflorida.org ... (904) 586-4854

**Grades
1-5**

**Register
Online**

**Cost:
\$120 (6 wks)
\$80 (4 wks)**

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TEACHER ESSAY CONTEST




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Applebee's® will award one deserving teacher from each school district a **\$500 SPONSORSHIP** check for their classroom for the upcoming year and host their current class an end-of-the-year party!* To enter the contest, students will need to nominate their teacher with an essay on why their teacher deserves to be

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Middle & High School Students:
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*Contest open to Doherty Enterprises owned and operated Applebee's® restaurants in the following counties: **Florida** (Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Duval, Indian River, Lee, Miami-Dade, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, Sarasota, St. Johns and St. Lucie) and **Georgia** (Ware). Prizes subject to change. If COVID-19 restrictions are in place, class party will be replaced with two Dinner for Four Certificates. All essays will need to be submitted in person to your local Doherty Enterprises owned and operated Applebee's® location in Florida and Georgia. Please see a Manager for additional rules and submittal form.

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SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR!

COMING SOON!

Dear Parents and Families:

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Hosted by our staff, this event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit our school.

After missing out on many beloved traditions, our fall Book Fair will be a familiar, welcome, and safe event for our students. Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from Feb 14-18 with Family Night Feb. 14th 4pm-7:00pm at Crookshank Media Center.

- Our Book Fair offers a cash-free payment option called eWallet. It's a convenient digital account that your child can use for shopping at our Fair. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute, too!
- If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop online at our school's Virtual Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/crookshankelementaryschool>

We're excited to celebrate our love of books together at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing your child there!

Happy reading,

Bethany Mitidieri
Principal
Crookshank Elementary School

SAVE
the
DATE

Crookshank's Book Fair

Book Fair Dates: Feb 14-18, 2022

Shopping Hours: 8:00am-2:00pm

Ways a Parent Can Help with **READING**

1

Let your child see you reading!

Have magazines and books in your home.

2

Help your child find appropriate word & reading games on the computer.

Keep a dictionary on hand. Help your child look up new words they read or hear.

3

Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.

4

Movie version coming out?

Read the book together first, then talk about which you each liked better.

5

Set aside a time and place for your child to read -

like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place

6

Visit your public library regularly.

Look for and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.

7

Encourage your child to write -

letters, thank you notes, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events, and daily life

8

Ask your child questions about what he or she is reading, such as:

- What is the story about?
- Who are the important characters in the story?
- Where does the story take place?
- Why do you think the character made that choice?
- Why did that happen?
- How did you know about...?
- Would you recommend this book to your friends?

9

Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story.

Provide word searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own



Share with your child about what you're reading... and encourage your child to do the same

Ways a Parent Can Help with **MATH**

1

Look for shapes and patterns in real life

2

Have your child measure ingredients for a recipe you are making

3

Ask your child to explain the math skills he or she is working on in school

4

When helping your child with homework or school assignments, ask him or her to explain how he or she got an answer

5

Help your child find some appropriate number and problem-solving games to play online

6

Play card or board games that involve counting or patterns

7

Ask your child to count change at the grocery store, or to estimate the total cost while you are shopping

8

Compare:

Which is the tallest?
...the heaviest?
...the longest?
...the smallest?
...the fastest?
...the hottest?
...the most expensive?

9

Have tools such as a ruler, a scale, a calculator, and a measuring tape available to use in your house

10

Encourage your child to track or graph scores or stats for a favorite sports team

11

Use dice or playing cards to make a game out of practicing math facts



Point out ways math is part of “real” life: money, computers, music, art, construction, cooking...

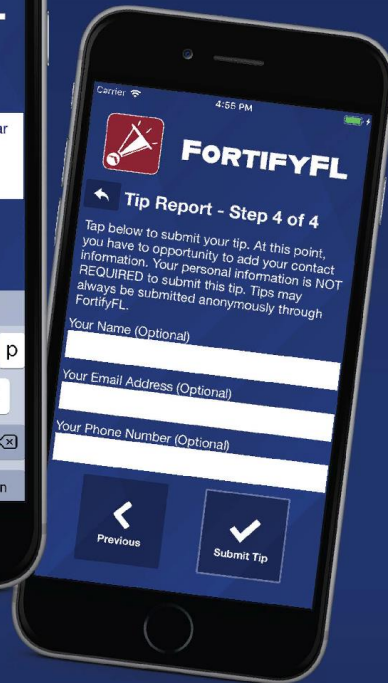
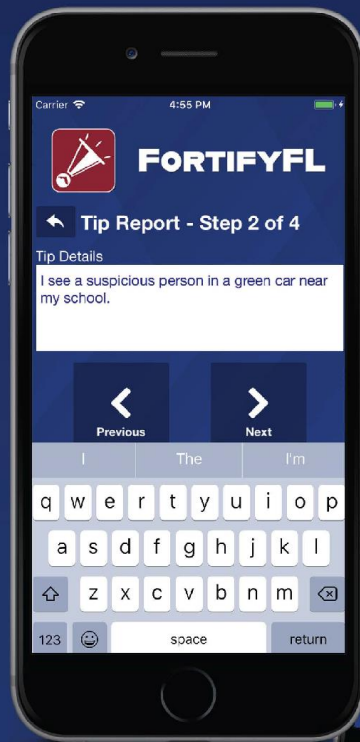
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