



Cougar Column

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

Week of February 14, 2022

The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

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
Monday	2/21	Related Arts Week D (PK) and A No School - President's Day
Tuesday	2/22	NASA Field Trip - 5 th Grade
Wednesday	2/23	Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	2/24	
Friday	2/25	Dress like Superman
Monday	2/28	Related Arts Week E (PK) and B
Tuesday	3/1	
Wednesday	3/2	Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	3/3	
Friday	3/4	Dress like your favorite Dr. Seuss Character.

Kids Heart Challenge

It's our final two weeks of Kids Heart Challenge! We are having a blast learning about our hearts, and I'm so proud of our students for being active and kind!

There is still time to take the challenge and help us reach our goal. Your student will earn a free wristband plus, the top classrooms with the most students registered will win the challenge!

Here's how you can help:

Register: heart.org/KHC

Take the challenge: Be Active or Be Kind

Bonus: Take Finn's Mission online or on the app



American Heart Association.

Playground Reminder

Parents we ask that you please leave the playground when dismissal is over at 3:15 p.m. Our Extended Day Program uses the playground after dismissal, so it needs to be clear of parents and students. Thank you for your understanding.

Food Deliveries

Parents, please refrain from having food delivered to your students. It is very disruptive and creates additional work to our already over worked office staff. Thank you for your understanding.

What's Cooking in the Cougar Café?

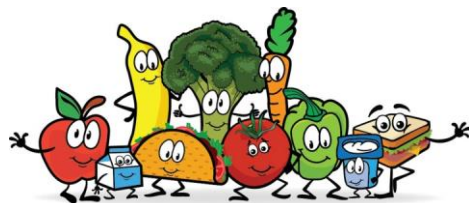
Monday- Chicken nuggets- Assorted Fruits and Vegetables-Milk

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 here!!

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.).

FAQ and Related Information

1. What services does the requested parental consent cover?
 - The services traditionally provided by St. Johns County school nurses, including first aid, nursing assessment, health appraisal, meeting emergency health needs, nutrition assessment, referral of students to appropriate health treatment, health counseling and emergency treatment.
2. What services are not covered by the requested consent?
 - 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.)
 - Other services that have traditionally required specific direction and consent (administration of medication, medical procedures, medical management of chronic health conditions, etc.)
3. Why require a consent for the school nurse and school clinic now?
 - The District is requesting the consent at this time to comply with the Parents' Bill of Right as interpreted by the Florida Department of Health.
4. Will students receive emergency treatment if parents decline to sign the release?
 - Yes. In the event of a medical emergency, school nurses and staff will respond appropriately as necessary to protect the student's health and safety given the circumstances of the emergency. The school will contact the parents, or in their absence, the student's emergency contacts on file with the school so that they can make the necessary care and treatment decisions.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the increase in COVID-19 numbers and need to make sure we are timely with our communication, we are asking parents to use an online form to report a positive student and we will adjust how we communicate with you regarding a positive COVID-19 case on campus.

To notify us of your child's positive COVID-19 test result we are requesting that you complete the Optional Positive Student Reporting Form located here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V9Czsl8P0-S9HK-boRDUdd7PTxjF7NMpeGQuOXX5S5UOURZS1gyRERDN1pUOFZPOVFMWkhRNTdCSy4u> However, should you feel you need to discuss your child's COVID-19 scenario in detail, please feel free to bypass the form and call the District COVID Support Team at 904-547-8230.

When we receive information regarding a positive student, we will communicate to **all** parents in the classroom that there has been a positive case in your child's class. In the past, we have only communicated to close contacts. By making this adjustment, we can notify parents faster and more efficiently.

We continue to ask you to monitor your child for symptoms and keep them home if they are not well. We want students to be in school learning and we also want children healthy and safe. We are in this together and will continue to work together to navigate this new normal.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions, please call 904-547-8230 for further clarification.

Sincerely,

SJCS Administration



Crookshank Cougars PTO



Valentine Grams

Thank you to everyone who sent Valentine Grams! Over 500 went out school-wide which shows us that there's a lot of love at Crookshank! (can use a graphic here or a picture of one of the grams)

Spirit Night

Thank you for coming out to support us at Carnival Sweets! It was a *sweet* success. Stay tuned for our next Spirit Night!

Ties & Tutus

A special day is coming up...Tuesday, February 22nd is 2.22.22! We're taking advantage of this fun day by dressing up in ties and tutus (completely voluntary). We'll also be celebrating by giving back--students are encouraged to bring in 2 canned goods to donate to Epic-Cure. (5th Graders: you can bring yours in on the 23rd!) See flyer below.

PTO Meetings

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

Coming Soon!

Smencils are back - Stay tuned for our next kickoff date!

Welcome Our New Business Partner

We'd like to thank our newest Business Partner J. Lee Construction & Roofing, as a Cougar Partner! Owner Austin Lee is a Crookshank Alumni and we're honored to have his support. Please visit jleeconstruction.com for all the many wonderful services they provide.

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.

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.

Visit our Online Store!

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

Hoodies: Beat the chill with CES Cougar hoodies! We currently have pullover hoodies in youth sizes and zip-up hoodies in adult sizes for sale in our Online Store.



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



First Lady Casey DeSantis Announces

2022 Black History Month Student and Educator Contests

Student essay contest winners will receive a 4-Year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation

First Lady DeSantis is inviting students to participate in academic and creative contests throughout the month. Students in grades K-3 can participate in an art contest and students in grades 4-12 can participate in an essay contest. Additionally, students, parents, teachers and principals are invited to nominate full-time educators of all student grades for the Black History Month Excellence in Education Award.

About the Student Art Contest

First Lady Casey DeSantis' Black History Month Art Contest is open to all K-3 students in Florida. Each student will submit original, two-dimensional artwork based on this year's theme. Two winners will be selected.

About the Student Essay Contest

First Lady Casey DeSantis' Black History Month Essay Contest is open to all grade 4-12 students in Florida. Each student will submit one essay no longer than 500 words based on this year's theme. Three winners will be selected: one elementary school student (grades 4-5), one middle school student (grades 6-8) and one high school student (grades 9-12). Each winner will receive a 4-Year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.

About the Excellence in Education Award

First Lady Casey DeSantis' Black History Month Excellence in Education Award Contest is open to all full-time educators in an elementary, middle or high school in Florida. Three winners will be selected: one elementary school teacher (grades K-5), one middle school teacher (grades 6-8) and one high school teacher (grades 9-12). Nominations may be submitted by a principal, teacher, parent/guardian or student.

Contest Entries and Nominating Forms and Guidelines

Student contest forms and educator nomination forms must be mailed to Volunteer Florida or submitted online at www.FloridaBlackHistory.com.

Volunteer Florida

Black History Month Committee
1545 Raymond Diehl Road, Suite 250
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

All entries must be received by 5 pm (ET) on Friday, February 18, 2022.

If mailing, please consider the time necessary to ensure the submission is received by Volunteer Florida's office no later than the aforementioned deadline.

*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/crookshanelementary>

Take the challenge: Be Active or Be Kind

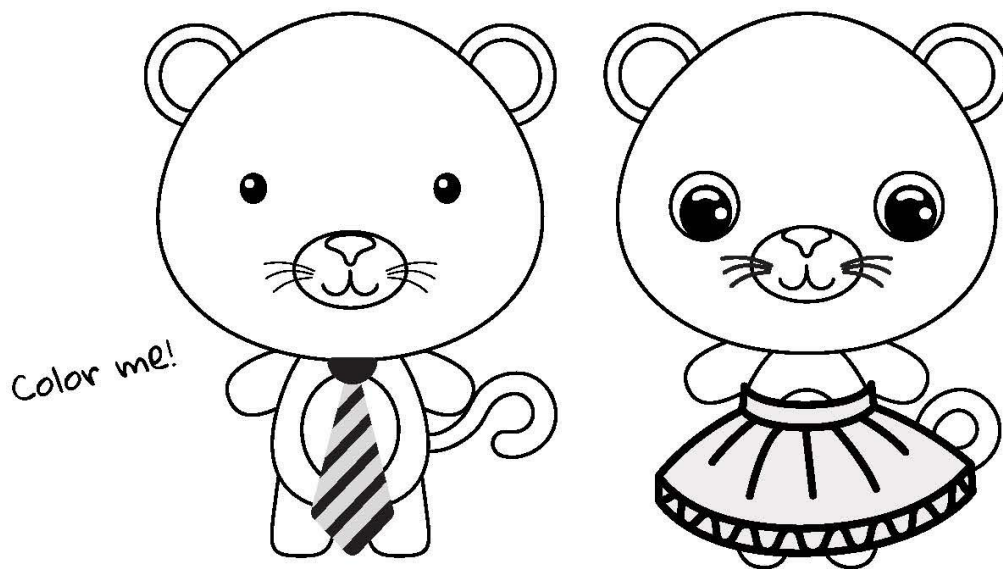
Share with friends and family through social media, text and/or email

You can help our class win the classroom challenge!

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

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TIES & Tutus



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Wear your ties and tutus!
**And bring 2 canned goods
to donate to Epic-Cure!**

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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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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...

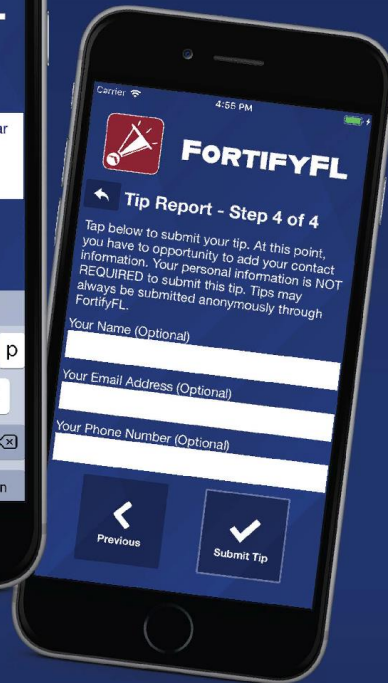
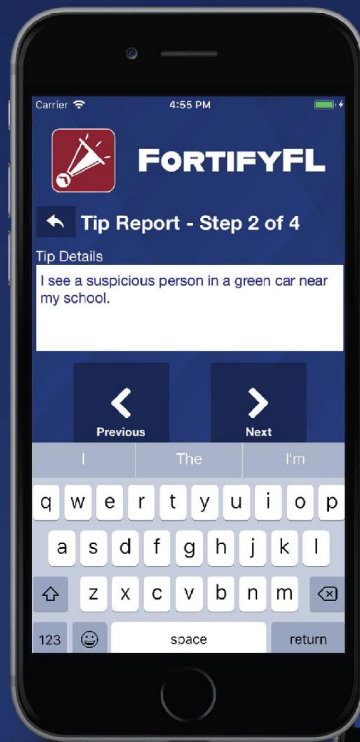
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