



Cougar Column

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

Week of January 31, 2022

The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

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| Monday | 1/31 | Related Arts Week A (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 B (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 |
| Monday | 2/14 | Related Arts Week C (PK) and F Book Fair Begins Family Night 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 2/15 | |
| Wednesday | 2/16 | Dismissal 1:45 |
| Thursday | 2/17 | |
| Friday | 2/18 | Dress Patriotically in Honor of President's Day on Monday |

Kids Heart Challenge

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



American Heart Association.

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.Greenouqh@stjohns.k12.fl.us

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

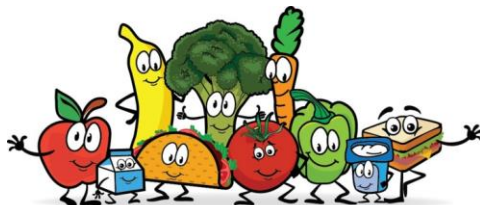
Because this year only happens once!

Our Kids Need You!

St. John's County School District is in need of Substitute Teachers. Applicants who hold a minimum of an Associate degree or equivalent of 60 credits or higher and who are 21 years of age or older are eligible to apply. Preferences given to applicants that have graduated or are graduating from an Education program. All applicants will be reviewed for strong teaching potential, above average references, experience in critical need areas, and/or an education degree. See the flyer below for more details,

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



Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is February 14 - 18 with a Family Night on February 14th 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.



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:

- 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.





Crookshank Cougars PTO



We Love...

During the month of February, we'll be sharing the love with these exciting events:

We Love...Our Classmates and Friends! Students will have the opportunity to send Valentine Grams to each other with a special message and gift. (See attached form)

We Love...Our Teachers and Staff! The PTO will be sharing the love by setting up a yummy Hot Chocolate Bar for our amazing staff to enjoy on Valentine's Day!

We Love...Our School! Stay tuned for a fun social media contest involving school pride!

We Love...Our Community! We'll be collecting canned goods on the 22nd to donate to spread all this love out into our community.

Join Us!

Spirit Night at Moe's on Tuesday
February 1st.



Please see the flyers below for the ways that you can feed your family and support our PTO!

Valentine Grams!

Send your classmates, friends, & teachers a Brag Tag! Valentine Grams are just \$1.00. Forms will be given by and returned to your teacher! Return completed grams anytime between February 1 and February 10. We'll add a cool Brag Tag to it and deliver them to classrooms on February 14.

Want to send more? You can print out more from our website: crookshankpto.org
See the flyer below for more details.



PTO Meetings

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|------|------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 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 |

Visit our Online Store!

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/crookshank-pto>

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!

Our Website Has Been Updated

<http://crookshankpto.org/index.html>

Come and check it out!

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!



Coming Soon!

Ties & TuTus
2-22-22



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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.



FEEL GOOD, EAT GREAT WITH MOE'S FUNDRAISING

CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY

FEBRUARY 1ST 5:00PM-8:00PM

VALID AT ANY OF THESE PARTICIPATING MOE'S LOCATIONS:

1685 US Highway 1 South
St. Augustine, FL 32084

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GO TO SUPPORT YOUR
ORGANIZATION

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MEAL KITS

FUNDRAISING



Crookshank Elementary School

Tuesday, February 1st

USE LINK BELOW OR SCAN QR CODE TO ORDER

Must Order By: 9pm on Monday 1/31; for pickup on Tues 2/1

CHOOSE FROM:
NACHO • TACO • FAJITA

\$34.99

\$38.99

\$42.99

**Crookshank
Elementary School
Get \$5 for each meal kit sold.**

Not interested in a meal kit?

- Swing by the store on Tuesday 2/1 between 4pm-9pm and we will donate 20% of the sales back to the school.
- Customers must mention Crookshank Elementary School at register.
- To Order A Meal Kit Visit the link below
<https://form.jotform.com/220163856715154>



Moe's St. Augustine FL
1685 US-1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Questions Call 904.439.9166

FEEDS 4-6

CROOKSHANK PTO PRESENTS

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PER GRAM



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FEBRUARY 10

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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.



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



St Johns County School District

Next Hiring for Substitute Teachers

Posting Feb. 8 – Feb. 15, 2022

in AppliTrack

SJCSD is ready to hire substitute teachers who are ready to make a difference for students in

Pre-K - 12th grade

The substitute teacher role provides:

- **Opportunity to put your degree to work.**
- **Flexibility – you pick the days and schools.**
- **An opportunity to work with diverse student populations.**
- **An opportunity to contribute to the learning and development of the students in our school district.**

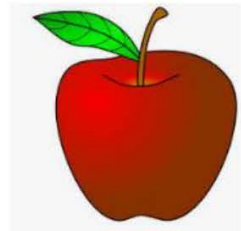
Come join our team.

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For full job description, requirements and to apply online,

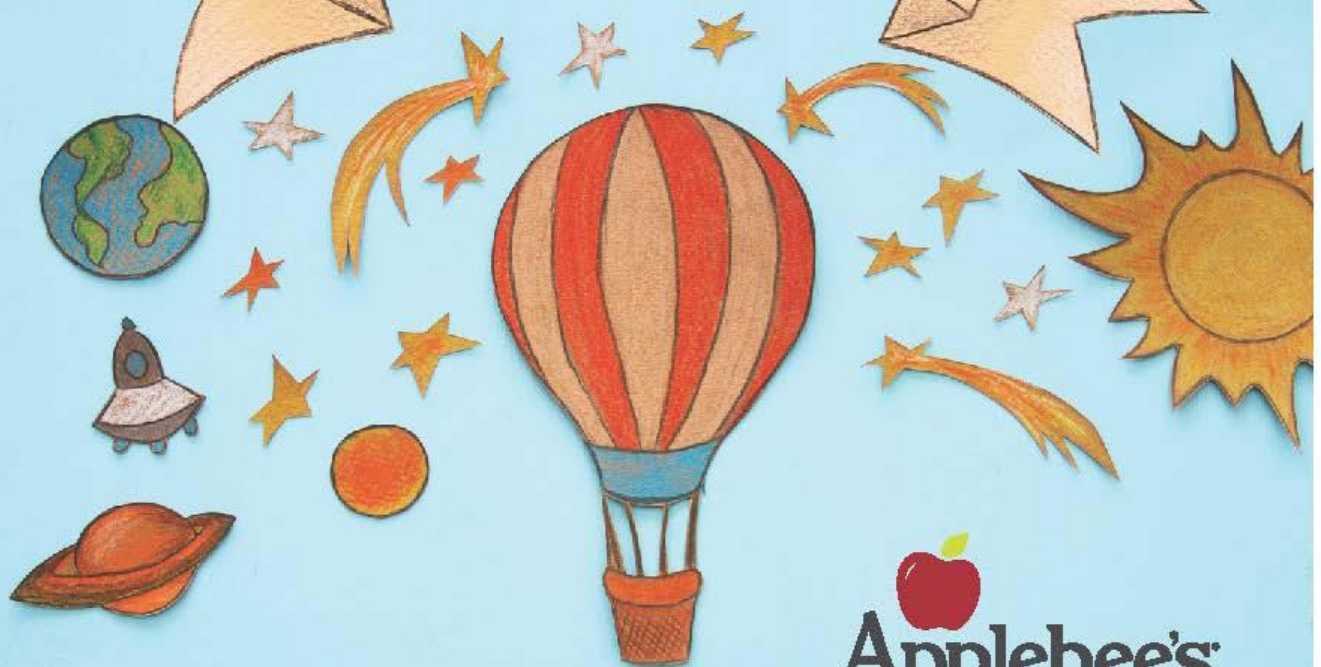
Visit: <https://www.applitrack.com/stjohns/onlineapp/>

Questions? Please call 904-547-7636 Substitute Helpdesk or application questions call AppliTrack helpdesk 547-7631



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TEACHER ESSAY CONTEST




Applebee's
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JANUARY 10 - MARCH 13

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:
500 WORDS
Elementary School Students:
1/2 PAGE

*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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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...

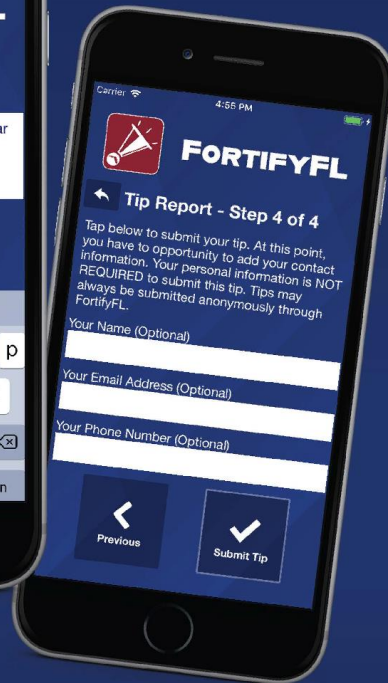
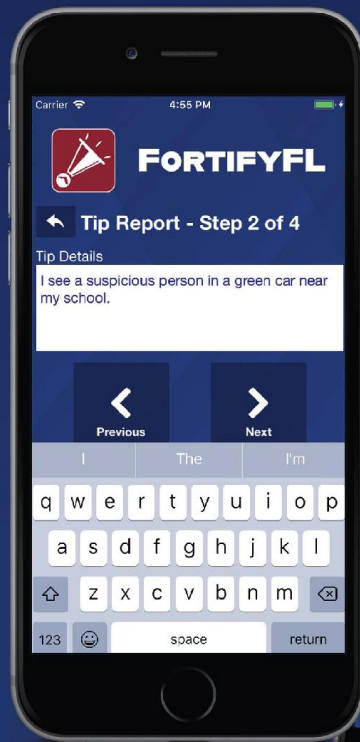
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